

**The Patterns of English Spelling
on the A Pages
with their
Word Families Put in Sentence Context
on the B Pages**

Volume 4

The LONG Vowel — CVVC Families

such as:

AY	EE	YH	OH	OO
wait	seat	might	coat	suit
straight	feet	stein	bowl	food
steak	field	dial	folk	sleuth

& Miscellaneous Relatives

such as:

AW	uu	OW	OY
Paul	looks	pout	boil
caught	books	scowl	Doyle

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-eed Speed (“SPEE’d”) Family

See rhyming families -ead Read below and -ed column of -ee, -ea, -ey (“EE”) families pp. 304-306

EE’d	EE’d-z	EE’d id	EE’d ing	EE dur	EE dee
speed (4.30)	speeds	<i>sped</i> /speeded	speeding	speeder	speedy
feed (2.25)	feeds (4.20)	fed	feeding (4.80)	feeder	
need (3.35)	needs (4.70)	needed (4.30)	needing	needless (6.75)	needy
seed (2.60)	seeds (4.40)	seeded	seeding	seeder	seedy

Power Vocabulary

deed (5.85)	deeds (5.90)	deeded	deeding		
heed	heeds	heeded	heeding		
bleed	bleeds	bled	bleeding (7.50)	bleeder	
breed	breeds	bred	breeding	breeder	
weed (4.35)	weeds (5.10)	weeded	weeding	weeder	weedy
exceed (12.25)	exceeds	exceeded	exceeding	exceedingly (15.35)	
proceed (12.40)	proceeds (13.45)	proceeded	proceeding		proceedings (14.40)
succeed (13.40)	succeeds	succeeded (15.35)	succeeding		

More Power Vocabulary

indeed (4.80)	reed	tweed	creed	Apostles’ Creed	stead
milkweed	freed	nosebleed	thimbleweed	misfeed	pigweed
knead	knock-knead	greed	agreed (7.45)	seaweed	stockbreeding

-ead Read (“REE’d”) Family

See rhyming families -eed Speed above and -ed column of -ee, -ea, -ey (“EE”) families pp. 304-306

EE’d	EE’d-z	EE’d id	EE’d ing	EE dur	EE dee
read (1.60)	reads (4.05)	read	reading	reader (2.90)	
bead	beads (8.25)	beaded	beading		beady
lead (4.05)	leads (6.25)	led (10.30)	leading (4.15)	leader (4.25)	

Power Vocabulary

proofread	misread	speed-read	mislead	plead	knead
Sam Snead	mead	lip-read	cheerleading	cheerleader	

-ead Head (“HED”) Family

See rhyming family -ed RED p. 107

ED	ED’z	ED id	ED ing	ED ur	ED ee
head (2.05)	heads (3.95)	headed (3.75)	heading	header	heady
read				readily (14.50)	ready (3.60)
bread (2.85)	breads	breaded	breading		already (5.05)

Power Vocabulary

dread (7.40)	dreads	dreaded	dreading	dreadful (9.30)	dreadfully (12.20)
thread (7.60)	threads	threaded	threading		
spread (6.25)	spreads	spread	spreading	spreader	
tread (7.70)	treads	trod/treaded	treading		

More Power Vocabulary

stead	instead (5.35)	homestead	Bumstead	bedstead	forehead (10.15)
blackhead	redhead	deadhead	knucklehead	beachhead	bonehead
bubblehead	chucklehead	head-to-head	hammerhead	hothead	letterhead
lunkhead	masthead	meathead	Moosehead	sorehead	steelhead
thickheaded	thunderhead	towhead	airhead	arrowhead	blockhead
chowder head	hardhead	hogshead	head-on	headwaiter	headfirst
headache (12.20)	headband	headboard	headlight	headgear	headhunter
headlong	headmaster	headphones	headpin	headquarters (9.80)	headroom
headstone	headway	headwinds	leaded gas	unleaded	

Spelling demons, homophones, etc. listed on bottom of next page

eed rhymes with -ead (bead) and -ede rimes.

feed	Doesn't anybody feed you?
feeding	I guess we ought to start feeding the birds.
speeding	It's very expensive to get caught speeding in Michigan.
speeds	The traffic speeds right along about ten miles over the limit.
needs	Something needs to be done about that.
needed	We have needed to paint the porch for three years.
need	Do you need anything?
weeding	Why don't we start weeding the garden?
weeds	Don't tell me you don't want to hurt the weeds.
seeds	When you finish planting the seeds, water the garden.
seeded	Don't walk across the lawn. It's freshly seeded.
heeded	For once, I heeded my parents' warning.
heed	Sometimes it pays to pay heed to a warning.
breed	What kind of a breed is that mutt?
breeding	We believe in breeding the Heinz 57 variety.
deed	Did you do your good deed for the day?
indeed	Indeed, I did. My good deed was an act of random kindness.
agreed	Are we all agreed that we will work until we're finished?
freed	The judge ordered the man freed after he was found innocent.
reed	The clarinet is a reed instrument. Can't you read ?
creed	How many of you have a creed? Don't answer that.

ead (eed) rhymes with -eed and -ede rimes.

read	I can read . I know the difference between a reed and Mr. Reid .
reads	Who cares (besides Jill) if Jack's lips move when he reads?
reading	Why are we always reading about Jill and Jack in a shack?
leading	We know this must be leading somewhere.
leads	If a sentence in this book leads anywhere, I'll eat my shirt.
lead	You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him burp.
plead	Yes, I plead guilty to mangling a cliché.

ead (ed) rhymes with -ed (red) rime.

read	Red read the book then we read Red the book.
head	"Stop! Is that a head in the road?" asked the headless horseman.
ahead	The sign STOP AHEAD always makes me giggle.
thread	Does anybody here have a needle and thread?
dread	I really dread the moment that the bell rings for the last time.
spread	Did you spread the news?
spreading	The good news is spreading almost as fast as gossip.