

New sound: ee

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Lesson 65 of 83 (ages 3-6) / 59 of 77 (age 7+) · Vowel Teams & Tricky Words · Ages 3-7+ · about 10 min

GOAL

Your child can say /ee/ when they see "ee", and hear it in words like tree.

WHY IT MATTERS

"ee" is 2 letters that make ONE sound. Seeing them as one unit stops your child reading the letters separately, and unlocks words like tree, see, feet.

YOU'LL NEED

- The practice sheet for this lesson (worksheet.pdf) and a pencil or crayon.
- The lesson page on a phone or tablet, for the sounds and games.

LESSON FLOW about 10 minutes

1 min

Warm up

Quick flash of the last sounds: write "ai", "nk", "ng" on paper, point, and your child says each sound.

SAY | *"What sound is this? And this one?"*

2 min

Listen

Play /ee/ on the lesson page three times. Your child watches your mouth and copies.

SAY | *"This is /ee/. Watch my mouth: wide smile, long 'ee'."*

2 min

Show how

Show the letters "ee" and the action: Hands on cheeks surprised saying eeee. Then tap the words on the lesson page.

SAY | *"When I see ee, I say /ee/. tree: /ee/ tree!"*
"Two letters, one sound. They're best friends: they always stick together."

2 min

Do it together

Sound hunt: find 3 things at home with /ee/. Then do the trace-and-write part of the practice sheet. Read together: tree, see, feet, seed, need, bee.

2 min

Play

Play the games on the lesson page: hear /ee/ and tap its letters, then find where the sound is in a word.

1 min

Wrap up

Ask your child to teach the sound and action to someone else in the family.

SAY | *"Can you show Grandma our new sound?"*

USE WITH THIS LESSON

- **This lesson online (listening + games)**
phonicademy.com/plan/session/sound-ee
- **Printable: Vowel Teams Worksheet — Long E (ee/ea) (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/vowel-teams-worksheet-long-e
- **Read: Vowel Teams List (Free PDF): ai, ay, ea, ee, oa, oo**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-teams-list
- **The “ee” sound — full page**
phonicademy.com/phonemes/ee
- **Printable: Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF)**
phonicademy.com/printables/abc-phonics-vowel-sounds-chart
- **Read: 20 Vowel Sounds Chart (Free PDF) with Examples**
phonicademy.com/blog/vowel-sounds-chart

HEAR IT, FIND IT

Say the sound (not the letter name). Your child points to the letters. Tick first-try answers.

#	SAY / SHOW	CHOICES	ANSWER	
1	Say /ee/	ee, e, ai	ee	☐
2	Say /ai/	ai, a, ee	ai	☐
3	Say /nk/	nk, ee, ai	nk	☐

WATCH FOR common mix-ups and what to do

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| Says the sound too quickly to hear. | -> /ee/ can be stretched: hold it like a long note, eeeeeeee, then let go. |
| Reads the letters one by one (e-e). | -> Put one finger under both letters at once: "these two make one sound". |
| Mixes up /ee/ and /e/. | -> Same starting mouth shape — "ee" is held longer instead of stopping short. |

TOO HARD? MAKE IT EASIER

Only do the listening parts today: hear it, say it, find it in pictures. Save the writing for tomorrow.

TOO EASY? MAKE IT HARDER

Read these words and then write two of them from memory: tree, see, feet, seed, need, bee.

HOW DID IT GO?

MY CHILD CAN...

- ☐ Says /ee/ when shown "ee".
- ☐ Hears /ee/ in a word you say (tree).
- ☐ Writes "ee" as one sound unit.

Date: _____

Colour in the stars:



Notes: _____