

## 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.

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| grade | He wanted to get good grades in school.            |
| trade | I'll <b>trade</b> you my cards for yours.          |
| bake  | Which cakes shall we <b>bake</b> today?            |
| brake | The car had to <b>brake</b> hard.                  |
| shake | The earthquake made the ground <b>shake</b> .      |
| game  | Some of the team were late for the <b>game</b> .   |
| flame | The <b>flame</b> flickered.                        |
| frame | The picture <b>frame</b> is made of silver.        |
| grape | Would you like a <b>grape</b> ?                    |
| chase | I had to <b>chase</b> my dog through the field.    |
| plate | I accidentally dropped the <b>plate</b> .          |
| skate | My brother can <b>skate</b> .                      |
| paste | We mashed the garlic into a <b>paste</b> .         |
| taste | Lemons have a sour <b>taste</b> .                  |
| waste | This was a complete <b>waste</b> of time.          |
| brave | His <b>brave</b> 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.