

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

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

squeak                     The mouse began to **squeak** .