



# Vowel Teams 'ai' and 'ay' List of Words, Phrases, and Sentences for Lesson Planning

Our word lists can help you plan for teaching the vowel teams 'ai' and 'ay'. Use them in your reading, spelling, and fluency-building lessons and activities. Remember that each interaction with words is an opportunity to build vocabulary. Consider pointing out words with multiple meanings to your students.

## WORDS WITH THE VOWEL TEAMS 'ai' AND 'ay'

### Words with 'ai'

aid	laid	maid	paid	raid	bail	fail	hail	jail
mail	nail	pail	rail	sail	tail	wail	aim	gain
main	pain	rain	chain	braid	taint	frail	claim	plain
brain	drain	grain	train	stain	sprain	strain	bait	wait
maintain	faith	faint						

### Words with 'ay'

bay	day	gay	hay	lay	may	pay	ray	say
way	clay	play	slay	fray	pray	tray	stay	sway
spray								

### If you have already taught syllable division, you can use the 'ay' words below.

runway	midday	subway	halfway	freeway	leeway	driveway	highway	downplay
delay	decay	pathway	dismay	holiday	birthday			



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## Phrases with 'ai' and 'ay'

in the hay	play all day	tray of snacks	will stay	did spray	on the tray
black and gray	did sway	sprayed the hose	on the train	rain all day	big black snail
tray of paint	in my brain	braid it	long hair	in the pail	not in pain
got a stain	will faint	a long training	snails by the pond	praying for it	sprayed the paint
will explain	long hallway	remain here	sprained it	will complain	raining and hailing
is frail	did exclaim	mailing it now			

## Sentences with 'ai' and 'ay'

I will ride the train to Main Street.	I will play in the hay.
Will it rain all day?	Jack went on the train.
I got a tray of paint.	I saw a big black snail on the path.
I complained to mom that I did not feel well.	Can you explain the math homework to me?
It was raining and hailing when we went outside.	Jack was spraying the kids with the hose.
There were six snails on the path by the pond.	The food remained on the tray.
This was a long day of training.	I sprained my leg when I fell off the deck.
When the bell rang, we ran down the long hallway.	We walked up the long driveway.
I am mailing you a gift.	The branches sway in the wind.