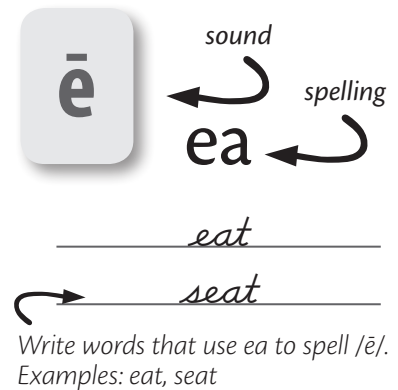


# What is a Spelling Journal?

The trickiest English words to spell include sounds that can be spelled in multiple ways. For example, /ā/ can be spelled **ai** as in **plain**, **ay** as in **way**, **ea** as in **great**, or five other spellings. A Spelling Journal provides a system for collecting, categorizing, and analyzing these troublesome words so they can be understood and mastered.

## How Does It Work?

The Spelling Journal is organized first by sounds, and then by spellings. The gray box in the top corner of each page represents the sound. The Sound to Spelling Reference on the following page can help you locate the sound you're looking for. Once you've found the sound, look at the letters across the top of each column to find a specific spelling. Most spellings have additional hints beneath them to guide you in their use. In each column, write words represented by that spelling. The Spelling Journal is also an excellent place to collect words you frequently misspell and words with uncommon spellings. Highlight the spelling of the targeted sound or write it in red. There are a few extra pages in the back of the book. The Spelling Journal can be used as a personal reference tool when you write.



## Create Your Own Spelling Reference

Using a Spelling Journal can help you:

- Discover which phonograms and spelling rules are most commonly used.
- Learn which phonograms and rules are infrequently used.
- Narrow memorization to the sounds which have multiple options for spelling.
- More clearly understand your options for spelling a given sound.
- Make a reference list of words that are tricky for you to spell.

## Key

**\_a, \_e, \_i, \_o, \_u, \_y**

A single-letter vowel at the end of the syllable. Spelling Rules 4 and 5.

**i \_\_, o \_\_**

I or O followed by two consonants. Spelling Rule 8.

**a\_e, e\_e, i\_e, o\_e, u\_e, y\_e**

The vowel is followed by a silent final E, with one or more consonants between them. The vowel says its long sound because of the silent final E. Spelling Rule 12.1.

**ce, ci, cy**

C followed by an E, I, or Y. Spelling Rule 1.

**ge, gi, gy**

G followed by an E, I, or Y. Spelling Rule 2.

# Sound to Spelling Reference

The sounds highlighted in gray have only one spelling or include a form of the past tense phonogram ED. Since these pose no difficulty for spelling, they are not included in the Spelling Journal.

Page	Sound	Sample Words
	ă	mat
9	ā	apron, late, laid, play, steak, their, they, eight
13	ä	father, author, saw, taught
15	b	bat, buy
	d	dad, pulled
16	ě	wet, bread
17	ē	be, eve, eat, tree, protein, key, police, medium, piece, baby
22	f	foot, phone
23	g	big, guide, get, gift, foggy
	h	hat
26	ī	it, gym
27	ī	ivy, by, slide, type, blind, feisty, night, height
31	j	job, gem, rigid, gym, edge
34	k	cat, kit, back, school
	l	lap
	m	me
36	n	nut, gnat, know
38	ö	on, thought
39	ō	go, smoke, cold, soul, snow, coat, toe, though, floor
44	ö	do, food, flew, group, tuna, flute, true, fruit, shoe, through
	p	pan
	qu	queen
49	r	ran, write
50	s	sent, cent, circle, cycle
	t	tip, picked

Page	Sound	Sample Words
52	ů	up, country
53	ū	unit, cute, value, few
55	ü	put, took, could
	v	van
57	w	wall, whisper
	ks	fox
58	y	yard, onion
59	z	as, tries, zip, xylophone
	är	car
61	ch	child, butcher
	ěd	traded
62	er	her, bird, hurt, search
	ěž	wishes
	gw	language
	ng	sing
64	oi	boil, boy
	or	lord
65	ow	house, plow, bough
67	sh	she, chef, nation, session, spacious
	th	thin
	TH	this
	wer	work
57	wh	whisper
69	zh	division
70	sē	receive
70	ăf	laugh
71	öf	trough
71	űf	rough
72	ə	other, about, the



c

Used before an A, O, U, or a consonant.  
Also used at the end of the word.

k

Most commonly used before an E,  
I, or Y. Used at the end of the word.

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