

## Spelling list: a-e words - set 1

A *digraph* is a combination of two letters that come together to represent a single sound. The *a-e* combination is known as a *split digraph* because the two letters are not next to each other in the word.

In the case of these words, the *a-e* indicates the long /a/ sound. This sound is different from the short /a/ sound we find in words like *cat* or *hat* . Whenever you see the *a-e* duo in a word, think of it as a clue to the word's pronunciation. When you add the *e* to the end of the word, it makes the *a* say its name. You can click on the speak icons to hear the long /a/ sound in each of these words.

Watch out! There are six other ways to spell the long /a/ sound so use the spelling activities to get to grips with the *a-e* spelling pattern.

grade                    He wanted to get good grades in school.

trade                    I'll **trade** you my cards for yours.

bake                     Which cakes shall we **bake** today?

brake                    The car had to **brake** hard.

shake                    The earthquake made the ground **shake** .

game                    Some of the team were late for the **game** .

flame                    The **flame** flickered.

frame                    The picture **frame** is made of silver.

grape                    Would you like a **grape** ?

chase                    I had to **chase** my dog through the field.

plate                    I accidentally dropped the **plate** .

skate                    My brother can **skate** .

paste                    We mashed the garlic into a **paste** .

taste                    Lemons have a sour **taste** .

waste                    This was a complete **waste** of time.

brave                    His **brave** actions put his life in jeopardy.

shave            My brother wants to **shave** all his hair off.

blaze            The firefighters quickly put out the **blaze** .

graze            My horse likes to **graze** in the grassy field.