

## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ay

"This nonfiction story teaches about a landform called a bay. Look for 'ay' words like 'bay,' 'stay,' and 'play' as you read and learn!"



### What Is a Bay?

A bay is a body of water next to land.

It is shaped like a wide U.

Water from the sea or lake flows into the bay.

Boats can stay in a bay to rest or play.

Fish swim in the bay, and birds fly over all day.

Some bays are deep and gray, while others shine in the sun.

A bay is a safe place where land and water meet.

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

bay

gray

play

stay

way



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

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## What Is a Bay?

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1. What is a bay?

- A. A wave
- B. A kind of land
- C. A place where water meets land
- D. A type of boat

2. Why do boats stay in a bay?

- A. To race
- B. To hide from fish
- C. To rest and play
- D. To catch birds

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3. Fill in the blank:

Fish swim in the bay, and birds fly over all \_\_\_\_\_.

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4. What makes a bay different from the open sea?

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5. How do people and animals both use the bay?

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# Coaching Guide

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

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Geography / Landforms

**High-Frequency Words:** a, in, the, from, all

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## Before Reading

1. This story explores the landform called a bay using "ay" words like *bay*, *stay*, and *play*.
  2. Have you ever seen or been near a bay?
  3. Why might people or animals want to be near water?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Help your child notice that "ay" at the end of a word usually says long A.
  2. Watch for ay words that name parts of the bay and how it's used
  3. What shapes a bay and what lives there?
  4. Read the line about the sun with wonder and calm
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## After Reading

1. Retell what a bay is and how it forms
  2. What would you see, hear, and do if you visited a bay?
  3. What other landforms are like a bay but different?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six ay words in the passage
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read the story again using a slow, flowing voice like waves in the bay
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## Activity Idea

Draw a bay with boats, fish, and birds. Label parts of the picture using ay words like "bay," "stay," "play," or "day." Write one sentence about why bays are special.

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## Coaching Tip

Use nature-focused nonfiction to support phonics and science together—especially when topics are easy to imagine or explore outside.

