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# The *three* sounds of

EA

sorting Pack



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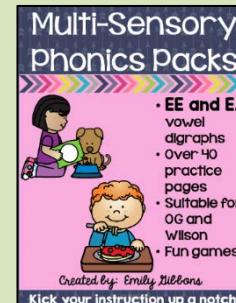
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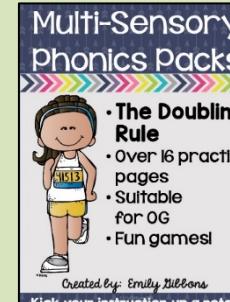
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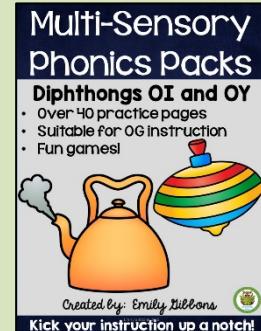
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Dear Educator,

Thank you for your download! This is a collection of activities to use for differentiating between the different sounds of the vowel digraph ea. Word sorting is a brain-based activity that will be really get your students looking more critically at words and their patterns. ONE SORT IS NOT ENOUGH. Children need multiple exposures to sorting in a variety of ways. There should be no writing involved in the first sort. Just looking at the words, discovering patterns and determining categories is enough for the first lesson. Subsequent lessons can involve sorting, speed sorting, and blind sorting.

Use the word cards for sorting and for playing concentration. I've also added a making words template to practice building 3, 4, and 5 letter words with ea.

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-Emily Gibbons, [www.theliteracynest.com](http://www.theliteracynest.com)

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112	Credits

# The Three Sounds of ea

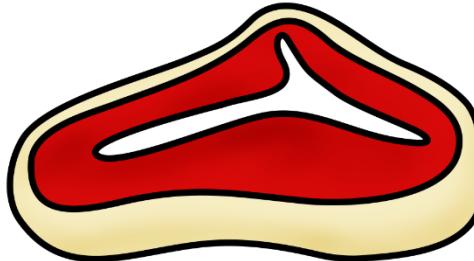
The vowel digraph ea can make 3 different sounds:

ea \é\



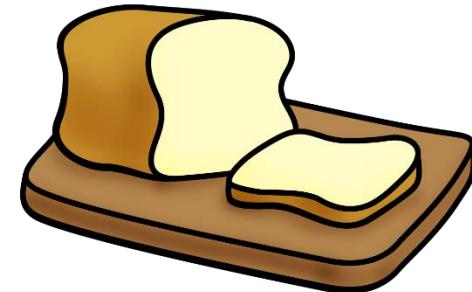
I like to eat

ea \ā\



steak

ea \ě\



and bread.



## Directions for Concentration

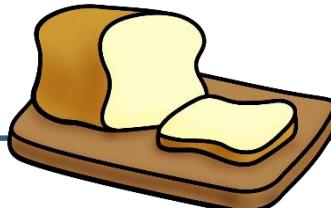


**Materials: one set of cards, cut out**

1. Shuffle the cards well. Place them face down in an array (A 4x6 or a 6x4 array will work well.)
2. Take turns flipping cards over to make matches.

**THIS IS HOW YOU CAN MAKE A MATCH:**

- Find 2 cards that have the same ea sound:  
The 3 sounds of ea are: /ē/, /ā/, or /ě/



FRONT SIDE OF WORD CARDS: PHOTOCOPY BACK TO BACK WITH PAGE 8.



# Cards for cutting, sorting and playing Concentration

each

tea

sneak

dream

teach

clean

leaf

feast

steak

break

great

wear

bear

yea

greatest

pear

bread

head

read

health

spread

sweat

heavy

wealth

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

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort and write the word cards into the correct categories.



ea /ē/  
eat



ea /ā/  
steak



ea /ě/  
bread

Name: ANSWER KEY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

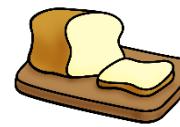
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head

sneak

great

read

dream

wear

health

teach

bear

spread

clean

yea

sweat

leaf

greatest

healthy

feast

pear

wealth

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

Making Words

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out the strip of letters at the bottom. Make words and write them in the chart.

3 letter words	4 letter words	5 letter words

c	b	i	u	n	e	a	s	d	t	m	o	f	r	w
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