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LESSON 1

Short and Long a Words

Say *pack*, "p-a-ck." You hear a **p** sound followed by **short a** sound and then a **ck** sound.
Say *day*, "d-ay." You hear a **d** sound followed by a **long a** sound. The following words will have either a **short** or **long a** sound in the middle of each word.

Learn the Lesson Words

Say the word. Cover the word. See the word.
Write the word. Check the word.

back

black

crack

sack

lay

play

may

stay

My Own Words

What other words have a **short a** sound that have the same spelling pattern as **pack**?

What other words have a **long a** sound that have the same spelling pattern as **day**?

Word Sorting

Read each of the following words. When you read each word, listen to the vowel sound and determine if the vowel sound is **short** like **pack** or **long** like **day**. Then write the word under the word with the same vowel sound.

lack ash tray make rack stray date shack

pack

day

Write a sentence using the word **play** and the word **black**.



Say *mail*. Some words have a **long a** sound and are spelled using the **ai** vowel pattern.
Say *sale*. Some words have a **long a** sound and are spelled using the **a – consonant – e** spelling pattern.

Learn the Lesson Words

Say the word. Cover the word. See the word.
Write the word. Check the word.

fail

rail

tail

sail

bale

scale

stale

whale

My Own Words

What other words have a **long a** sound and the same spelling pattern as **mail** and **sale**?

Spelling Workshop

Changing the First Letter (s)

You can create new words that have the same spelling pattern and sound similar by changing the first letter. Create words that look similar by adding a different first letter or letters to make new words. Use words from your Lesson Words.

_____	_____
----- s _____	----- m _____
_____	_____
----- _____	----- _____
_____	_____
----- _____	----- _____
_____	_____
----- _____	----- _____
_____	_____
----- _____	----- _____
_____	_____
----- _____	----- _____

Write a sentence using a word from **sale** and **mail** columns.


