

Practice Long Vowels with Tako and Ricky

The dog in this story is named Tako. The “O” in his name makes the “long o” sound (like you would also hear in *go*, *rope*, or *boat*). In his name, the “long o” sound is spelled with an “o” by itself at the end of the word (“Tak-o”). There are many other words in English that have a “long o” sound spelled “o” by itself at the end of a word. For example, three other words with this spelling pattern are listed below (hero, potato, so). Think of at least 4 more and write them beneath the others?

Long o spelled with an “o” like Tako the dog
Hero
potato
so

One of the main characters in this story is named Ricky. The “Y” in his name makes the “long e” sound (like you would also hear in *sweet*, *eat*, or at the end of the word *baby*). In his name, the “long e” sound is spelled with a “y” by itself at the end of the word (“Rick-y”). There are many other words in English that have a “long e” sound spelled “y” by itself at the end of a word. For example, three other words with this spelling pattern are listed below (happy, sticky, bakery). Think of at least 4 more and write them beneath the others.

Long e spelled with a “y” like Ricky
Happy
sticky
bakery

