



GK-45 Long Vowel Sort

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Students sort words according to long vowel spelling patterns.

MATERIALS: Word list, index cards, spelling pattern labels, pocket chart, marker

- 1 On index cards, make word cards for the long vowel pattern of one vowel. Refer to the example for sample words for each pattern.
- 2 Make labels showing the different spelling patterns of the long vowel sound selected.
- 3 Ask students,
Can you think of words that make the long ___ sound? (Insert the appropriate vowel.)
- 4 When students answer correctly, write the word on an index card and put it to the side of the pocket chart. Allow students to come up with two to three words.
- 5 Explain to students,
Today we're looking at words that say the long ___ sound. However, we spell this sound in different ways.
- 6 Now place the labels for the spelling patterns at the top of the pocket chart.
- 7 Show the index cards to students, have them say the words and put them under the correct spelling pattern.
- 8 Each time a word is read, it's placed under a pattern and students say which letter or letters make the long vowel sound in the word.
- 9 When all words are sorted, students repeat the various spelling patterns for the long vowel.

EXAMPLE:

Long Vowel Spelling Patterns and Words

Long a					Long e			
a	a_e	ai	eigh	ay	e	ea	ee	y
able	make	fail	weight	way	he	leaf	teeth	funny
apron	take	trail	eight	may	she	beat	street	sunny
ankle	base	pain	freight	day	me	meal	need	lady
ace	case	rain	sleigh	stay	we	dream	feed	city

Long i					Long o					Long u
i	i_e	igh	ie	y	o	o_e	oa	ow	oe	u_e
mild	nice	right	dried	try	go	home	boat	snow	toe	fume
wild	twice	night	fried	by	so	bone	goat	throw	Joe	cube
child	hike	bright	cried	fry	no	rose	coast	grow	doe	use
hi	ride	sight	tie	spy	pro	froze	toast	slow	woe	mule



PREPARATION OF MATERIALS: Print the pattern labels you will use in your lesson. Cut the labels apart. Prepare blank cards for recording student generated words. Follow the directions for the activity.

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