

## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ay

"This story focuses on the 'ay' vowel team, like in 'play' and 'gray.' Let's see how Jay gets through his big day on stage!"



### Jay's First Play

Jay was in his first school play.

He wore gray pants, a vest, and a big blue sash.

"I hope I don't stray off stage," he said.

Miss Fay gave him a tray with clay props to hold.

Jay took a deep breath and walked into the light.

He said each line, stayed in place, and smiled all the way.

After the play, his class gave him a big hooray!

"What a great day," Jay said.

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

play

gray

stay

tray

clay



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Jay's First Play

1. What was Jay doing?

- A. Taking a test
- B. Joining a parade
- C. Being in a play
- D. Cleaning a tray

2. What helped Jay feel ready?

- A. The crowd
- B. Miss Fay's props
- C. A sash
- D. His gray pants

3. Fill in the blank:

"What a great \_\_\_\_\_," Jay said.

4. How did Jay show bravery in the story?

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5. What do you think Jay was most proud of after the play?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** ay Vowel Team (Long A)

**Genre:** Fiction – School Life

**High-Frequency Words:** was, his, he, what, said

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## Before Reading

1. This story focuses on the "ay" vowel team. Look for words like *play*, *tray*, and *stay* as you read!
  2. Have you ever been nervous before doing something in front of a group?
  3. What helps you stay calm during a big moment?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind your child that "ay" often comes at the end of words and makes the long A sound.
  2. Watch for ay words about the play, props, and Jay's big moment
  3. What does Miss Fay give Jay before the show?
  4. Read Jay's final line with pride!
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## After Reading

1. Retell what happened during Jay's first play
  2. Why was this day important to him?
  3. What advice would you give to someone before a play?
  4. Skill Check: Underline six ay words in the story
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like you're acting on stage!
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## Activity Idea

Draw a stage with Jay standing in the spotlight holding his tray of clay props. Label parts using ay words like "tray," "play," and "gray." Write one sentence about why the play was a success.

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## Coaching Tip

Use performance-based stories to boost confidence—reading out loud and acting go hand in hand!

