

# Chapter 9 - Open and closed syllables, long vowels

This lesson teaches the concept of open and closed syllables and the definition of long and short vowels.

## Words to Blend

### One syllable words ending in a long vowel sound (open syllable):

me he she we be hi so go no

### Two syllable words with one consonant between the vowels:

*Open syllable* - cut after the first vowel so the first syllable is open and the vowel is long. e.g. ba con ho tel

bacon open music hero human hotel  
pilot spoken label moment silent lilac  
David focus final totem tulip rodent  
raven Simon Venus pupil label equal  
item unit prevent lady crazy tiny pony  
ivy



*Closed syllable* - a consonant is after the first vowel so the first syllable is closed and the vowel is short. e.g. cam el hab it

solid planet denim level camel frolic salad cabin closet limit  
robin punish panel rapid comic timid habit melon comet  
dragon pedal limit

## Open and closed syllables

solid	music	crazy
be	label	comic
planet	cabin	she
hotel	tiny	pilot
David	so	habit
denim	closet	open
he	human	lady
pony	robin	Simon
level	spoken	me
bacon	punish	comet
camel	final	label
silent	rapid	hero
raven	hi	dragon
we	Venus	moment
salad	tulip	go

## Reading

David has a little pet rat.  
A rat is a rodent.  
The rat has funny habits.  
The little rodent likes music!



I am going to have salad for lunch.  
I will have ranch dressing on it.  
Mummy will give me tiny bacon bits, too.



The rocket finally went up.  
It is going to Venus.  
Venus is a small planet.  
The rocket will go by a comet, too.



Simon likes music.  
When the music is finished, it is silent.  
Then the music begins to play.

Where is my denim jacket?  
The closet is open. Look in the closet.



Let's go to the cabin! A lady is at the cabin.

The robins are singing and here is a tulip.  
It is spring!



# Chapter 10 - 'Magic e' - vce

This lesson teaches the magic 'e'. The 'e' is magic if it comes at the end of a word and there is the 'vowel - consonant - e' (vce) pattern. The magic 'e' makes the short vowel into a long vowel sound and the final 'e' is silent.

## Words to Blend

bake cake lake make quake rake sake take wake shake stake snake  
flake Blake brake drake cane lane mane pane sane Shane crane  
babe Gabe fade jade made wade shade spade blade glade trade  
grade safe dale gale kale sale tale shale whale stale came dame  
fame game lame name same shame blame frame cape gape tape  
shape base case chase date fate gate hate late mate rate state  
slate skate plate crate daze faze gaze haze maze blaze craze Dave  
cave gave pave rave save wave shave slave brave crave grave eve  
hide ride side tide wide slide glide bride pride stride life bike  
hike like Mike spike file mile Nile pile tile while stile smile dime  
lime time chime slime crime dine fine line mine nine pine vine wine  
shine whine spine swine twine pipe ripe wipe bite kite site white  
spite dive hive size lobe probe lode rode Cole whole mole pole sole  
vole stole dome home bone cone lone tone crone zone stone scone  
clone crone drone throne cube tube rude crude rule mule dune tune  
cute lute mute trombone mistake explode backstroke inflate suppose  
extreme supreme combine subscribe stampede inhale complete invade  
athlete describe inspire admire refuse

ban - bane  
glad - glade  
gap - gape  
cap - cape  
fat - fate  
mat - mate  
mad - made  
pat - pate  
van - vane  
Sam - same  
dam - dame

at - ate  
hat - hate  
man - mane  
fad - fade  
slat - slate  
rat - rate  
rip - ripe  
sit - site  
bid - bide  
win - wine  
grim - grime  
dim - dime

quit - quite  
hid - hide  
spin - spine  
spit - spite  
rid - ride  
tin - tine  
strip - stripe  
snip - snipe  
slid - slide  
fin - fine  
din - dine  
pin - pine

cod - code  
dot - dote  
pop - pope  
not - note  
rob - robe  
cop - cope  
hop - hope  
lop - lope  
mop - mope  
cut - cute  
tub - tube

## Magic 'e' words

throne

smile

shame

cute

white

quake

zone

shade

pride

mule

blame

stone

crime

mole

blaze

kite

home

while

brave

bone

dive

skate

eve

twine

whale

chime

cube

trade

size

snake

rode

grade

hive

tune

brake

stole

ripe

shake

tube

shave

pole

bride

gate

rude

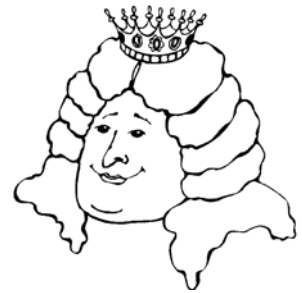
glide

## Reading

I like to ride my bike.  
I go past the gate and by the lake.  
Mike likes to hike up hills.  
Dave likes to skate at the rink.  
They are athletes.



The king sits on a throne.  
King Cole smiles and waves.  
He waves his hand with the jade ring.  
The king makes rules.  
The men admire the king.



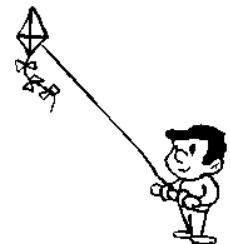
Blake has a penny and Mike has a dime.  
Gabe has a nickel.  
They will play a game.



Shane likes to bake.  
He made a cake with vanilla topping.  
He ate too much cake!  
That was a mistake.



I like to fly my kite.  
I went to the lake by my home.  
I held onto the twine and the kite went up.



# Chapter 11 - Vowel teams, long a

This lesson teaches the vowel teams for 'a'. You can teach the poem:

When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking - and says its own name.

(There are lots of exceptions to this rule, of course, but it helps when the children begin to learn vowel teams.)

## Words to Blend

### ay

'ay' goes at the end of a syllable. 'y' is considered a vowel, of course.

bay day gay hay jay lay may nay pay ray say way stay  
slay sway clay play tray fray bray pray gray stray  
spray

relay decay delay betray maybe

### ai

'ai' is followed by one consonant or a consonant blend in the same syllable.

aid laid maid paid raid braid afraid waif ail bail fail hail  
jail mail nail pail quail rail sail tail snail trail frail aim  
maim claim gain main rain pain chain stain Spain plain train  
brain grain drain sprain strain slain faint paint quaint raise  
praise waist bait wait gait strait

painless dainty maiden bailiff ailment  
attainment acclaim proclaim acquaint  
complaint restraint derail retail mislaid  
complain domain sustain restrain monorail  
daily daisy raisin



## Vowel Teams - long 'a'

maid	quail	pay
jay	spray	paid
claim	trail	way
tray	rain	hail
frail	bay	stain
ray	raid	clay
fail	nail	quaint
chain	brain	sail
gray	mail	day
train	stay	waist
hay	braid	stray
sprain	plain	wait
afraid	sway	grain
pail	paint	may
say	bail	snail

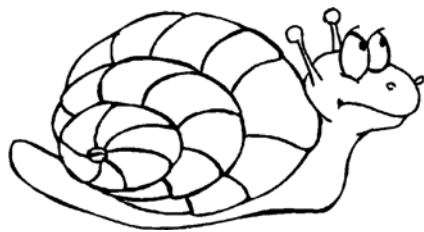
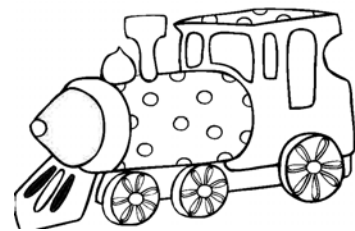


## Reading

It was a rainy day.  
It rained and then it began to hail.  
I did not complain!  
I stayed in and played with my train.



The train will be late today.  
The train is on the rails.  
We will wait for the train.

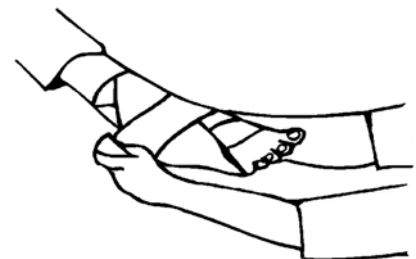


Here is a little snail.  
He is in a pail.  
The snail likes the rainy day.

Do you like raisins?  
Raisins come from grapes.  
Raisins are on the gray tray.  
I have raisins daily.



I sprained my ankle.  
It was painful and I was afraid.  
I had to stay in and play.  
I did not complain when I had pain.  
I did not say a thing.  
Mom stayed with me.



# Chapter 12 - Vowel teams, long e

This lesson teaches the vowel teams for 'ē'. You can review the poem:

When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking - and says its own name.

## Words to Blend

### ee

eel see bee tree flee glee three deed need feed seed weed  
heed reed bleed steed speed beef feel heel peel reel keel  
steel seem been teen queen seen sheen green screen deep  
peep jeep weep sheep cheep steep sleep sweep bleep creep  
beet feet meet sheet sleet sweet fleet greet street teeth  
speech screech peek seek week meek cheek breeze freeze  
sneeze squeeze

### ea

eat sea tea flea bead lead read plead leaf sheaf beak leak  
cheek squeak sneak deal heal meal peal real seal zeal steal  
squeal beam seam team gleam cream dream stream scream  
bean Dean lean mean clean glean heap leap grease cease tease  
beat feat heat meat neat peat seat cheat wheat street bleat  
pleat treat feast least heath sheath each beach reach teach  
bleach breach preach leave heave

easy eaves leaflet seamstress weakling freakish appeal repeal  
reveal repeat retreat defeat increase release easel deacon  
reason season treaty measles peacock peanut

### ey

key

donkey monkey abbey valley alley galley  
medley chimney hockey volley jockey



## Vowel Teams - long 'e'

tease	sea	queen
green	three	hockey
monkey	steal	tree
freeze	week	dream
leaf	clean	read
need	seed	sheep
cheek	key	heap
speed	heat	squeeze
valley	bleed	bleach
speed	sweet	chimney
leave	beak	steel
teeth	speech	least
donkey	reach	sneeze
weed	squeak	deep
seal	feet	meal

## Reading

There is a big maple tree on my street.  
Leaves fell on the street.  
Jean sweeps them into a heap.



What do you want to eat?  
I like beets and green beans.  
I like to eat cream cheese on crackers.  
Crackers are made from wheat seeds.  
I think beef is the best meat.  
Peanuts are yummy, too!  
Whipped cream is a big treat.  
We will have a feast.



The sheep are on the steep hill.  
The sheep are bleating.  
Bring the sheep to the deep valley.  
The sheep will eat by the stream.



The queen feels sleepy.  
She has spots on her cheek.  
The queen has measles.  
She will stay in bed this week.



I like to paint trees.  
An easel makes it easy to paint trees.



# Chapter 13 - Vowel teams, long i, long o and long u

This lesson teaches the vowel teams for 'i', 'o' and 'u'. You can review the poem:

When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking - and says its own name.

## Words to Blend

### ie

die lie pie tie died tied dried fried tried

### oa

goad load road toad oaf loaf oak soak cloak croak coal  
foal goal foam loam roam Joan loan moan roan groan soap  
oat boat coat goat moat throat float bloat gloat boast  
coast toast broach coach hoax oath loath

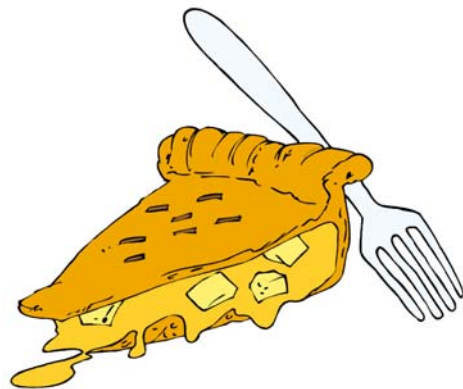
approach cockroach coating reproach

### oe

foe Joe toe doe roe hoe woe

### ue

cue due hue rescue



## Vowel Teams - long 'i', 'o' and 'u'

toe	load	cloak
coal	die	hue
tied	moan	oat
loaf	toast	foal
boat	road	woe
due	soap	Joan
foam	hoe	coast
pie	coach	died
boast	tie	oak
toad	loan	oath
hoax	coat	cue
Joe	goal	float
roam	throat	soak
groan	doe	goat
lie	croak	loam

## Reading

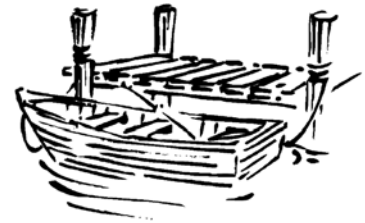
Do you like to eat pie?  
I like apple pie best.  
Apple pie with whipped cream is yummy!  
Mom likes white toast with jelly.



Sheep and goats roam on the hillside.  
Joan approaches the goats.  
The goats lie in the green grass.  
The sheep lie under an oak tree.



The boat is tied to the dock.  
There is a hole in the boat.  
The boat will not float!  
Plug the hole or we will get soaked.



Joe was looking for toads by the road.  
Joe stubbed his toe on the road.  
Joe moaned and groaned.  
His toe was painful.  
He soaked his toe in a pan.



It is time for Joan's bath.  
Mom adds soap to Joan's bath.  
The soap makes foamy bubbles!  
Joan lies in the bath and soaks.



## Chapter 14 - Exceptions to the vowel team rule

This lesson teaches the long vowel exceptions. English is a difficult language! Generally, these will be read by trying the teams with the common pronunciation and when that does not make a sensible word or it will not fit in context then the exception pronunciation can be applied - and finally, the reading and spelling of these words will be memorized.

**ea** Sometimes 'ea' makes the short ě sound.

dead read head bread breast heavy ready steady deaf  
weapon dread spread steady thread heaven pleasant sweat  
dealt death breath health wealth realm meant

**ey** Sometimes 'ey' makes the long ā sound.

they obey grey prey hey convey survey

**ie** Sometimes 'ie' makes the long ē sound.

brief piece grief Willie (Debbie and other names ending in 'ie')  
thief shield belief relief believe field chief Susie  
friend This is another exception - 'ie' making the short ě sound.

### **Making the sound of 'oo' in 'pool':**

**ue**

blue glue rue flue sue clue true

**oe**

shoe

**ui**

juice fruit suit cruise bruise juicy



### **Other long vowel exceptions:**

**ind**

find bind rind wind mind hind kind blind grind

**old**

old bold cold fold gold hold mold sold told smolder scold

**oll**

poll roll droll troll scroll stroll



## Long Vowel Exceptions

heavy	obey	meant
brief	spread	blue
glue	health	mind
find	piece	thread
hey	cold	grey
old	friend	fruit
they	scold	heaven
roll	head	believe
dread	sold	rind
stroll	ready	flue
shoe	thief	blind
troll	breath	deaf
bread	fold	scroll
kind	sue	shield
wealth	belief	steady

## Reading

Debbie will have a piece of bread.  
She will spread fruit jam on the piece.  
Then she will fold the bread.  
Bread is healthy for you.



Are you ready to go?  
Are your shoes on your feet?  
Is your blue hat on your head?  
Is your friend ready, too?  
We will stroll in the wind.  
The wind is a pleasant breeze.



The troll is beneath the oak tree.  
He holds a piece of gold.  
Did he find the gold in the field?  
The gold is heavy to hold.  
Do you believe in trolls?



Tracy wants to be healthy.  
Tracy ran really fast!  
She has no breath left.  
She is sweating, too!



The old lady is deaf and blind.  
Debbie visits her and is kind to her.