



Word Detectives

Remember we said that in order for vowels to say their long sound (own names), they need a helper. That can either be a bossy e at the end of a word or a vowel pair (such as: oa, oe, ee, ea, ai, ay, ue). Be a detective by looking in books, magazines or around your house to find some words that belong in each box. If you're stuck – think of words that would fit.

Long a (ex: sail)	Short a (ex: sat)
Long e (ex: meet)	Short e (ex: met)
Long i (ex: fine)	Short i (ex: fin)
Long o (ex: hope)	Short o (ex: hop)
Long u (ex: glue)	Short u (ex: gum)