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'Spelling and Pronunciation for English Language Learners'**

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# Vowel sound in the words 'any', 'red', 'bread'

Check the words 'any', 'red', 'bread' in your dictionary.

What symbol does your dictionary use to represent the underlined sound in the above words?  
The symbol in the International Phonetic Alphabet for the vowel sound in 'red' is /e/.

Read the following sentence aloud. Underline nine words with the same vowel sound.

*Ten guests had many suggestions for better health,  
wealth and less stress.*

Check your answer on page 71.

Look at the different ways of spelling this vowel sound.  
Add one word from the sentence above to each of the spelling lists below.

## Spelling Lists - Ways of spelling the short vowel sound /e/ in the word 'red'

e	ue	ea	a
red	guess	ready	any

Less usual spellings for this sound: friend, bury, leopard, said.

## Spelling Practice

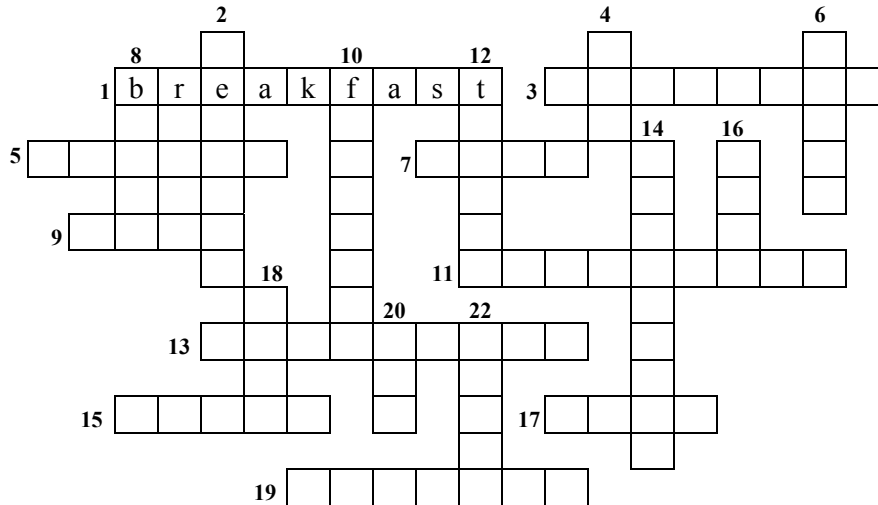
Complete the following crossword.  
All the words contain the same vowel sound but are written with the letters: e, ea, a, ai or ue.

### Across Clues

- |                                                        |                                    |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1) the first meal of the day                           | 11) the day before today           |
| 3) to think about something that happened before       | 13) the person who gives a message |
| 5) the air that comes out of your mouth                | 15) to be prepared for something   |
| 7) the part of your body above your neck               | 17) past verb of 'send'            |
| 9) the boundary line which is furthest from the middle | 19) to be strong and well          |

## Down Clues

- |                                           |                                   |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2) the temperature and conditions outside | 14) very, very good               |
| 4) the place where people sleep           | 16) the past verb of 'say'        |
| 6) not ever                               | 18) past verb of 'read'           |
| 8) we make sandwiches with this           | 20) opposite meaning to 'begin'   |
| 10) birds are covered with these          | 22) a person who has been invited |
| 12) two tens                              |                                   |



Check your answers on page 71

Add any incorrectly written words into your spelling reference list (page 87) - making sure you spell the words correctly for future reference.

Make some rhyming sentences using the words from the previous page and the crossword.

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Read your sentences aloud to revise the pronunciation and spelling.

### Further Practice

If you are working in a class with other students, you can take turns dictating your sentences for other students to write. This will check your pronunciation and spelling!

Remember!

Your dictionary will show which syllable to stress, in words of more than one syllable (see page 5).

Sample of answers for the above exercise  
from:

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### Answers

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