

Generalizations	# words Y	# words N	% Y
1. When two vowels go walking the first one does the talking.	309 (bead)	377 (chief)	45%
2. When a vowel is in the middle of a one-syllable word, it's short.	408	249	62%
2a. When it's one vowel within a word of more than 4 letters	26 (splash)	30 (fight)	46%
4. When there are 2 vowels, one of which is final <i>e</i> , the first vowel is long and the <i>e</i> is silent.	180 (bone)	108 (done)	63%
9. When words end with a silent <i>e</i> , the preceding <i>a</i> or <i>i</i> is long.	164 (cake)	108 (have)	60%
7. In the phonogram <i>ie</i> , the <i>i</i> is silent and the <i>e</i> has a long sound.	8 (field)	39 (friend)	17%
8. Words having a double <i>ee</i> usually have a long <i>e</i> sound.	85 (seem)	2 (been)	98%
13. When <i>e</i> is followed by <i>w</i> , the vowel sound is the same as <i>oo</i> .	9 (blew)	17 (sew)	35%
20. When <i>c</i> and <i>h</i> are next to each other, they make only one sound.	103 (peach)	0	100%

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