

Answer Key

AI and AY Words • Student pages 1–5

A. Read and spot the letters

1. r[ai]n 2. d[ay] 3. m[ai]l 4. st[ay] 5. t[ai]l 6. p[ay] 7. w[ai]t 8. tr[ay]

B. Listen to the end

1. Yes (/n/) 2. No 3. Yes (/n/ and /t/)

C. Sort the words

AI: snail, chain, paint, trail. AY: way, clay, hay, stay. Any order is fine.

D. Finish each word

1. rain (ai) 2. pay (ay) 3. wait (ai) 4. tray (ay) 5. paint (ai) 6. play (ay)

E–F. Dictation

Words: 1. tail 2. day 3. chain 4. stay 5. trail 6. tray. Sentence: We can play in the rain.

G. Read the story

1. In the rain. 2. On the trail. 3. AI: wait, rain, snail, trail. AY: Jay, May, play, stay. Accept one from each group.

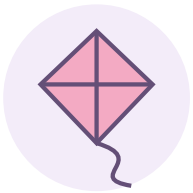
H. Fix the spelling

1. snail 2. play 3. wait 4. pay

I. Pick the word that fits

1. mail 2. rain. For “One last word,” accept any new word with ai or ay spelling long A, such as aim or spray.

Dictation Guide



Use this page with student worksheet page 3.

How to read each prompt

Say the word, read the sentence, then say the word again.

01	**tail**	The fox has a long tail.
02	**day**	It was a hot day.
03	**chain**	The chain is made of metal.
04	**stay**	Please stay with me.
05	**trail**	We ran down the trail.
06	**tray**	The cups are on the tray.

Sentence dictation

Read naturally once, repeat in short chunks, then read it as a whole again.

We can play in the rain.

If your child writes rayn

Say, “You heard long A. What sound comes after it in rain?” Compare rain and play aloud. Then ask your child to try the spelling again.