

The 3 Sounds of "Ea"

The letters "ea" can look identical but sound very different when spoken! They make **3 separate sounds**:

1. **Sounds like EE** (in seep / meet) - Meat
2. **Sounds like EH** (in bed / net) - Bread
3. **Sounds like AY** (in day / play) - Heavy

Part 1: The Sound Sorting Box

Read the separate words aloud from the word bank below. Listen carefully to the "ea" sound, then write each word in the correct column.

bread | leaf | break | heavy | meat | steak | clean | head

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Part 2: Circle the Odd One Out

In each row, three words share the same "ea" sound, but one word is a trickster. **Circle the word that sounds different.**

1. **team** | seat | deaf | dream
2. great | **break** | steak | bead
3. ready | speak | thread | sweat

Part 3: Read and Match

Draw a line from the sentence to the correct sound clue for the bold word.

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| • This is a great game! | • Sounds like EE (in Seep) |
| • I like to read a book . | • Sounds like EH (in Bed) |
| • I eat fresh bread . | • Sounds like AY (in Day) |