When E Says Its Name

We’ve been adding an “e” to the end of words to make a vowel say its name.

Here are some for E: *here* and *Eve*.

If you have played on Starfall.com, then maybe you know the song, “When two vowels go a walking, the first one does the talking.” In other words, when two vowels are together, the first vowel says its name. Here are some examples with E.

bee
beef
beep
beet
Dee
deep
deer
fee
feed
feel
feet
pee
peep
peer
see
seed
seen
wee
weed
week
weep

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Those words all had two Es, so it’s easy to tell that they say E. Here are words that are spelled, EA. They are two vowels together, so the first one is going to say its name. E comes first so when you see EA, you read the E sound.

bead    beam    beat
deal    dear
heal    heap    heat
lead    leap    lean
meal    mean    meat
team    tear    weak

I like eating meat.
The red team is in the lead.

The sentences below use different words that sound the same. Which two words sound the same? Which word is which?

In the heat I feel weak each week.
Dear mom, I see a deer.
I eat a beet. I hear a beat.