

Word sort for the final /ee/ sound.

Print on card and shuffle. Ask students to sort by graphemes for the /ee/ sound at the end of a word. NB In some parts of the UK these aren't all pronounced /ee/. Always adjust for the local accent of your students. Don't be afraid to stretch vocabulary with a few unusual words like 'debris' and 'quay'.

Purpose: Students will explore all the ways to spell the /ee/ sound at the end of a word, looking at patterns and adding to the lists. They will develop a language for talking about graphemes, spelling patterns and frequency. They might learn new words and graphemes.

Key terms: sound, syllable, grapheme, suffix.

Easier: Have students lay out the grapheme heading cards before they start sorting. Tell them the columns will be different lengths.

Harder: Let them sort without that support.

Hardest: Remove the grapheme headings from the pack and let them work out how many columns there will be.

Discussion:

Which grapheme is much more common than the others?

Can they add any words to the list?

Can they say anything about words with only one syllable?

Can they find words with the -ly suffix? Is it always spelt with a <y>?

Which words are new to them? Look them up or ask the teacher what they mean.

Are there any long words that end <ea>? (There's only 'guinea' as in the pig.)

What can you say about words like 'referee' and 'employee'?



Lesson Stretches:

Use puzzles to make sure everyone can spell 'dairy' and 'diary'.

Use the TST method for looking at changing <y> to <ie> before adding <s>.

Each student picks 5 (or more) words they don't already know how to spell and learns them for the week's spelling quiz.

If age-appropriate, write Silly Sound Sentences using as many words that end with the /ee/ sound as they can.

This lesson goes with That Spelling Thing by Tricia Millar www.thatspellingthing.com

<e>

<ee>

<y>

be

see

city

me

bee

angry

he

tree

happy

she

three

family

we	free	ivy
maybe	agree	icy
recipe	toffee	chewy
simile	coffee	cosy
apostrophe	degree	lazy
<ey>	referee	baby
honey	employee	very
money	<ea>	dairy
monkey	sea	fifty

valley	tea	empty
journey	pea	sixty
key	flea	ready
kidney	plea	early
turkey	<ie>	story
hockey	auntie	really
<i>	goalie	widely
taxi	hoodie	healthy
mini	pixie	enemy

safari	<is>	dairy
ski	debris	mystery
semi	<ay>	penalty
chapti	quay	totally
ravioli		history
macaroni		quality
broccoli	equality	diary
	necessary	academy
	everybody	ability