

## Short e/Long e Word sort

This no-prep literacy center activity teaches beginning and developing readers to read and distinguish between long and short e.

Learners sort words from a list into an accompanying chart. Several versions of the word list make it easy to adapt the activity for different levels:

The easiest (v. i and v.ii) have simple pairs of a short vowel cvc word followed by a matching long vowel word—e.g., bet/beat, led/, etc. Readers can use this predictable order to know how to read the words and then observe the spelling patterns that make each sound.

The next list (v. iii) has similar word pairs, but the short vowel words do not always come first. So learners have to apply their knowledge of the spelling patterns to read the words and sort them.

The last list has a random assortment of short and long e words, all of one syllable, but including more blends and digraphs.

For an additional challenge, especially for quick finishers, learners can go on a Word Hunt to fill in the chart with words from the classroom and books.

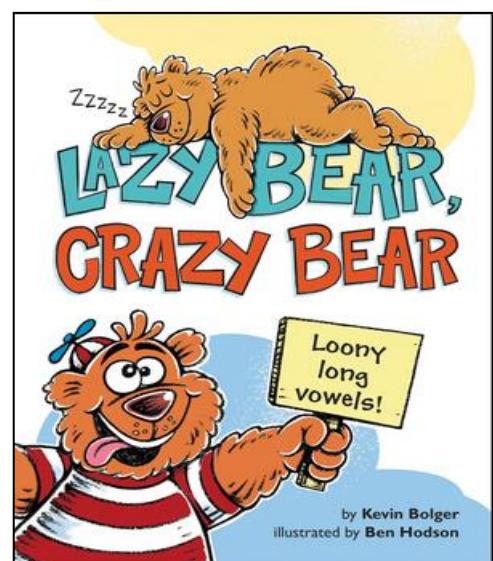
These easy adaptations allow learners of varying stages of development to do the same activity together but at their own level. The lists can also be used as a progression to give certain learners repeated practice to consolidate the skill.

The worksheets are designed so that students can either cut-and-paste or write the words into the sorting chart. But to reduce the fine-motor demands, you can also have them show their understanding by coloring all the short e words one color and the long e words another. (Then, if desired, they can write an appropriate number of words in the chart.)

We hope you and your young readers enjoy, and if you do, please take a moment to rate and review.

The cartoon and the poster at the end are from the book "Lazy Bear, Crazy Bear," a collection of comics that teach the long vowels and long vowel spelling patterns.

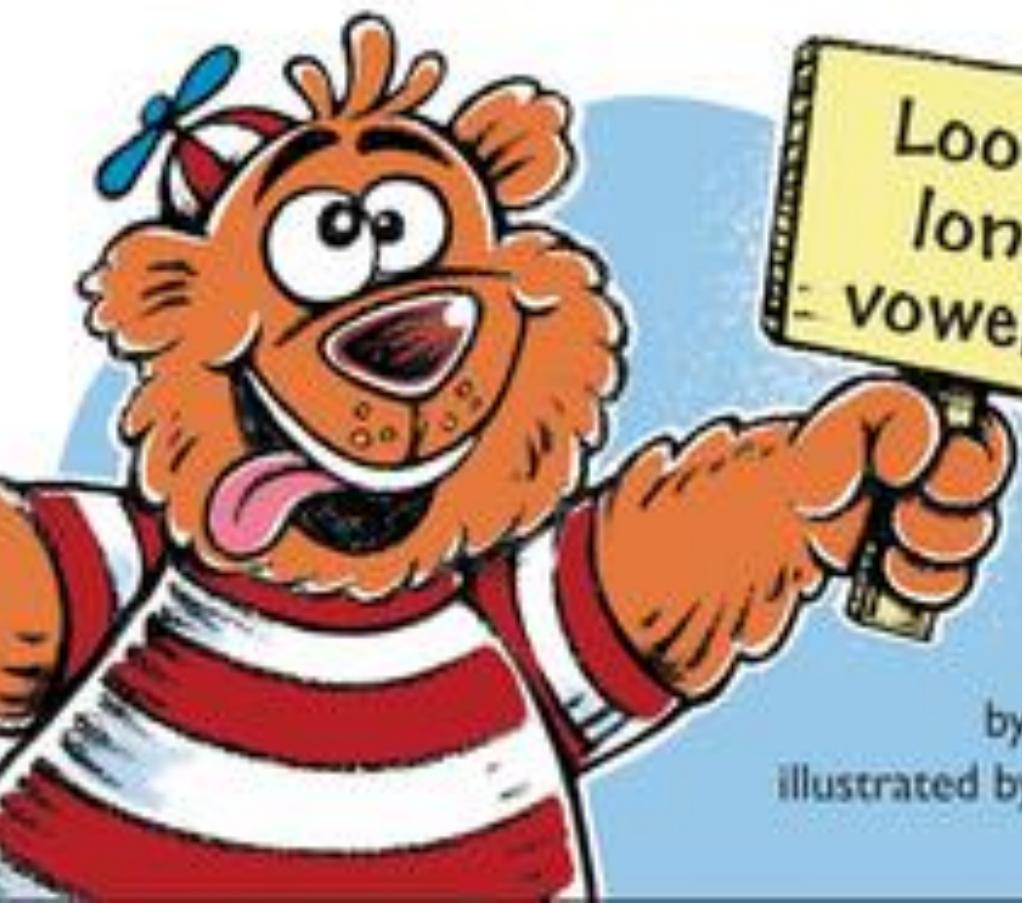
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# LAZY BEAR, CRAZY BEAR



Loony  
long  
vowels!

by Kevin Bolger  
illustrated by Ben Hodson

# Word Sort

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Short e

Like you hear in "Fred"



bet

men

sell

ten

beg

## Long e

Like you hear in "freed"



beat

mean

seal

feet

beans

# Word Sort

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Short e

Like you hear in "Fred"



## Long e

Like you hear in "freed"



# Short and Long e Word Sort

short e



Fred

long e



freed

Sort the words below into the a chart on  
the next page.

bet	beat	men	mean
bed	bead	met	meat
red	read	pet	Pete
fell	feel	sell	seal

# Short and Long e Word Sort

short e



Fred

long e



freed

Sort the words below into the chart on the next page.

bed	bead	ten	teen
bet	beat	peck	peek
fell	feel	set	seat
men	mean	sell	seal
met	meat	net	neat
pet	Pete	check	cheek

# Short and Long e Word Sort

short e



Fred

long e



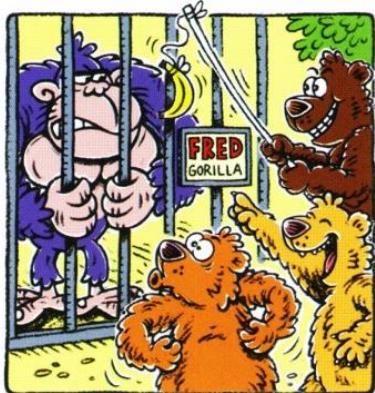
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Sort the words below into the chart on the next page.

bed	bead	fell	feel
beat	bet	peek	peck
seal	sell	set	seat
men	mean	teen	ten
meat	met	neat	net
pet	Pete	cheek	check

# Short and Long e Word Sort

short e



Fred

long e



freed

Sort the words below into the chart on  
the next page.

team	set	see	feel
deep	ten	them	pet
bead	eat	net	seat
fell	men	seal	pen
flea	need	mean	bed
wheel	pest	cheese	steal
when	please	vest	bend



# Gran's Reading Rules #1:

Long vowels say their own names.

## Short a



snack

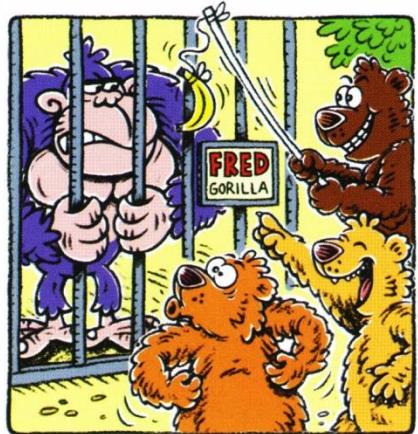


## Long a



snake

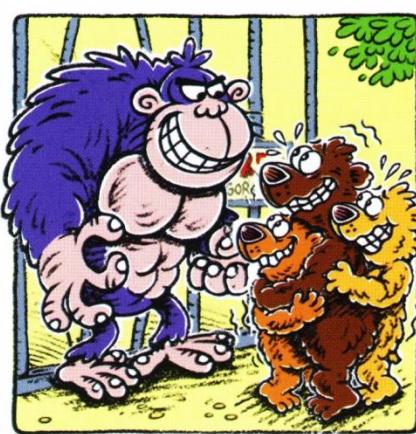
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Fred

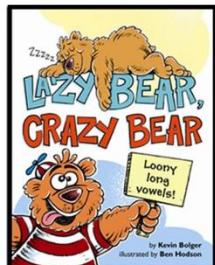


## Long e



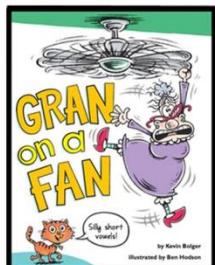
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Long Vowel Comics

Companion to



Short Vowel Comics

## **Short i**



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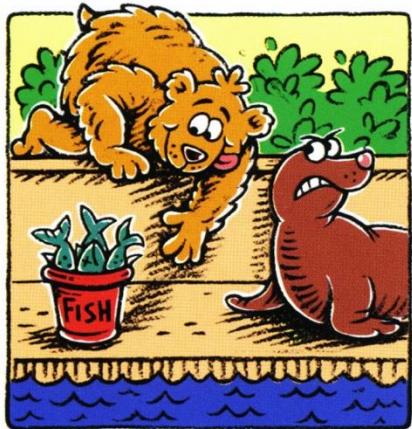


## **Long i**



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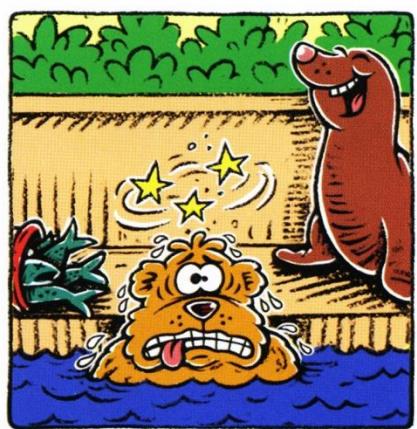
## **Short o**



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## **Long o**

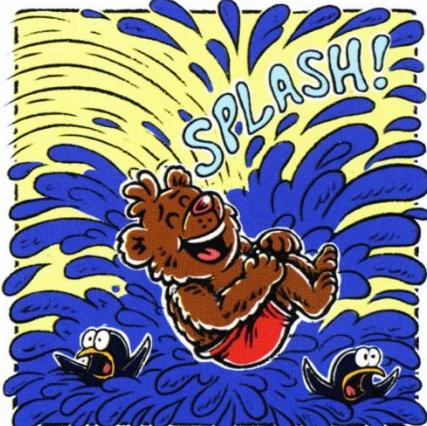


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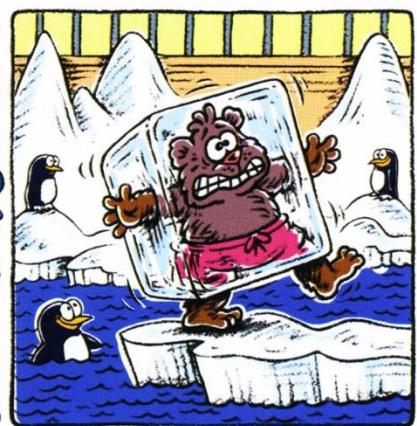


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## **Long u**



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