Introduction

Synthetic Phonics – Long Vowels - /ee/ Sound

Word list for completion...

Grapheme **e** spelled words: she, me, we

<u>Grapheme **ee** spelled words:</u> tree, see, eel, Greece, meet, reef, screech, sneeze, sleeve, street, wheel

<u>Grapheme ea spelled words:</u> heat, stream, beach, cheat, beast, breach, dream, cheap, heath, knead, heave, bead, meat, please, preach, scream,

Grapheme y spelled words: funny, happy

Directions

- Your child's task is to write the missing graphemes in each box while saying each sound.
- There are 3 boxes for each word to complete.
- The first series of three boxes contain the complete target word, and is to be used as a reference.
- Cover completed words before starting new exercises.

Explanation of shaded sounds

Note that the target vowel sounds are shaded. For instance with the word (heat) ____ ea ___, the /ee/ vowel sound is shaded as a single indivisible grapheme and must always be considered as a whole unit, not as separate letters e and a. Again, this illustrates that the grapheme ea is the visual symbol for the /ee/ sound.

<u>Tips</u>

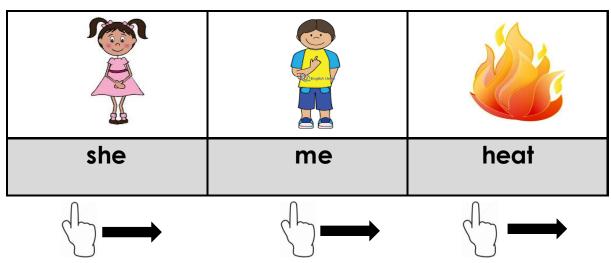
- Cover the target words.
- Encourage your child to sound out the sounds while writing the letters.
- <u>Feedback for errors</u>, i.e. If your child writes h **ae** t, point to the grapheme **ea** and state, 'This is how the /ee/ sound is spelt in this word. What do you need to do?

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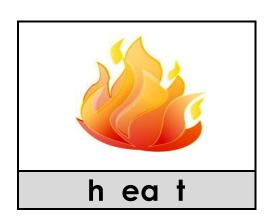
<u>Step 1:</u>

Teacher/Parent Script: 'Let's look at these three boxes. We have 3 words. The words are **she**, **me** and **heat**.' (Hold your finger under each word and go from left to right while reading each word.)



Encourage your child to repeat the words with you. Then, sound out the phoneme/sounds in each word.

Teacher/Parent Script: 'The word **heat** has 3 sounds. The sounds are /h//ee/ and /t/. (Hold your finger under each **sound** this time, and go from left to right while sounding out each sound. It is important to say the letter sounds, not the letter names.)





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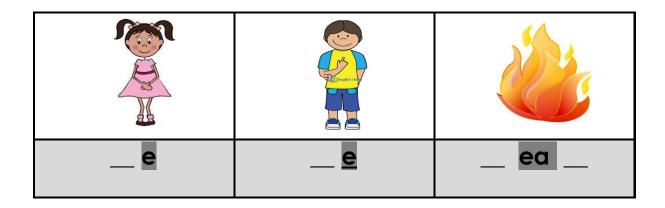
<u>Step 2:</u>

Your child's task in this step is to complete each word by writing in the missing letters/graphemes. Cover the completed words in the previous 3 box set before beginning this task.

Teacher/Parent Script: 'These are the same words from before. But this time the words are missing letters/sounds. We need to fill in the missing letters. This sound (point to **e** in sh**e**) makes the /ee/ sound.' sh

Complete the 3 words: she, me and heat.

Teacher/Parent Script: 'Here are 2 ways to spell the sound /ee/. In the word **heat**, the vowel /ee/ is written as **ea**. In the words **she** and **me** the vowel /ee/ is written as **e**.'



Once the 3 words have been completed, ask your child to sound out each word and check for spelling or letter formation errors.

<u>Step 3:</u>

Your child's task in this step is to complete each word once again by writing in the missing letters/graphemes, but this time the vowels are also missing. The shaded boxes remain to help your child to be aware of the vowel spellings.

Cover the completed words in the previous 3 box set before beginning this task.

Teacher/Parent Script: 'These are the same words from before. But this time the words are missing letters/sounds. We need to fill in the

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missing letters. Can you see the shaded boxes? What goes in the shaded boxes, vowels or consonants?' (vowels).

'In this box the word is **heat**. The first sound is /**h**/. What is the vowel sound next to the /**h**/? It's....' Your child's task is to complete the three word boxes. Correct any errors using the process below.

Suggested Error Corrections:

Error: Your child writes ae for ea in heat

<u>Correction 1:</u> Point to the misspelled word haet and say, 'This is very close to the ea spelling, but the word says haet.' Point to the ae spelling error. 'What do you need to do?'

Error: Your child writes ee for e in she.

<u>Correction 2:</u> Point to the misspelled word shee and say, 'For this word (she) we use a single letter e. What do you need to do?'

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