

Dear Parent,

Your child is learning how vowels, (a, e, i, o, u) can make different sounds. For example 'a' can have a short vowel sound ('a' as in 'tap') or a long vowel sound ('a' as in 'tape'). All these words contain a long 'a' sound made in different ways. Please help by practising these words with your child. Thank you for your help.

- Point out how the long 'a' sounds are made in each list.
- Try to think of other words that rhyme or follow the same rule or letter pattern.
- Discuss the meaning of the words and try to think of a sentence containing the word.

<i>(list 1:11)</i>	Practise 1 <i>(copy into space)</i>	Practise 2 <i>(copy again)</i>	Practise 3 <i>(fold and hide)</i>	Can spell word <i>(check and correct)</i>
Spelling tip:	<i>When two vowels go out walking the first one does the talking, so 'ai' makes a long 'a' sound.</i>			
<i>tail</i>				
<i>snail</i>				
<i>wait</i>				
<i>rain</i>				
<i>again</i>				

Spelling tip:	<i>'y' can act as a vowel, making the 'a' say its name (long vowel sound).</i>			
<i>play</i>				
<i>tray</i>				
<i>sway</i>				
<i>stay</i>				
<i>stray</i>				

Spelling tip:	<i>Magic (or silent) 'e' makes the vowel 'a' say its name (long vowel sound) e.g. mad/made.</i>			
<i>sale</i>				
<i>take</i>				
<i>name</i>				
<i>made</i>				
<i>shade</i>				

Can you write a silly story using some of the words above?