

# Topic 6: Long vowel sounds

## Exercise 24

Write each sound in these words into the correct sound box.  
Circle the long 'a' sound boxes.

betray 

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portray 

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mistake 

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## Exercise 25

Answer the following questions with a word that contains a long 'a' sound. Think carefully about which spelling pattern you should use for each word.

1. You should wear a crash helmet when you ride a bike to protect your b\_\_\_\_\_ from serious injury.
2. The v\_\_\_\_\_ in your body carry your blood back to your heart and lungs to collect more oxygen.
3. The All Blacks played a\_\_\_\_\_ the Wallabies for the Bledisloe Cup.
4. My little sister scribbled all over the wall with a red c\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Sandbags are sometimes put along riverbanks to c\_\_\_\_\_ a flood.
6. A re\_\_\_\_\_ is another name for a chorus.
7. His cricket bat was a much darker colour now because of the dirt that was in\_\_\_\_\_ in the wood.
8. Many perfumes and deodorants can be bought in s\_\_\_\_\_ cans.
9. The rope they were using to tow the car was too thin and it snapped under the s\_\_\_\_\_.
10. Trains, buses and trucks are used to move f\_\_\_\_\_ around the country.
11. When I broke my leg it was a very p\_\_\_\_\_ experience.
12. We helped the librarian put up a d\_\_\_\_\_ of the new books in the library.
13. We had to r\_\_\_\_\_ seated for almost two hours for the whole prize-giving ceremony.
14. The people who live next door to me are my n\_\_\_\_\_.
15. Marathon runners must keep training to m\_\_\_\_\_ their levels of fitness.
16. Father Christmas was sitting on his s\_\_\_\_\_ at the Christmas Parade.
17. We ate sausages and s\_\_\_\_\_ at the barbeque.
18. I tried to catch his attention when there was a b\_\_\_\_\_ in the conversation.
19. A caribou is a type of r\_\_\_\_\_.
20. Because I didn't understand the instructions, the teacher had to e\_\_\_\_\_ them to me again.

## Exercise 26

### Proofreading

Underline all words in the following passage that contain a long 'a' sound. Write them out in lists according to their long 'a' spelling patterns. There are 27 to find.

Yesterday was the last day of term and today we were supposed to be going away on holiday. Everything was organised; the neighbours were going to feed our cats and we were going to catch the train to Auckland and then get a plane to Sydney.

I came home from school and thought I'd make the most of the last opportunity I'd have to play with my friends for a few weeks. We took our skateboards and went to the skate park. Everything was fine until I decided to be brave and drop-in on the bowl. I've always been afraid to do it and I really wanted to conquer my fear.

I did it! I felt really great. I had to have another go. I really wish I hadn't decided to do it again. Just as I dropped in, someone went straight in front of me and we collided. All I can remember is a terrible pain in my leg and then everything went blank. I woke up in an ambulance. I couldn't think straight and everything was a bit of a haze. I came home this morning with eight stitches in my head and two broken bones in my leg. Our holiday has had to wait and I'm bored out of my brain already.

ai	ea	a_e	ay	eigh	aigh

## Exercise 27

Write each sound in these words into the correct sound box.  
Circle the long 'e' sound boxes.

unseen

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ceiling

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repeat

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cheeky

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battery

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refugee

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deplete

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## Exercise 28

Answer the following questions with a word that contains a long 'e' sound. Think carefully about which spelling pattern you should use for each word.

1. You will be given a ticket if you are caught ex\_\_\_\_\_ the speed limit on the motorway.
2. I used a nail to p\_\_\_\_\_ the lid of the tin.
3. How many presents do you usually r\_\_\_\_\_ for your birthday?
4. He went to the fancy dress party dressed as a knight carrying his sword and s\_\_\_\_\_.
5. He let out a loud s\_\_\_\_\_ when he hit his thumb with the hammer.
6. He had written his s\_\_\_\_\_ out on cue cards so that he wouldn't forget any of it.
7. They had to s\_\_\_\_\_ together on the seat so that everyone could fit on the bus.
8. Last night I woke up shaking because I had a bad d\_\_\_\_\_.
9. I found a gold nugget because I saw it g\_\_\_\_\_ in the sunlight.
10. The information that decides whether you have blue or brown eyes is carried in a g\_\_\_\_\_.
11. Sportsman or Sportswoman of the Year is the s\_\_\_\_\_ sporting award.
12. We were asked to v\_\_\_\_\_ to tidy up the school, but nobody put their hand up.
13. I tossed the pancake so high it stuck to the c\_\_\_\_\_.
14. I had to cross the f\_\_\_\_\_ that had three bulls in it.
15. We went fishing off the p\_\_\_\_\_.
16. Sally is my sister's daughter. She is my n\_\_\_\_\_.
17. It is thirty-five d\_\_\_\_\_ today—the hottest day of the year.
18. The examiner asked us to l\_\_\_\_\_ our exam papers on our desks at the end of the exam.
19. When my leg came out of plaster it was very w\_\_\_\_\_.
20. There is a little s\_\_\_\_\_ flowing through our backyard that has fresh-water crayfish in it.

## Exercise 29

Underline all words in the following passage that contain a long 'e' sound. Write them out in lists according to their long 'e' spelling patterns. There are 37 to find.

My friend John and I were walking along the pier with our fishing gear when all of a sudden we saw something down on the rocks gleaming in the sun. We climbed down and hunted about between the rocks.

"Look here, see what I've found!" shrieked John. I scrambled over the rocks and squeezed next to him. He was holding a necklace of what looked like glass beads. We put them in a pool of water to clean them and held them up to the sun. They glistened and gleamed in the sunlight.

"We'd better take them to the police station—they might be valuable," said John. We couldn't believe what happened next. The police said the necklace belonged to a millionaire and the beads were real diamonds. It had been stolen and although the thief had been caught, he had hidden the necklace before he was caught, and the owners had given up hope of getting it back. They were very pleased with us and said they would give us a reward of \$1000 each. A week later, we received the money in the post. It was like a dream.

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## Exercise 30

Write each sound in these words into the correct sound box.  
Circle the long 'i' sound boxes.

nightmare

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kinder

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midnight

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dying

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twilight

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invite

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## Exercise 31

Make words by adding either 'ite' or 'ight' to the following letters and blends. Sometimes you can make two words—one with each spelling pattern.

Example: s + ite = site s + ight = sight

l \_\_\_\_\_ b \_\_\_\_\_ del \_\_\_\_\_  
f \_\_\_\_\_ fr \_\_\_\_\_ k \_\_\_\_\_  
m \_\_\_\_\_ n \_\_\_\_\_ pl \_\_\_\_\_  
qu \_\_\_\_\_ r \_\_\_\_\_ s \_\_\_\_\_  
t \_\_\_\_\_ wh \_\_\_\_\_ fl \_\_\_\_\_  
bl \_\_\_\_\_ sm \_\_\_\_\_ sl \_\_\_\_\_  
sp \_\_\_\_\_ br \_\_\_\_\_

## Exercise 32

Answer the following questions with a word that contains a long 'i' sound. Think carefully about which spelling pattern you should use for each word.

1. The b \_\_\_\_\_ wore a long white dress and a veil.
2. I asked my friend to d \_\_\_\_\_ what his house looks like so I would recognise it when I saw it.
3. Lots of people went to see the old man for advice because he was very w \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The little girl was f \_\_\_\_\_ of dogs because one had once bitten her.
5. The dog was t \_\_\_\_\_ to the lamppost while his master went into the shop.
6. Rugby players hope they will score lots of t \_\_\_\_\_ in their test matches.
7. She had very good manners and was always p \_\_\_\_\_.
8. I could find my left glove but had lost the r \_\_\_\_\_.
9. It was a miracle anyone got out of the car a \_\_\_\_\_ because it was in a terrible accident.
10. We had to run i \_\_\_\_\_ to get out of the rain.

## Exercise 33

Underline all words in the following passage that contain a long 'i' sound. Write them out in lists according to their long 'i' spelling pattern. There are 49 to find.

One day in July I decided to try flying my kite for the first time. My friend Brian gave me the kite for my birthday five days ago. When I looked outside this morning I saw blue sky. Finally, a fine day! For the last week the weather had been wild. Winds were as strong as a cyclone.

I grabbed the kite and hopped on my bike. My house is only a short ride to the seaside and there are piles of sand dunes that I often climb that are perfect for flying a kite.

The wind was just right for kite flying. As the string began to unwind, the kite climbed higher and higher. It looked like a butterfly flitting over the countryside. I couldn't guess the height it got to. The morning went by very fast. I didn't know flying a kite could be so exciting!

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## Exercise 34

Write each sound in these words into the correct sound box.  
Circle the long 'o' sound boxes.

revoke

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shallow

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stolen

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## Exercise 35

Answer the following questions with a word that contains a long 'o' sound. Think carefully about which spelling pattern you should use for each word.

1. Sharon played an important part in her netball team's win because she didn't miss a g\_\_\_\_\_.
2. The surface of the lake was f\_\_\_\_\_ so they could ice-skate on it.
3. Her eyes were stinging from the s\_\_\_\_\_ from the fire.
4. The c\_\_\_\_\_ gave them a pep talk at half-time, hoping that they could keep ahead of the opposition and win the match.
5. I could only whisper because I had such a sore th\_\_\_\_\_.
6. We asked the builder for a qu\_\_\_\_\_ so we would know how much the new kitchen would cost.
7. You might ch\_\_\_\_\_ if you don't chew your food properly and you swallow too fast.
8. Mum sent me to the shops to buy a l\_\_\_\_\_ of bread.
9. All I wanted to do after I finished the sponsored walk was to s\_\_\_\_\_ in the bath.
10. The ph\_\_\_\_\_ never stops ringing in our house.



## Exercise 36

Underline all words in the following passage that contain a long 'o' sound. Write them out in lists according to their long 'o' spelling patterns. There are 20 to find.

The phone rang and I rushed to answer it. It was my friend Joan and she wanted me to go ice-skating with her. I hoped my Mum would say yes because today was the first day the lake was open for skating. Mum wasn't really happy about it. In the end she said, "I suppose you can go. I hope it really is safe. You'll have to wear warm clothes or you'll be frozen."

Just as I was about to leave Mum came out with the sun-block. "Make sure you put this on the skin that's exposed to the sun and wind." She gave me the tube and I threw it in my bag.

Joan and I pulled on our skates, put on our hats and coats and wrapped scarves around our throats, then we were off. There were so many people on the lake by the time we got there, but we had a wonderful time. Even though the wind was cold, we soon got warm. By the time we came home at the end of the afternoon we were exhausted and just wanted to float in a hot bath and soak for hours.

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## Exercise 37

Write each sound in these words into the correct sound box.  
Circle the long 'u' or 'oo' sound boxes.

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excuse

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nuisance

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cruising

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## Exercise 38

Answer the following questions with a word that contains a long 'u' sound. Think carefully about which spelling pattern you should use for each word.

1. After I hit my head on the swing, I felt very c\_\_\_\_\_ and could not think properly.
2. I used up a whole box of t\_\_\_\_\_ when I had a cold.
3. My mother is always telling my brother and me not to a\_\_\_\_\_ all the time.
4. Dad bought a new s\_\_\_\_\_ to wear to my sister's wedding.
5. I had to quickly think of a good e\_\_\_\_\_ for why I hadn't done my homework.
6. Mum bought a new bottle of p\_\_\_\_\_ at the duty-free store.
7. I didn't want to do my friend's paper run for him but I couldn't r\_\_\_\_\_ because he had done mine for me.
8. I helped my brother d\_\_\_\_\_ leaflets to everyone's letterboxes to advertise his new business.
9. I couldn't ch\_\_\_\_\_ between an iceblock or a chocolate bar for my after-school treat.
10. The house had a magnificent v\_\_\_\_\_ of the harbour.
11. I picked some kiwifruit from the neighbour's vine where it g\_\_\_\_\_ over the fence.
12. On cold days we often have hot s\_\_\_\_\_ and fresh bread for lunch.



## Exercise 39

Underline all words in the following passage that contain a long 'u' sound. Write the words out in lists according to their spelling patterns. There are 13 to find.

I couldn't have had a worse start to my day if I'd tried. First of all, my car refused to go. I didn't want to be late because I had an interview for a new job at 10 a.m. but I had to go in to my office to do a few things first. I finally got the engine to start and backed down the drive. Before I'd even reached Park Avenue, I knew something else was wrong. My back tyre was flat. I couldn't believe it. I was in my best suit and I didn't want to ruin it so I rang the AA rescue van. They were busy and it took them half an hour to arrive. The mechanic was very polite and tried not to look amused as I described my morning to him. He put on my spare tyre, wished me luck for the interview and went off to his next customer. Luckily nothing else went wrong. I wasn't late for my interview and it went really well. I start the new job next month.

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