
Focus Letter Pattern: EA

Lesson Difficulty Level: 4

There are approximately 4000 words in the English language containing the letters EA.

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. BEAM
3. DEAL
4. MEAL
5. LEAK
6. HEAP
7. LEAP
8. CLEATS
9. BEACH
10. LEACH
11. BLEAK
12. EAGER

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 LEACH, the students should tell you it's in box 10. Or if you say HEAP, 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:

It was cold and gray outside -- it just looked _____.

The prisoner wanted to make a _____.

The football players were not allowed to walk on the floor with their _____.

As they watched the sun set over the ocean, the two people walked along the _____.

After swimming in the swamp, the boy discovered he was being sucked by a _____.

STEP 5: In the spaces below the word-work matrix, have students generate other words that contain the letters EA. 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 GLEAM or JEANS. If they can't, encourage them to simply modify one of the words you have already discussed with a prefix or a suffix, or think of a compound word that contains one of the words from today's lesson.

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.

