

Spelling list: *ei* words

Some words in English use *ei* to spell the long /a/ sound. These words include familiar terms like *reins* , *veil* , *eight* , and *freight* . In these words, *ei* creates a sound similar to the long /a/ as in *day* .

Here are a couple of examples:

reins – You use reins to control a horse.

veil – A veil is a piece of cloth worn by brides over their face.

These words follow a common pattern but may still seem tricky, so it's helpful to practice them. Try a practice activity to test your knowledge!

reins	Hold the reins lightly.
vein	A vein carries blood to the heart.
veil	The bride wore a long white veil .
reign	The country prospered under the King's reign .
neigh	I heard the horse neigh from the stable.
weigh	Weigh the ingredients carefully.
sleigh	The sleigh was pulled by reindeer.
eight	I get to work at eight o'clock.
freight	The freight was loaded onto the ship.
weight	To win the cake you must guess its weight .
neighbour	Their new neighbour was very kind.