

Long A Words and Sentences /e/

The rain in Spain falls mainly in the plain.

–Eliza Doolittle

To make this sound: Open your mouth while smiling and making the “eh” sound. Close your mouth slightly while smiling even wider and say “eee.” The long A sound has two parts put together: *eh-eee*.

Long A homophones

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| 1. ate / eight | 12. sale / sail |
| 2. bass / base | 13. tail / tale |
| 3. break / brake | 14. wail / whale |
| 4. faze / phase | 15. waste / waist |
| 5. hay / hey | 16. weight / wait |
| 6. made / maid | 17. way / weigh |
| 7. pail / pale | 18. steak / stake |
| 8. plane / plain | 19. vein / vain / vane |
| 9. pane / pain | 20. bale / bail |
| 10. pray / prey | 21. days / daze |
| 11. rain / rein | 22. stationary / stationery |

Practice Words

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| 1. able | 13. lazy |
| 2. age | 14. later |
| 3. bacon | 15. major |
| 4. blame | 16. make |
| 5. came | 17. name |
| 6. date | 18. nation |
| 7. famous | 19. page |
| 8. great | 20. race |
| 9. hay | 21. raised |
| 10. cable | 22. safe |
| 11. label | 23. take |
| 12. lake | 24. tail |

25. veil
26. wave
27. shame
28. change
29. train
30. frame

31. maintain
32. container
33. replacement
34. capable
35. amiable

Practice Sentences

1. The **cable** is frayed and is showing its **age**.
2. It's a **shame** he is so **lazy**.
3. Can you **blame** her for **changing trains**?
4. The squirrel **came** and took the **acorn**.
5. He **raced away** and put it in a **safe place**.
6. A **famous date** in history is called a red letter **day**.
7. Is your **name** written on that **page**?
8. The **great** news should be **taken** to every **nation**.
9. Can you **maintain** that **software**?
10. You can **make** a **change** in the world.
11. To be **safe**, **make** sure to **label** your belongings.
12. He is **capable** of **training** his **replacement**.
13. We will **unveil** a **major change** in the **plane** design.
14. It is important to **remain faithful**.
15. I **ate** the **bacon** in the **container**.
16. The **baby came** in **April**.
17. As **they say**, that **takes** the **cake**!
18. It is wise to **make hay** while the sun shines.

Tongue Twisters

- I gratefully gazed at the gracefully grazing gazelles.
- On a lazy laser raiser lies a laser ray eraser.
- I know a boy named Tate
who dined with his girl at eight eight.
I'm unable to state what Tate ate at eight eight
or what Tate's tête à tête ate at eight eight.
- As he gobbled the cakes on his plate,
the greedy ape said as he ate,
the greener green grapes are,
the keener keen apes are
to gobble green grape cakes,
they're great!

—*O Say Can You Say?* by Dr. Seuss