

Spelling list: ea words - set 1

The *ea* spelling pattern is one of several ways to represent the long /e/ sound in English. This pattern is usually found in the middle or at the end of a word, such as in *meat* , *bean* , and *tea* . It is also occasionally found at the start of words like in *ear* or *east* .

Watch out! The *ea* spelling pattern is also used to represent the short /e/ sound like *bread* or *bear* . This list will help you learn examples of when *ea* spelling pattern is used for the long /e/ sound.

reach	The higher shelf is out of my reach .
teach	They'll teach us to abseil at the rock-climbing club.
deal	His manner conveyed a great deal of arrogance.
heal	My arm took a long time to heal .
cream	I often have ice cream for dessert.
dream	What did you dream about last night?
stream	We had to wade across the stream .
fear	Many people have a fear of snakes.
spear	The soldier was armed with a dagger and a spear .
cheat	If you cheat in a test you will be disqualified.
wheat	Bread is made from wheat .
feast	We shared a splendid feast .
least	I walked at least ten kilometres today.
please	Please may I have a piece of cake?
grease	Grease the baking tin with butter.
breathe	He needs a ventilator to help him breathe .
leave	Switch off the lights when you leave the room.

squeal The show made the children **squeal** with delight.

squeak The mouse began to **squeak** .