

## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: Both ay & ai

"Today, we'll read a nonfiction story and look for words with the long A sound spelled with both 'ai' and 'ay.' Let's learn how people stay dry when it rains!"



### Staying Dry on Rainy Days

Rainy days can make big splashes and wet roads. But there are smart ways to stay dry!

Wear a raincoat to keep the rain away from your clothes. A raincoat has a hood to help keep your hair dry.

Use a bright umbrella. An umbrella keeps the rain off your face as you walk.

Stay in the shade or under a safe place when the rain is strong. If you wait for the rain to slow down, you may stay dry all day!

With the right rain gear, a rainy day can still be a fun day!

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

rain

day

stay

away

may



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

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## Staying Dry on Rainy Days

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1. How does a raincoat help you on a rainy day?

- A. It keeps your shoes dry.
- B. It keeps the rain away from your clothes.
- C. It makes the rain stop.
- D. It dries the roads.

2. What can you do if the rain is too strong?

- A. Run fast through it.
- B. Wait for the rain to slow down.
- C. Stay outside all day.
- D. Take off your raincoat.

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3. Fill in the blank:

A bright \_\_\_\_\_ helps keep the rain off your face.

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4. What rain gear do you like to use when it rains?

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5. Why is it smart to wait for the rain to slow down before walking outside?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** Long Vowel Team 'ai' and 'ay' Combined

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Weather & Safety

**High-Frequency Words:** the, you, when, your, to, and

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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’ and ‘ay.’”
  2. What do you like to do on rainy days?
  3. What do you already know about how to stay dry in the rain?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** When you see ‘ai’ or ‘ay,’ try the long A sound like in “rain” and “day.”
  2. Watch for target skill words as you read!
  3. What are two ways people stay dry in the rain?
  4. Try reading the last sentence with a happy voice to show rainy days can still be fun!
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## After Reading

1. Can you retell how people stay dry on rainy days?
  2. Why do you think waiting for the rain to slow down is a good idea?
  3. Would you rather play in the rain or stay dry inside? Why?
  4. Find and highlight 5 words with the ‘ai’ or ‘ay’ spelling.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again and change your voice to match the weather—calm when it rains and excited when it clears up!
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## Activity Idea

Draw a picture of yourself staying dry on a rainy day. Add rain gear like a raincoat, hat, and umbrella. Write a sentence about how each thing helps keep you dry. Then, share your picture and explain your rain safety tips!

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## Coaching Tip

Help kids apply what they’ve learned by practicing how to stay dry the next time it rains. Real-world connections build strong understanding!

