

## Handwriting sheet: Precursive Arrow worksheet

Word 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

trade

bake

brake

shake

game

flame

frame

grape

# chase

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plate

skate

paste

taste

waste

brave

shave

blaze

graze