

# **AI and AY wall Words**



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# Word Wall Words – AI and AY (long A sound)

There are a variety of flashcards/wall word types and difficulty levels to choose from in this pack, depending on the needs of your class.

For the AI phoneme, there are:

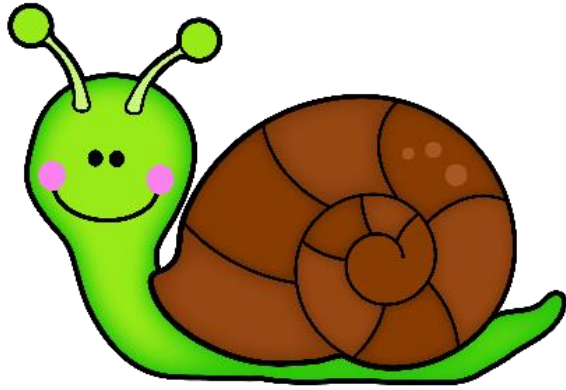
- 5 simple 4 letter AI words – great for building confidence!: **pail, tail, rain, mail, sail**
- 4 AI words with initial or ending blends: **snail, train, chair, paint**
- 4 AI words with ending Y (sounds like ee): **daisy, rainy, fairy, hairy** (unfortunately, I couldn't find a picture for 'hairy' – but if you use these, your kids should start seeing the pattern).
- 4 AI verbs with ing endings (all base words are also in the pack on their own): **raining, mailing, sailing, painting**
- 4 compound AI words (all base words, again, are in the pack on their own, so you can use them together to help kids see how words are built): **sailboat, paintbrush, armchair, raincoat.**

For the AY phoneme, there are:

- 4 simple AY words: **day, say, May, hay**
- 4 AY words with beginning blends: **play, pray, tray, stay**, with another 3 letter blend word: **spray**
- 3 words with AY in the middle: **layers, crayon, maybe**. This is rare – AY is usually at the end of the word, unless it has a word ending (like the -er in layers) or it's a compound word (like may-be). This can help kids when they are deciding between AI and AY when spelling words.
- 4 more challenging AY words: **display, array, holiday, relay**
- 4 AY verbs with ing endings: **playing, praying, raining, painting**
- 4 AY compound words: **daytime, haystack, pathway, motorway.**

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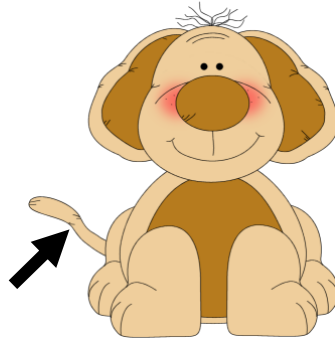


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pail



tail



rain



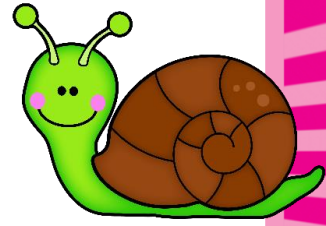
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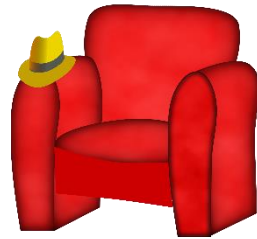
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chair



paint





daisy



fairy



rainy

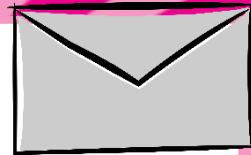


hairy

raining



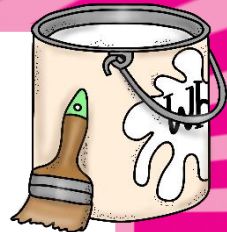
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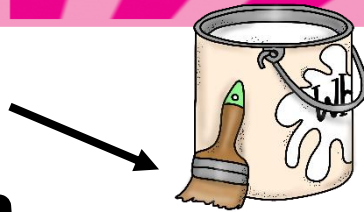




sailboat



raincoat



paintbrush



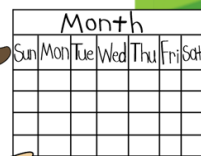
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day



say



hay



May



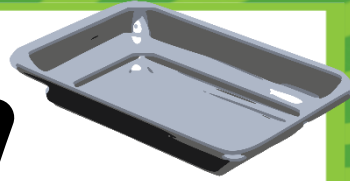
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pray



tray

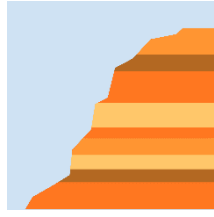


stay

spray



layers



crayon



maybe





display

holiday



relay



array



praying



playing



saying



paying



daytime



haystack



pathway



motorway



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