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Guide for Parents

Read the list of words below to your child and ask them which flower they think each word would go on. The words must be placed on the sunflower with the correct spelling pattern for the long /a/ sound in each word. You can help your child and decide together where the word should be placed. Write the words on the leaves of the sunflowers.

rein	beige	faint	grey
eight	sleigh	afraid	survey
weight	straight	claim	disobey
vein	brain	they	purvey
	campaign	obey	

Once you have completed putting all the words on the sunflowers, discuss the words where the long /a/ sound is made with the digraph 'ey'. What does your child notice about the position of 'ey' in each word? Explain that when the long /a/ sound comes at the end of a word it will normally be spelt 'ey'. With your child, try and find other words ending in 'ey' either using a dictionary, in story books or on the Internet to see if they follow the pattern. Add these words to the flower by drawing or gluing on extra leaves. This can be used for reference in the future.