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Spelling Patterns

Knowing some vowel patterns and having a clear concept about rhyming help you remember and spell unfamiliar words more easily.

Vowel Patterns



All words contain at least one vowel.

The letters “a”, “e”, “i”, “o”, and “u” are vowels.



The letter “y” is sometimes a vowel, depending on where it is in a word.

When “y” is placed in the middle or at the end of a word, it usually has a vowel sound.

e.g. **bye**, **cycle**, **sky** ← long “i” sound
funny, **jolly** ← long “e” sound



When two vowel letters are placed together, very often the first letter has a long vowel sound while the other is silent.

e.g. **rain** ← long “a” sound
leaf ← long “e” sound



Keep in Mind



Rhyming Words

Rhyming words are words that have the same ending sound. They usually have endings with the same spelling too. To spell rhyming words, you simply have to change the first or first few letters of the words.

e.g.

dog	king
log	ring
fog	thing
	string

There is Mike the **Mouse** living in the **house** with his **spouse**.

Spelling Patterns

They help you remember and spell unfamiliar words.

Vowel Patterns

- All words contain at least one vowel ("a", "e", "i", "o", and "u").
- Sometimes "y" is a vowel when it is placed in the middle or at the end of a word.
e.g. baby, fly
- When two vowel letters are placed together, the first letter has a long vowel sound; the other letter is silent.

e.g.

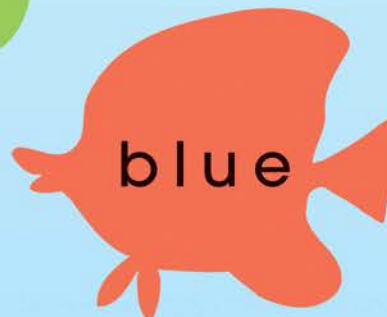
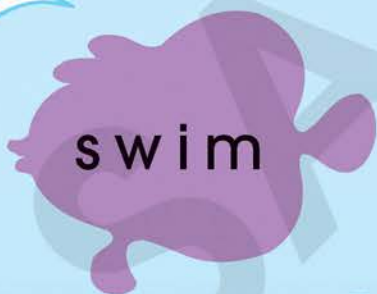
boat ← long "o" sound

See how these rhyming words end with the same spelling.



A. Circle the vowel sound(s) in each word.

The vowels are "a", "e", "i", "o", "u", and sometimes "y". Do not circle the silent vowels.



B. Look at the pictures and listen to the audio clip. Then fill in the blanks with the correct letters.

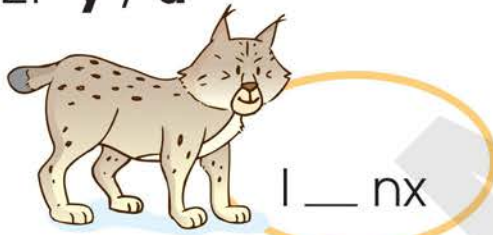


Pay special attention to the vowel sounds of the words.

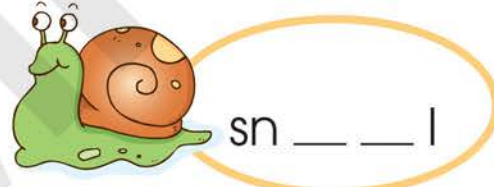
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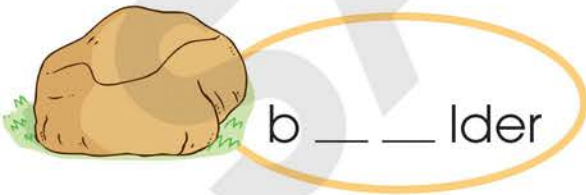
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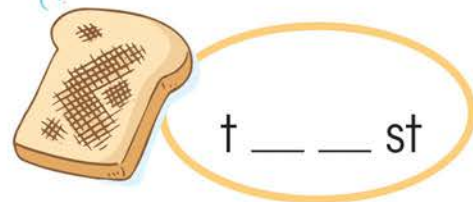
3. **ai / ue**



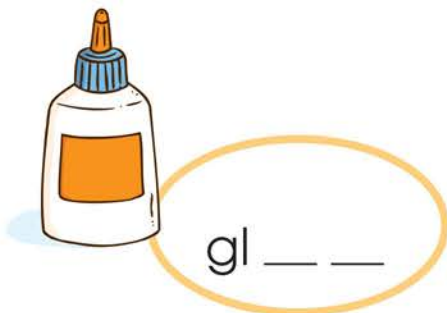
4. **ue / ou**



5. **ie / oa**



6. **ue / ou**



7. **ie / ea**



C. Listen to the audio clip. Then write the words that rhyme in the same box.

For many rhyming words, the endings are spelled the same.



- A sight
- B cold
- C line
- D rake
- E night
- F bake
- G fine
- H sold
- I light
- J gold
- K lake
- L dine

1.

__ight

2.

__old

3.

__ine

4.

__ake

D. Fill in the blanks with the endings in bold to complete the rhyming words.

1 Once upon a **time**,

There was a m _ _ _

Who would act for a d _ _ _ .

2 Mom said today

That I can pl _ _

In the h _ _

So there I st _ _ .



3 I love to **eat**

Veggies, fruits, and m _ _ _ .

Take a s _ _ _

And watch the food h _ _ _ .

4 By the garden **hose**,

There grows a r _ _ _

And I stand cl _ _ _

Where I p _ _ _ .



Read the poems aloud when you have completed the spellings of the rhyming words.

