

Digraph Spellings of Long

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Digraph Spellings of Long <i>

Long <i> in vowel pairs <ei>, <ey>, <uy>, <ie>, <ai>, and <ay>

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[Figure1]

When two letters work together to spell a single sound, we call them a digraph. Long <i> is spelled by several different digraphs.

Examples

The most common spelling of [ɪ] is the letter <i>. The second most common spelling of [ɪ] is the letter <y>. Six other less common spellings of [ɪ] are the digraphs <ei>, <ey>, <uy>, <ie>, <ai>, and <ay>.

Feisty, *eye*, and *aisle* all have digraph spellings of long <i>.

Review

1. Underline the letters that spell long <i> in each of the following words. Do not underline the <gh> in words like *height*.

fiery	bayou	stein	guy
either	geyser	sleight	feisty
height	buyer	neither	seismic
aisle	eye	poltergeist	kaleidoscope

2. You should have found six different digraph spellings of [ɪ] in these words. One digraph occurs in nine of the words. That digraph is _____. Write the nine words below.

[Figure2]

3. Two digraphs each occur in two of the words. Those digraphs are _____ and _____. Write the two words with the first of these digraphs in the boxes below.

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[Figure3]

Write the two words with the second of these two digraphs below.

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[Figure4]

5. Three digraphs occur in only one word each. Those three digraphs are _____, _____, and _____. The word with the first of these digraphs is _____. The word with the second digraph is _____. The word with the third is _____.

6. The <ie> spelling of [i] often occurs at the boundary between a stem and suffix. Analyze each of the following words into its stem and suffix to show how the <ie> spelling of [i] comes about.

Word	= Stem + Suffix
tied	= <i>ti</i> l + <i>ed</i>
skies	=
dried	=
supplies	=
allies	=
testified	=
qualified	=
trial	=
occupies	=
multiplied	=

Review (Answers)

1.

fiery bayou stein guy
either geyser sleight feisty
height buyer neither seismic
aisle eye poltergeist kaleidoscope

2.

either stein feisty kaleidoscope poltergeist
 height sleight neither seismic

3.

geyser eye
 buyer guy

5. Three digraphs occur in only one word each. Those three digraphs are <ie>, <ai>, and <ay>. The word with the first of these digraphs is fiery. The word with the second digraph is aisle. The word with the third is bayou.

6.

Word	= Stem + Suffix
tied	= ti e / + ed
skies	= sk y / + i + es
dried	= dr y / + i + ed
supplies	= suppl y / + i + es
allies	= all y / + i + es
testified	= testif f / + i + ed
qualified	= qualif y / + i + ed
trial	= tr y / + i + al
occupies	= occup y / + i + es
multiplied	= multiply y / + i + ed

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