

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.