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Phonics: Long Vowel Patterns ei, eigh, and ey

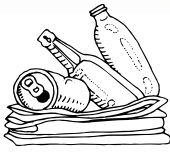
★ The vowel patterns **ei**, **ey**, and **eigh** sound alike. They usually have the long **a** sound as in gaze. Say these words:
vein sleigh hey

Read each group of words. Circle the word that has the **long a** sound.

- | | | | | | |
|----------|--------|------|----------|----------|---------|
| 1 the | them | they | 5 sunny | survey | monkey |
| 2 height | weigh | war | 6 napkin | neighbor | key |
| 3 hey | his | key | 7 veil | vest | seeing |
| 4 donkey | sleigh | slap | 8 being | eight | science |

Read each sentence aloud. Circle the word that has the **long a** sound. Then write the word on the line.

- 9 The spiders trap prey such as beetles in their webs. _____
- 10 Our guide asked us to obey the rule to not feed the animals. _____
- 11 The survey reported the number of toads in the forest. _____
- 12 An ant crawled along a vein of the huge leaf. _____
- 13 Hey, look at the two-toed sloth in that tree! _____
- 14 The zoo has eight toucans. _____
- 15 They are open all year long. _____
- 16 Our neighbor came along with us. _____



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Fluency: Reading with Expression



A dialogue is a conversation between two people.

When you read a dialogue pay attention to punctuation marks.

- If a question mark ends the sentence, raise the pitch of your voice slightly at the end.
- If an exclamation point ends the sentence, speak with more force or feeling.

Practice reading the dialogue. Then, read it to a parent or other adult.

Angie: What a dump!

Brad: What do you mean?

Angie: I mean the landfill. It was awesome! Mr. Wu, took me there. He runs a bulldozer.

Brad: Cool! Did you get to ride in it?

Angie: No, but I watched Mr. Wu do his work.

Brad: Why do they call it a landfill anyway? Isn't it just a big pile of trash?

Angie: Well, it starts out as a hole in the ground. But the hole gets filled up. Huge bulldozers pack down the trash. The big spikes on the wheels help crush the trash. Then giant earth movers spread a thick layer of dirt over it. The dirt helps keep away animals and insects. Pretty soon there is a big hill made up of layers and layers of trash.

Brad: Did you see any animals?

Angie: Just seagulls, but there were zillions of them. Mr. Wu said they were laughing gulls. They zoom in when a new garbage truck arrives. They can't wait to find some yucky goody to snatch.

Brad: I know how gulls like to hang out around food. Whenever we eat food at the beach, the laughing gulls come around and try to grab stuff.

Angie: Well, after seeing the landfill, I can tell you that trash is no laughing matter!