

# Vowel Teams

2nd Grade

Two vowels together usually say one long sound: the first vowel's name.

**Two vowels walking together usually make one long sound — and it is normally the first vowel's name.**

**ai · ay · ee · ea · oa · ow**

**rain, play**

**long a**

ai in the middle, ay at the end.

**tree, team**

**long e**

ee and ea both work; ea is less predictable.

**boat, snow**

**long o**

oa in the middle, ow at the end.

**pie, tie**

**long i**

ie is rarer but follows the same idea.

## THE COMMON MISTAKE

× **braed**

✓ **bread**

ea does not always say long e — bread, head and dead are short.

"Two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking" — right about 70% of the time.