



Here are some important patterns for spelling long vowel sounds:

All Long Vowels

- A silent “e” makes the previous vowel long
Ex: take, excuse, here, hope, time

Long “a”

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Before a silent “e”</u>
Ex: take, same | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>“ai” in the middle of a word</u>
Ex: rain, wait | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>“ay” at the end of a word</u>
Ex: say, play |
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Long “i”

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Before a silent “e”</u>
Ex: time, like | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Before “ind” and “igh”</u>
Ex: behind, right | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>“y” at the end of a word</u>
Ex: fly, try |
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Long “o”

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Before a silent “e”</u>
Ex: hope, froze | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>“oa” in the middle of a word</u>
Ex: loan, roast |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Before “old”</u>
Ex: cold, fold | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>“ow” at the end of a word</u>
Ex: throw, below |