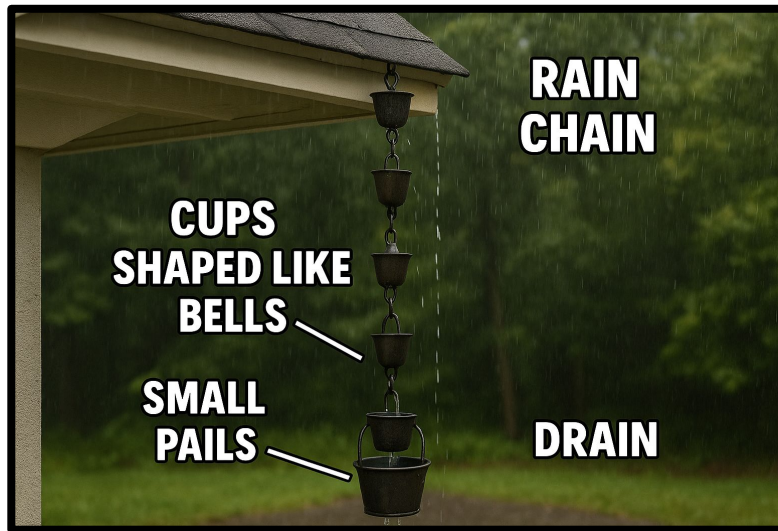


## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ai

"Today, we're reading a nonfiction story that teaches how people use rain chains. Watch for words with the long A sound spelled with 'ai' as you learn something new!"



### Rain Chains: A Smart Way to Guide Rain

Rain chains help guide rain from a roof to the ground. Long ago, people in Japan made rain chains to take rain away from homes.

A rain chain hangs from a roof. When it rains, water slides down the chain. The rain does not fall fast or make a big splash. It stays on the chain until it reaches a drain or a pail.

Some rain chains look plain. Others have cups shaped like bells or small pails. These cups catch rain and help it flow down the chain.

Today, rain chains are a smart and pretty way to guide rain. They help homes stay safe and dry!

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

rain

chain

plain

drain

pail



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

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## Rain Chains: A Smart Way to Guide Rain

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1. What is the main job of a rain chain?

- A. It helps rain fall fast.
- B. It guides rain from the roof to the ground.
- C. It makes a loud sound in the rain.
- D. It keeps all the rain on the roof.

2. What is one way people make rain chains look special?

- A. They use paint to color them.
- B. They add cups shaped like bells or pails.
- C. They tie them with string.
- D. They make them out of sand.

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3. Fill in the blank:

A rain chain helps water stay on the \_\_\_\_\_ until it reaches the ground.

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4. Why do you think people like using rain chains instead of pipes?

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5. If you could design a rain chain, what shapes would you use for the cups?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** Long Vowel Team 'ai'

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Culture & Science

**High-Frequency Words:** the, they, from, when, it, or

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## Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "Today we're reading nonfiction and looking for words with the long A sound spelled with 'ai.'"
  2. What happens to rain when it hits a roof?
  3. Have you ever seen a rain chain or something like it?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that the 'ai' spelling makes the long A sound like in "rain."
  2. Watch for target skill words as you read!
  3. How do rain chains help keep homes dry?
  4. Read the last sentence with a proud voice to show how useful rain chains are!
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## After Reading

1. Can you explain how a rain chain works from start to finish?
  2. Why do some people add cups or shapes to their rain chains?
  3. Would you want a rain chain at your house? Why or why not?
  4. Find and highlight 5 words with the 'ai' spelling.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again and make your voice sound like a gentle rain when reading about how water moves!
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## Activity Idea

Design your own rain chain on paper. Choose shapes for the cups and label them. Write a short sentence to explain how your design would guide rain. Share your design with a friend and describe why you picked those shapes!

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## Coaching Tip

Encourage kids to make connections between what they read and things they see in the real world. It helps build curiosity and learning!

