AI and AY unit

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LetterSchool worksheet pack · free to print and share

Everything to teach and practise ai ay in one week: ai and ay both say a as in its name; ai is usually inside a word (rain), ay usually at the end (day). Read it, sort it, spell it and use it in sentences.

How to use this pack

1. **Day 1: meet the pattern: Read the pattern words and match them to pictures.**
2. **Day 2: sort it: Is it ai or ay? Read and sort.**
3. **Day 3: read fast: Roll and read the pattern words until they come quickly.**
4. **Day 4: read sentences: Decodable sentences with the pattern: read and draw.**
5. **Day 5: spell it: Dictation and spelling practice.**

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Print the whole pack or only the pages you need. Every sheet is also on letterschool.com with tips and other handwriting styles.

AI and AY vowel team

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Phonics · Vowel teams

1 **Say the name of the picture. Write the missing ai or ay.**

Use these: ai, ay



r ___ n



sn ___ l



tr ___ n



n ___ l



h ___



tr ___



cr ___ on



ch ___ n

AI and AY: read and match

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1 **Read the word. Draw a line to the picture that matches.**

rain

snail

train

nail

hay

tray













Sort: ai or ay?

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1 **Cut out the words. Read each one and glue it in the right column.**

ai	ay

play	mail	tail	paint
tray	rain	say	day
train	stay	hay	wait

Roll and read: ai ay

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Phonics · AI and AY

1 **Roll a die. Find the row with the same dots and read a word from that row. Cross it out. Can you read every word?**

	chain	train	pail	mail
	wait	day	sail	gray
	say	tray	lay	rain
	spray	nail	snail	may
	play	tail	stay	hay
	way	clay	pay	paint

Read and draw: ai ay

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1 **Read the sentence. Draw a picture that shows what it says.**

The snail is in the rain.

Draw it

We play all day.

Draw it

Wait for the train.

Draw it

Dictation: ai ay

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Phonics · AI and AY

1 **Grown-up: fold the bottom strip back first. Read each word, then say it in a short sentence. Child: say it, tap the sounds, write it. Then unfold the strip and tick each one you got right.**

1. _____ ☐

2. _____ ☐

3. _____ ☐

4. _____ ☐

5. _____ ☐

6. _____ ☐

7. _____ ☐

Fold back · for the grown-up to read (if a sound can be spelled two ways, say which pattern to use):

1. rain 2. tail 3. mail 4. day 5. play 6. say 7. I play in the rain.

Spelling: ai ay

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Look at the word and say it. Trace it. Cover it, write it from memory, then check. Draw a tick if it is right.

Look & say	Trace	Cover & write	Check
rain	rain		☐
tail	tail		☐
mail	mail		☐
wait	wait		☐
train	train		☐
day	day		☐
play	play		☐
say	say		☐
way	way		☐
stay	stay		☐

fold