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| **Cut this top row off before you give the sort to pupils!**  **Ways of spelling long a sound**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | best bet initial or medial position  ai, a-e | best bet final position  ay | infrequently used  eigh, ey, ei, aigh, ea | | | | |
| Open sort to see if the children can identify that the words have different ways of spelling long a phoneme. Or closed sort against the different graphemes |  | a-e | a |
| ay | eigh | ea | ey |
| great | cape | rain | cake |
| play | eight | they | vain |
| straight | vein | great | acorn |
| plate | train | tray | weight |
| maze | paint | day | crayon |
| sleigh | grey | mate | hay |
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