📘 100 Vowel Words – Strange Substitutes and Sneaky Shifts

This list features 100 words that demonstrate how vowel sounds can change in surprising ways. Grouped by pattern, these examples help students recognize unusual spellings, vowel shifts, and pronunciation challenges.

# 🔹 ew = Long U (like 'few')

few, chew, new, pew, flew, grew, threw, skew, renew, stew

# 🔹 ie = Long I, Long E, or Short I

lie, pie, die, belief, relief, chief, brief, sieve, field, yield

# 🔹 oa = Long O

boat, coat, goat, road, float, moan, foam, groan, load, toast

# 🔹 ei = Long A, Long E, or Long I

weight, freight, vein, reign, beige, receive, ceiling, protein, neighbor, either

# 🔹 ea = Long E, Short E, or Oddball

meat, beat, heat, bread, head, dead, great, steak, bear, tear

# 🔹 a = Sounds like short e, short o, or broad a

many, any, said, again, laugh, what, want, have, banana, comma

# 🔹 u = Sounds like short i, long oo, or 'you'

busy, build, put, pull, bull, sure, bury, biscuit, sugar, bulletin

# 🔹 o = Sounds like short u, long oo, or short i

love, above, some, done, women, wolf, month, money, come, one

# 🔹 Vowels followed by R – Blurred/Modified

her, birth, girl, world, learn, turn, word, worm, third, fern

# 🔹 Vowels in unaccented syllables – Softened or reduced

negotiate, decimal, family, camera, animal, general, melody, history, banana, surprise