

s	a	t	p	i	n	m
d	g	o	c	k	ck	e
u	r	h	b	f	ff	l
ll	ss	j	v	w	x	y
z	zz	qu	ch	sh	th	ng
ai	ee	igh	oa	oo	ar	or
ur	ow	oi	ear	air	ure	er

Tricky Words to Practise Reading and Spelling

In Year 1 all children learn to read and write a set of 'Tricky Words' which are used often in spoken and written language. These are words which cannot be sounded out so children must learn to read and spell them correctly. We have included the full list below so that you can support your child with this.

a	the	to	go	no
I	into	he	she	we
me	be	is	his	has
was	you	your	they	my
her	all	are	of	said
so	have	like	some	come
were	here	there	little	one
do	when	out	what	ask
says	today	oh	their	people
Mr	Mrs	looked	called	asked
could	water	where	who	again
thought	through	work	mouse	many
laughed	because	different	any	eyes
friend	friends	once	please	love
put	push	pull	full	house
our	school			

Fun ideas for Tricky Word practise:

- Play hangman or bingo with the words.
- Copy a word then cut it up. See if you can put it back in the right order, or challenge a friend to rearrange it!
- Count how many words you can read or write each week and see if you can beat your score! You could colour in the words when you've learned them.
- Make two sets of the words on bits of paper. Turn the sets face-down and see if you can find the matching pairs!

The great snail race



Yesterday's great race was bravely won by Crazy Dave.

The start of the race was delayed by rain. The crowd became frustrated but just eighty minutes later the grey clouds rolled away. Crazy Dave (aged eight) has been training hard since he was a tiny baby snail.

He left all the other snails trailing behind him. We asked Lazy Daisy (who came eighth) if she had anything to say. She stated, "Dave is my mate and I think he is great but I hate it when he beats me".

a_e

ay

ai

eigh

a

ey

mate	late	estate	age	safe	frustrate
grades	makes	baked	day	stayed	clay
delay	dismay	play	lay	wait	fails
trails	snail	waiting	paint	aim	eight
weight	baby	lady	bacon	apron	prey
grey	obey				

Best Bet /ai/

In the middle of a word:

a_e

At the end of a word:

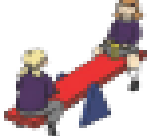
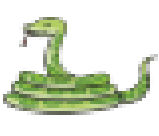
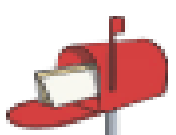
ay

Rare graphemes:

apron eight they vein straight great



Alternative Spellings for ai

ai		ay		a-e	
					
					
					
					
					
					
					
					
					

ai Sound Family Phoneme Spotter Story

Sid the Snail

Sid was fed up with being just a snail and decided he wanted to try something new. One day during the month of May he decided to become a weather reporter. He crawled outside leaving a slimy trail behind him. At first it was warm and sunny and he liked being outdoors, but soon the grey clouds came and it began to rain. Just then it started to hail and Sid had to quickly hide inside his shell, where he felt safe. He didn't want to be a weather reporter anymore!

The next day Sid decided he would like to become a postman and deliver people's mail. "I can do this," he thought to himself, it looked easy. He set off carrying a bag full of letters and cards, he slithered along paths and pavements, he even avoided falling down all of the drains. Even though he was slow he was really enjoying himself, reading names and addresses on the front of letters and cards, but suddenly he crawled over a nail which was lying on the ground and was left in a lot of pain. Sid decided he didn't want to be a postman again! What a shame!

Next he decided to become a sailor and made his way down to the bay. He found a pale green boat and climbed inside. When he was out at sea he saw an enormous whale who created a gigantic wave with one almighty great swish of his tail. Sid was covered in water when the wave splashed over his boat. "Time to go," thought Sid.

So Sid went home and decided although he'd had a busy time, he would be most happy just being a garden snail.



ai Sound Family Phoneme Spotter Story - Answers

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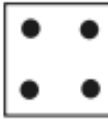
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Phase 5 'ai', 'ay' and 'a-e' Sound Family Phoneme Roll and Read Mat

	wait	hail	snail	tail	rain
	sail	nail	aim	pain	train
	day	may	bay	spray	play
	say	crayon	tray	way	may
	rake	name	take	maze	late
	whale	flake	make	grape	plane

eigh		ay		ai	a-e		
ey	ai Sound Family Game How to play Roll the dice and move the amount of squares shown. Pictures: When you land on a picture say the word and identify the correct phoneme. Phoneme: When you land on a phoneme, say a word which contains that phoneme. Extension: Try to think of more complex words and use them in a sentence. 						ey
		ay		ai	a-e		
		ay		ai	a-e	ay	
START FINISH							

Alternative Spellings For 'ai' Sound



snake

crayon

grey

weight

train

aim

bake

eight

way

veil

reindeer

For each word: sound out, blend the sounds together to say the whole word and then write the word under the correct spelling of the 'ai' sound.

a-e

ai

ei

ay

eigh

ey

Phase 5 Alternative Spellings For ai

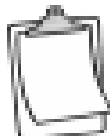
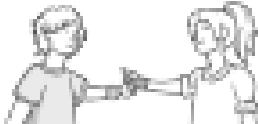
There are different ways to spell the 'ai' sound.

Can you spot words below with each of the different spellings?

Fill in your key with a different colour for each spelling and then colour in the picture.

Key



ai ☐	ay ☐	eigh ☐	ay ☐	a_e ☐	en ☐
 chain	 day	 grey	 survey		
 obey	 pain	 stain	 train		
 stay	 play	 lay	 blame		
 game	 mane	 neigh	 eight		
 break	 steak	 great	 bay		
 hay	 may	 okay			

play	day	may	say
stray	clay	spray	tray
crayon	delay	money	honey
donkey	cockney	jockey	turkey
chimney	valley	trolley	monkey
came	made	make	take
game	race	same	snake
amaze	escape	acorn	hat
bacon	apron	angel	apricot
bagel	station	nation	Amy
lady	they	grey	obey
prey	survey	weight	neigh
sleigh	neighbour	eight	vein
rain	brain	train	pain

chain	stain	main	explain
plain	plane	mane	obtain
gain	name	lane	

a-e

ey

ai

eigh

ay

Alternative Spellings for c

c		k		ck		ch	
						