
Focus Letter Pattern: EAT

Lesson Difficulty Level: 4

There are approximately 1000 words in the English language containing the letters EAT. Most of the time, the EA digraph is long, as in EAT or FEAT, but sometimes those letters correspond to other sounds. Hence, there are two separate lessons for EAT.

STEP 1: Using hints, work with your students to generate the following words and fill in the word work matrix. Be sure to define each word and use it in a sentence as you write it in the word-work matrix

1. EAT
2. SEAT
3. BEAT
4. MEAT
5. HEAT
6. WHEAT
7. TREAT
8. MISTREAT
9. WREATH
10. DEFEAT
11. REPEAT
12. FEATURE

STEP 2: When the word-work matrix is completed, have the students chant the words aloud 3 or 4 times to build rapid and proper pronunciation.

STEP 3: Quickly call out words at random, and have the students tell you what cell each word is in. For example, if you say DEFEAT, the students should tell you it's in box 10. Or if you say WHEAT, the students should say it is in box 6.

STEP 4: Read the following sentences aloud and have the students figure out what word belongs in the blank space:

- Chicken, beef, and pork are all kinds of _____.
- In Kansas, farmers grow a lot of _____.
- Every Halloween, I visit houses and ask for a _____.
- On the door every Christmas, we hang a _____.
- I love to win, and I hate to lose. I can't stand _____.

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters EAT. To make it more interesting, tell them you will be very impressed with students who come up with really unusual and sophisticated vocabulary words. See if the students come up with words like HEATHEN or CREATURE.

STEP 6: Have the students generate an original sentence correctly using at least two of the words from the lesson.



Student Word-Work Worksheet

NAME: _____ FOCUS LETTERS: _____

1.	2.	3.
4.	5.	6.
7.	8.	9.
10.	11.	12.

Write your OWN words that contain the letters _____:

Write a **grammatically correct** sentence using at least TWO of the words from the matrix above.

