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Note: Rimes (vowel sound plus consonant pattern) are alphabetical within the above vowel sound groups. For alphabetical listing of rimes see page 63.

Long A Sound

Dictionary Phonetic Symbol: All /ā/

Phonics: Final E Rule—A silent “e” at the end of a word following a consonant makes the vowel long.

Phonics: Vowel Digraphs—The following digraphs (2 vowels together) make the long A sound; “ai” and “ay”.
(Exceptions marked with an asterisk*)

-ace	-ade		-age	-aid	-ail
face	bade	blade	cage	laid	bail
lace	fade	glade	gage	maid	fail
mace	jade	grade	page	paid	Gail
pace	made	shade	rage	raid	hail
race	wade	spade	sage	braid	jail
brace		trade	wage	staid	mail
grace		(same sound see -aid)	stage	(same sound see -ade)	nail
place					pail
space					quail
trace					rail
(same sound see -ase)					sail
					(same sound see -ale)

-ail (cont.)	-ain			-aint	-aise
tail	lain	brain	Spain	faint	raise
wail	main	chain	sprain	paint	braise
flail	pain	drain	stain	saint	chaise
frail	rain	grain	strain	taint	praise
snail	vain	plain	train	quaint	(same sound see -aze)
trail	wain	slain	(same sound see -ane)		
(same sound see -ale)					



Snail

Long OO Sound (cont.)

Dictionary Phonetic Symbol: Thorndike & Webster /ū/, Random /ōō/

Phonics: Vowel Digraphs—"oo" sometimes makes the long "oo" sound.
(Exceptions marked with an asterisk*) See discussion of long "u" on page 11.

-oop

coop

hoop

loop

droop

scoop

sloop

snoop

stoop

swoop

troop

whoop

-oose

goose

loose

moose

noose

-oot

boot

hoot

loot

moot

root

toot

scoot

shoot

-ooth

booth

tooth

-ose

lose

whose

-ooze*

booze

ooze

snooze

-oup*

soup

croup

group

-ove

move

prove

-ube

cube

lube

rube

tube

-uce

spruce

truce

-ude

dude

nude

rude

crude

prude

(same sound
see -ood)