

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ai

"This story is full of words with the 'ai' vowel team, like 'rain' and 'trail.' Let's see how Mila keeps going, even in the rain!"



Rain at the Game

Mila was set to play in the big game.

She wore a red cap and her braid was tight.

The sky began to turn gray.

"Will it rain?" asked the coach.

Drip. Drop. Rain hit the trail and the field.

Mila did not wail or quit.

She ran, slid, and hit the ball straight!

"We played in the rain!" she said. "What a day!"

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

rain

game

braid

trail

wail



Name: _____

Rain at the Game

1. What happened during the game?

- A. It got cold
- B. It began to rain
- C. The coach left
- D. Mila went home

2. How did Mila feel about the rain?

- A. She quit
- B. She was afraid
- C. She kept playing
- D. She fell asleep

3. Fill in the blank:

"We played in the _____!" Mila said.

4. What clues in the story show that Mila was brave and tough?

5. How would you feel playing outside during a rainy game?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: ai Vowel Team (Long A)

Genre: Fiction – Realistic Fiction

High-Frequency Words: was, the, she, her, what

Before Reading

1. This story focuses on the "ai" vowel team. Watch for words like *rain*, *trail*, and *wail* as you read!
 2. Have you ever played a game in the rain or bad weather?
 3. What do you do when things don't go as planned?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind your child that "ai" usually makes the long A sound and is often found in the middle of words.
 2. Watch for ai words showing the weather or how Mila acts
 3. What does Mila do when the rain starts?
 4. Read the last line with excitement and pride!
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After Reading

1. Retell the problem and how Mila responded
 2. Why do you think Mila kept playing even in the rain?
 3. What lesson does this story teach about trying your best?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six ai words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like you're telling a play-by-play at the game!
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Activity Idea

Draw Mila playing baseball in the rain. Label parts using ai words like "rain," "trail," and "braid." Write one sentence about what makes the day fun even with the rain.

Coaching Tip

Stories with challenges build both character and decoding confidence—cheer your reader on like a coach would!

