Two Sounds of EA

Read each word and listen to its vowel sound.

4.LF.7 "Read words with irregular and regular spelling patterns accurately and automatically."

NAME _____ DATE _____

LONG E SOUND	SHORT E SOUND
In some words, ea sounds like the long e in see. team	In other words, ea sounds like the short e in bed. heavy

1 SORT

8 items

For Part 1, read each word aloud and circle LONG or SHORT; for Part 2, choose two words from different groups and explain how you knew where each belongs.

1.	beach	LONG SHORT
2.	head	LONG SHORT
3.	bread	LONG SHORT
4.	dream	LONG SHORT
5.	leaf	LONG SHORT
6.	speak	LONG SHORT
7.	thread	LONG SHORT
8.	clean	LONG SHORT

2 PROVE IT

Explain your thinking

Choose two words from different groups and explain how you knew where each belongs.

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

ITEM # _____ **HOW I KNEW** _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN

One of each

For Part 3, write one new ea word with a long e sound and one new ea word with a short e sound.

LONG _____

SHORT _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence using two sorted words, one from each group, and underline both words.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	beach	**LONG**	The ea makes a long e sound.
2	head	**SHORT**	The ea makes a short e sound.
3	bread	**SHORT**	The ea makes a short e sound.
4	dream	**LONG**	The ea makes a long e sound.
5	leaf	**LONG**	The ea makes a long e sound.
6	speak	**LONG**	The ea makes a long e sound.
7	thread	**SHORT**	The ea makes a short e sound.
8	clean	**LONG**	The ea makes a long e sound.

PART 2 · PROVE IT

Task: Choose two words from different groups and explain how you knew where each belongs. Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 · MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **LONG**: seat
- **SHORT**: ready

Challenge: I ate bread at the beach.

For Part 2, an acceptable response is: In beach, ea sounds like the long e in see. In head, ea sounds like the short e in bed. Part 3 samples are listed in category order: LONG, then SHORT.