

## What is a split vowel digraph?

A **vowel digraph** is when two letters represent one vowel sound, e.g. the letters **a+i** spell the sound /æ/ in the word 'rain'.

A **split vowel digraph** is when the spellings for the vowel sounds /aɛ/, /eɛ/, /iɛ/, /oɛ/, /uɛ/ and /ueɪ/ are split by a consonant:

/aɛ/   aɛ → gate

/eɛ/   ee → eve

/iɛ/   ie → fine

/oɛ/   oe → hope

/uɛ/   ue → rude

/ueɪ/   ue → cute

Split vowel digraphs are also known as a-e, e-e, o-e, i-e, u-e, 'Magic e' and 'Vowel-Consonant-e' (VCe).