

TIP

A vowel pair is made from two vowels that come together to make one long vowel sound. The first vowel in the pair usually stands for its long sound, and the second is silent. The vowel pairs **ai** and **ay** can spell the long **a** sound you hear in drains and decay. The vowel pairs **oa** and **ow** can spell the long **o** sound you hear in coast and borrow.

LIST WORDS

1. complain
2. braid
3. drains
4. coast
5. toasted
6. decay
7. roasting
8. throwing
9. tomorrow
10. borrow
11. boast
12. swallows
13. foamy
14. poach
15. cocoa
16. fainted
17. scarecrow
18. gained
19. hoax
20. painful

Spelling Practice

Words with the Sound of Long o and Long a

Write each **list word** under the correct heading.

long o sound

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| 1. _____ | 2. _____ |
| 3. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 6. _____ |
| 7. _____ | 8. _____ |
| 9. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 11. _____ | 12. _____ |
| 13. _____ | |

long a sound

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|-----------|
| 14. _____ |
| 15. _____ |
| 16. _____ |
| 17. _____ |
| 18. _____ |
| 19. _____ |
| 20. _____ |

Definitions

Write a **list word** to match each definition clue. Then, use the numbered letters to solve the riddle. Copy each numbered letter onto the answer line with the same number.

1. tossing 3 4 13
2. to rot or break down 6 1
3. the day after today 10 5 8 9
4. hot chocolate 2
5. cook eggs in liquid 12 7
6. to use for a time 11
7. becomes empty or dry 14



Riddle: Where is the best place to have a gum-chewing contest?

Answer: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14

Word Building

Add and subtract letters to form **list words**.

1. false – lse + into – o + flowed – flow
2. groan – gn + stinging – ing
3. compare – pare + apple – ape + rain – r
4. boat – t + rest – re
5. game – me + into – to + slowed – slow
6. swing – ing + balloon – boon + bellows – bell
7. scared – red + redo – do + crowd – d
8. space – sce + spin – sp + colorful – color
9. bring – ing + amid – m
10. come – me + base – be + t
11. house – use + beat – bet + x
12. fair – air + roam – r + stingy – sting
13. toad – ad + assign – sign + rented – ren

Spelling and Writing

Proofreading

The following article has ten mistakes. Use the proofreading marks to fix each mistake. Then, write the misspelled **list words** correctly on the lines.

Where do you think chewing gum came from It came from the dried sap of a jungle tree called sapodilla that was chewed by the aztecs. They called it *chictli*. chewing gum showed up on the east coost of the united States in 1871. Do you know what happened Many people loved the gum, but others began to complayn that chewing drayns moisture from the salivary glands; and if a person swalloes it, the stomach will be upset. It was not until the mid-1900s that people began to worry about tooth decal.

Proofreading Marks

-  spelling mistake
-  capital letter
-  add something



1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____