

The vowel A has five sounds we call phonics that are spelled in these 12 ways we call spelling patterns:

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 The long ā sound is spelled in five ways: **Elaine, Jake, Jay, Mabel, and Neighbor**

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