

1. Read the text below. With your partner, find any words that contain the following letters together.

ai

The rain fell in big drops and gushed out of the drainpipe. It was obviously no use trying to do any painting in this weather. His wife, Daisy, would be upset that he had not earned any money today. She was hoping to buy a new pair of shoes on Saturday. The kids would be complaining as well, mainly because they wanted to get the latest computer game. What about what he wanted? He needed a new pair of trainers, but what he wanted came at the bottom of the list, as usual! The weather looked set for the remainder of the day, so he turned up his collar and walked back down the road to wait for a bus to take him to the railway station where he could catch a train home.

2. Now, write down at least 3 other words you can find that have the *same sound* as the **ai** words, but that are made by *different* letter clusters.

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eigh

It was Tommy's eighth birthday coming up in December. His parents had decided to buy him a very special present this year – a trip to Lapland to see Father Christmas! They were going to go together with their neighbours, Janet and Bill, who had a son the same age. The holiday brochure gave all the details: fly out on Friday night, then on Saturday a trip on a sleigh pulled by real reindeer to go and see Santa! It was going to be very cold there so they needed to pack lots of jumpers and warm clothes. They only had 15 kilos of baggage allowance and already their suitcases were nearly overweight. If they bought any presents while they were there they would have to send them home on a freight plane – there would be no room left in their cases!

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ay

Sally kept to the same routine on Wednesdays. In the mornings, she went to the church and helped the other ladies with the flower arrangements – she usually took some sprays of carnations from her garden and some leaves from her vine. When they had finished and put everything away, she often stayed on for a short prayer meeting - her friend Doris played the piano. Then she and Doris went to the café and had lunch and maybe a slice of chocolate layer cake – very fattening! She and Doris took it in turns to pay each week. Sally would then stay in town for the afternoon and go to her pottery class. She was not very good at it, as she always had trouble getting the clay to stay on the wheel. Her teacher's patience got quite frayed with her at times!

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ey

Aisha worked for an architect, and one day her boss asked her to go and do a survey of a large farm in Devon. She did not want to go away, as she was not fond of the countryside but, hey, she had to obey her boss! The farmer and his wife were very kind to her and they spent one day telling her about the wildlife in the neighbourhood. On one occasion, she saw a huge bird hovering in the sky above her. The farmer told her this was a buzzard, which is a bird of prey. She saw many squirrels and even saw their nests, which she learnt were called dreys. Aisha was amazed, as the only squirrels she saw in town were grey, but these were red ones.

2. Now, write down at least 3 other words you can find that have the *same sound* as the **ey** words, but that are made by *different* letter clusters.

Long A Sounds

IN THE MIDDLE

-ai-

pain	stain	pair	rain	rail	afraid
plain	train	stair	laid	sail	

-eigh-

eight	eighty	freight	neighbour	weight
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-ei-

rein	feint	vein	heinous
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-ay-

crayfish	daylight	playtime	always
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-a-e

save	take	hate	fade	ape	date
make	gale	lane	blame	fame	wave

AT THE END

-ay

bay	stay	day	pray	delay
away	pay	play	clay	Wednesday

-ey

they	prey	hey	whey
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-eigh-

sleigh	weigh
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