

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ay

"Today, we're looking for words with the long A sound spelled 'ay.' Let's read about Jay and his amazing clay creations!"



Jay's Clay Play

Jay loved to play with clay. One day, he had a big gray lump of clay on his tray.

He made a snake that could sway. Then he made a big blue jay with wide wings.

"Should I make a train or a plane?" Jay asked.

He made both! He set the train and plane side by side and gave a loud "Hooray!"

Jay's clay play made the day fly by. His tray was full of shapes that made him smile.

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

Jay

clay

play

tray

sway



Name:

Jay's Clay Play

1. What did Jay make first with his clay?

- A. A blue jay.
- B. A snake.
- C. A plane.
- D. A train.

2. What did Jay say when he finished making the train and plane?

- A. "Stay there!"
- B. "Hooray!"
- C. "Oh no!"
- D. "Go away!"

3. Fill in the blank:

Jay loved to _____ with clay.

4. Why do you think Jay liked playing with clay so much?

5. What is something you would like to make out of clay?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'ay'

Genre: Realistic Fiction

High-Frequency Words: the, he, his, with, a, by

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "Today we're looking for words that have the long A sound spelled with 'ay.'"
 2. Have you ever played with clay or something soft like it?
 3. What fun things do you think Jay might make?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that the 'ay' spelling makes the long A sound like in "play."
 2. Watch for target skill words as you read!
 3. What did Jay make after the snake?
 4. Use an excited voice when Jay says "Hooray!"
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After Reading

1. Can you retell all the things Jay made with his clay?
 2. Why did Jay say the day flew by?
 3. Would you like to spend a day like Jay did? Why or why not?
 4. Find and highlight 5 words with the 'ay' spelling.
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again and use a fun, playful voice when Jay makes each new shape!
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Activity Idea

Make a list of five things you would create with clay. Draw a picture of your favorite one and write a sentence about why you picked it. Try sharing your design with a friend or family member and ask what they would make!

Coaching Tip

Encourage kids to act out or build their own versions of the story. Hands-on learning helps build word connections and keeps reading fun!

