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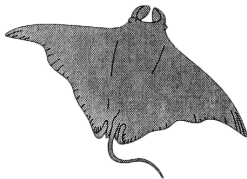
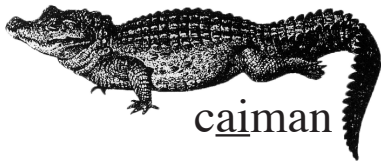
Spelling Zoo Cards

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Lesson 1:

“ai” and “ay”



manta ray

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ai and ay

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

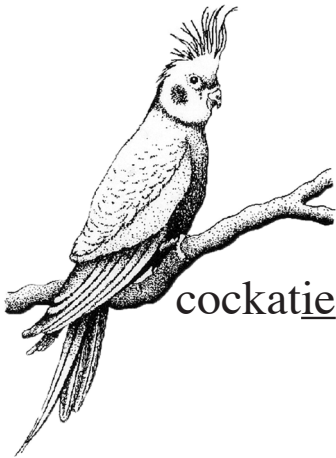
When *a-i* says ā
as in *claim* and *chain*,
It comes in the middle
as in *train* and *pain*.

But when *a-y* says ā
as in *jay* and *portray*,
It comes at the end.
See *decay* and *delay*.

Don't let suffixes betray you
as in *decayed*,
The root never changes.
See *playful* and *played*.

Lesson 2:

The “ie” Rule



cockatiel

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The ie Rule

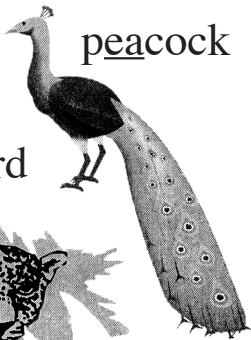
Rule, Jingle or Hint:

When the sound is *ee*, it might
be *i* before *e* except after *c* as in
cockatiel, *grievous*, and *deceit*.
Watch the few exceptions.

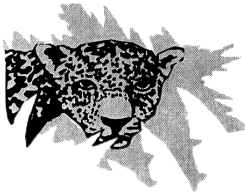
Lesson 3:

The First Vowel Talks

peacock



leaopard



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Rule, Jingle or Hint:

When two vowels go walking,
The first often does the talking

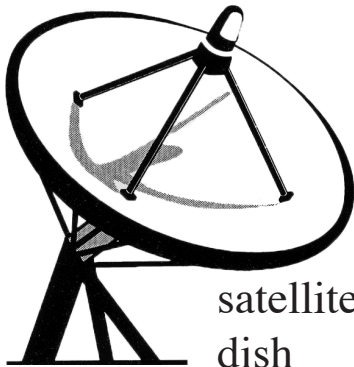
Either shouting out its name
As in *goat*, *leaf*, and *pain*,

Or making its sound as in *leather*
As well as *measure*,
pleasure, and *feather*.

Rarely is the rule broken, mate!
But watch for *break*,
steak, and *great*.

Lesson 4:

Radio “o-u-g-h”



Lesson 4:

Radio o-u-g-h

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

This is radio O-U-G-H,
of the Phonetic Zoo,
Broadcasting on six megacycles:

O-U-G-H saying *uff* as in *rough*
O-U-G-H saying *ah* as in *thought*
O-U-G-H saying *oo* as in *through*

O-U-G-H saying *ow* as in *bough*
O-U-G-H saying *off* as in *cough* and
O-U-G-H saying *oh* as in *although*

Lesson 5:

Personal Spelling Victory



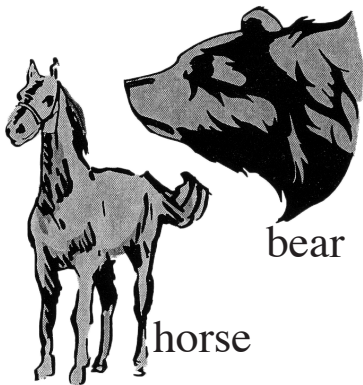
Lesson 5:

Personal Spelling Victory

Write your own reminder here.

Lesson 6:

Homonyms I



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Rule, Jingle or Hint:

Homonyms sound the same, but spelling and meaning are different. Have you ever seen a *bare bear*, a *hoarse horse*, or a *bore* of a *boar*?

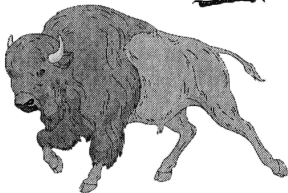
Lesson 7:

Long “o” or
“o-w”

crow



buffalo



Lesson 7:

Long o or o-w

Rule, Jingle or Hint:

The open *o* as in *The banjo dances
the bolero during the concerto.*

O-W says *ō* as in a *mellow
yellow pillow.*