

Words which practice the pronunciation of /eɪ/

Some common words which practice the pronunciation of /eɪ/ include the following:

- *with "a"*

with magic e: ache - age - blame - brake - cake - case - date - escape - face - game - gate - lake - late - male - make - name - pale - place - plate - sale - same - sane - snake - stale - state - take – whale – wave

Followed by one consonant:

behavior^{AmE} - behaviour^{BrE} - education - information - nature - paper – patient

Other:

able - ancient - change - range - strange – table

- *with "ai"*: aid - aim - brain - chain - claim - detail - explain - fail - gain - hail - jail - main - paid - rain - raise - remain - snail - stain - straight - train - trait – wait

- *with "ay"*: always – away – day – delay – essay – display - gray^{AmE} – lay - may – maybe - okay – pay – pray – play - say – stay – today – tray – way

- *with "ei"*: eight - neighbor^{AmE} - neighbour^{BrE} - weigh - weighed – weight

- *with "ey"*: grey^{BrE} - hey - survey – they

- *with "ea"*: break - great - steak



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Less common words :

- *with "a"*

Followed by one consonant:

cooperation, creative (you need to pronounce the 'e' : /kri'eɪtɪv/), major, Pennsylvania, Wales

Followed by several consonants:

angel, Cambridge, chamber

With magic e:

bathe, chase, fade, gaze, indicate, mate, pace, pale, sake, shade, slave, spade, stake, tale, trace

- *with "ai"*: constraint, entertainment, grain, jail, maintenance, plain, praise, rail, retail, sail, Spain, strain, sustain, tail, trail, Ukraine
- *with "ae"*: Mae, reggae
- *with "ay"*: essay, hay, Malaysia, Norway, pray, Raymond
- *with "ey"*: obey
- *with "ee"*: Beethoven /'beɪtəʊvən/
- *others*: ballet, café, eh (interjection)

