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MORE VOWEL SPELLINGS



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# STAYING HOME

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# How to use this book

This book introduces the spellings **<a>**, **<ai>**,  
**<ay>**, **<a-e>**, and **<ea>** for the sound 'ae'.

Check the reader knows these target spellings  
before reading this book.



**a**



**ai**



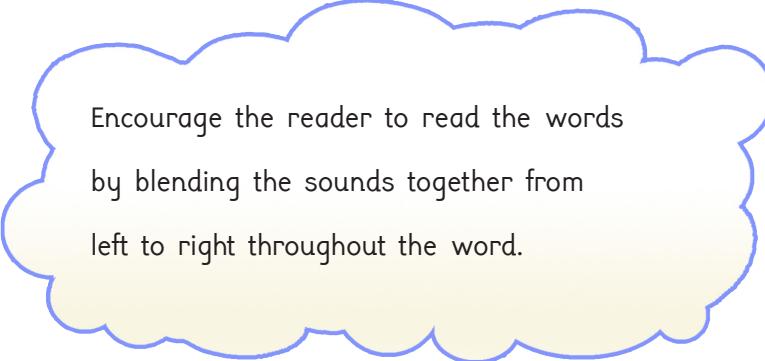
**ay**



**a-e**



**ea**



Encourage the reader to read the words  
by blending the sounds together from  
left to right throughout the word.

# Vocabulary

jam – an informal music session

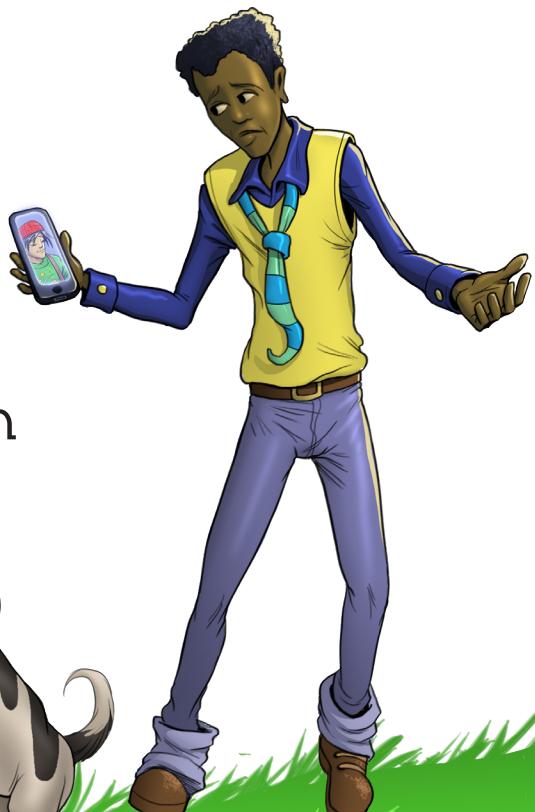
sway – move rhythmically from side to side

The characters in this book are:

Tam



Matt



Moon



# Reading Practice

**ai**

rain

mail

wait

train

snail

faint

**a-e**

lane

cape

late

pale

make

cave

came

made

crate

snake

shape

flame

**ay**

day

say

way

away

play

**ea**

steak

break

great

**a**

table

baby

cable

April

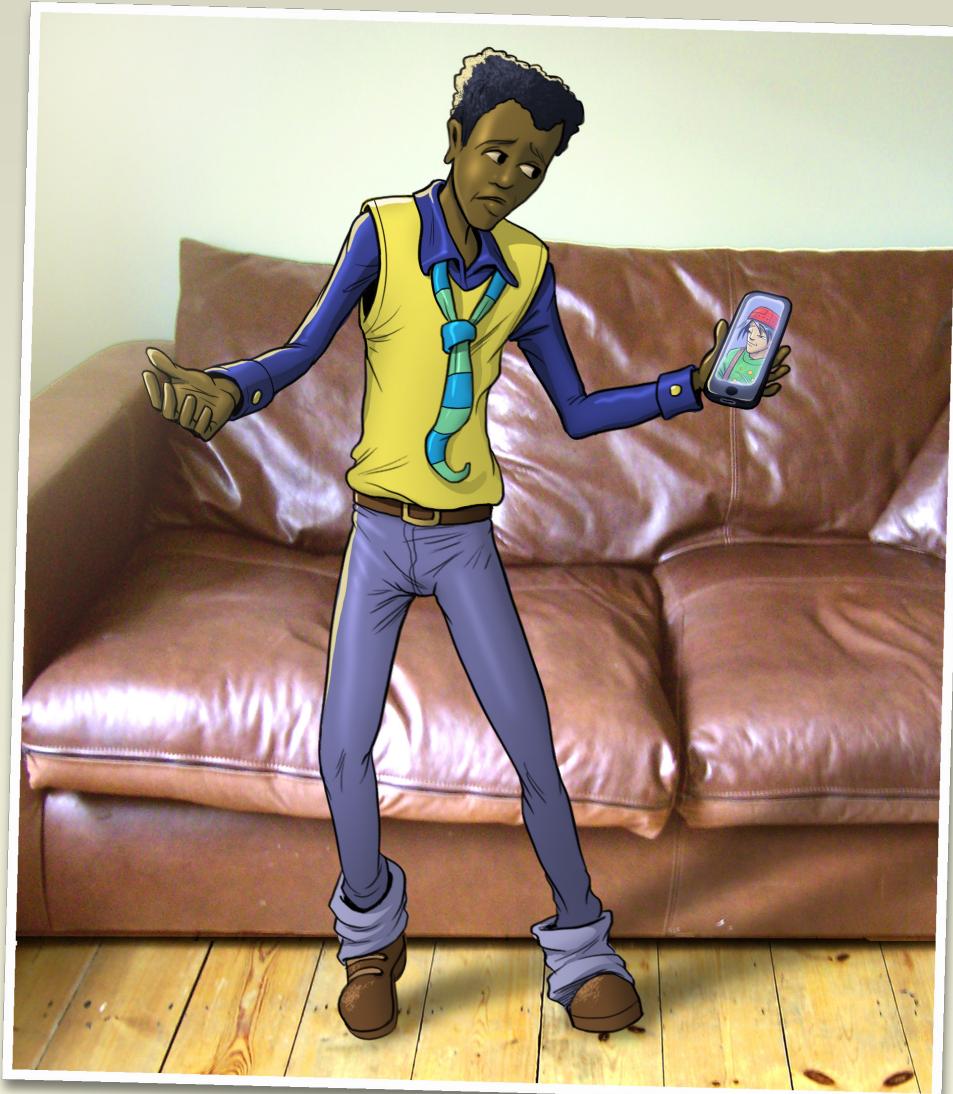
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Matt is hot and fed up. It is a sunny day and he is stuck at home. He misses playing in the band.



“I wish I had my drum kit,” says Matt. “I want to play the drums and sing with my pals again.”

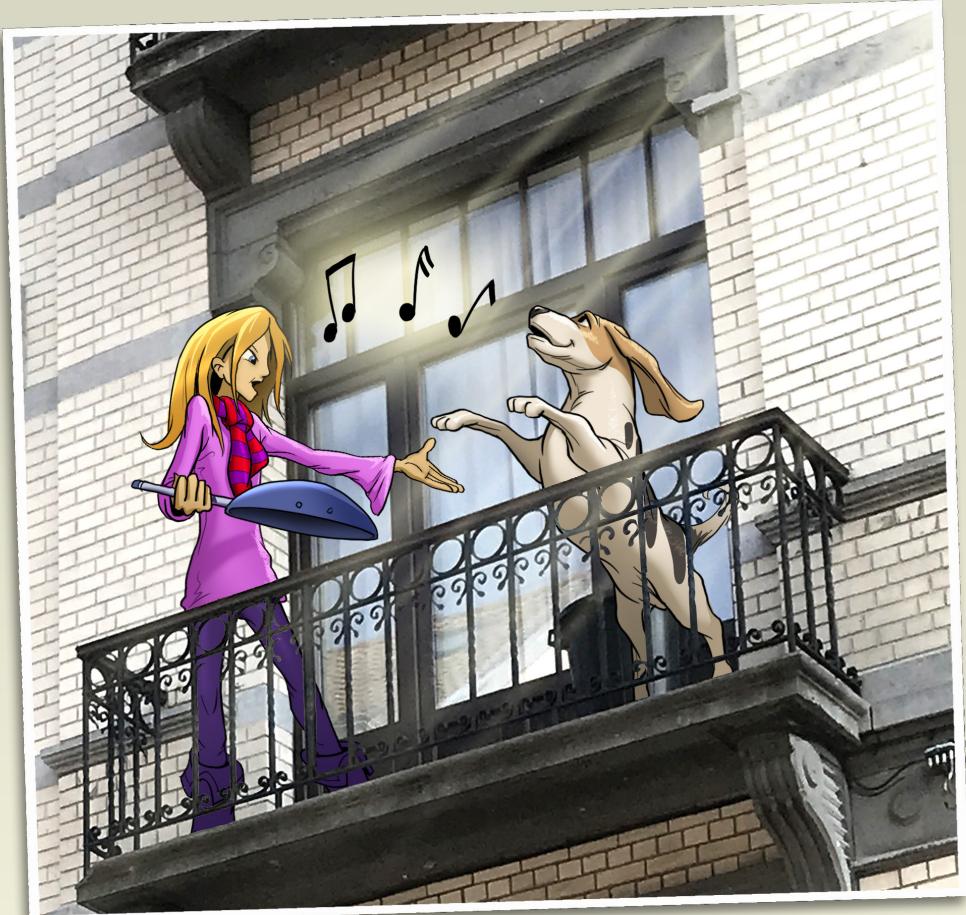


Matt makes a cake in his kitchen. He taps on a pan as he waits for the cake to bake. The pan makes a great drum!



Tam lives next to Matt. Matt gives her a call.

“Tam, let’s have a jam! We can use pans and cans as drums!”



Tam brings a wok to drum on.  
She has made up a song.  
“Stay in today and play on your  
pots and pans,” she sings.  
Moon sways along to the song!



Gran waves from along the street.  
“Stay playing!” she yells. “We don’t  
have to be in the same place. This  
is a great way to stay connected!”

# Words for reading and sorting

Photocopy and cut into cards for reading and sorting, or use as a sorting activity with different colored counters for each sound.

**a**

**ay**

**ai**

**a-e**

**ea**

table

clay

rain

display

great

steak

bake

trail

grapes

bacon

stay

shape

strain

cape

baby

stable

stray

paint

way

wave

break

cable

pain

cave

quaint

April

tray

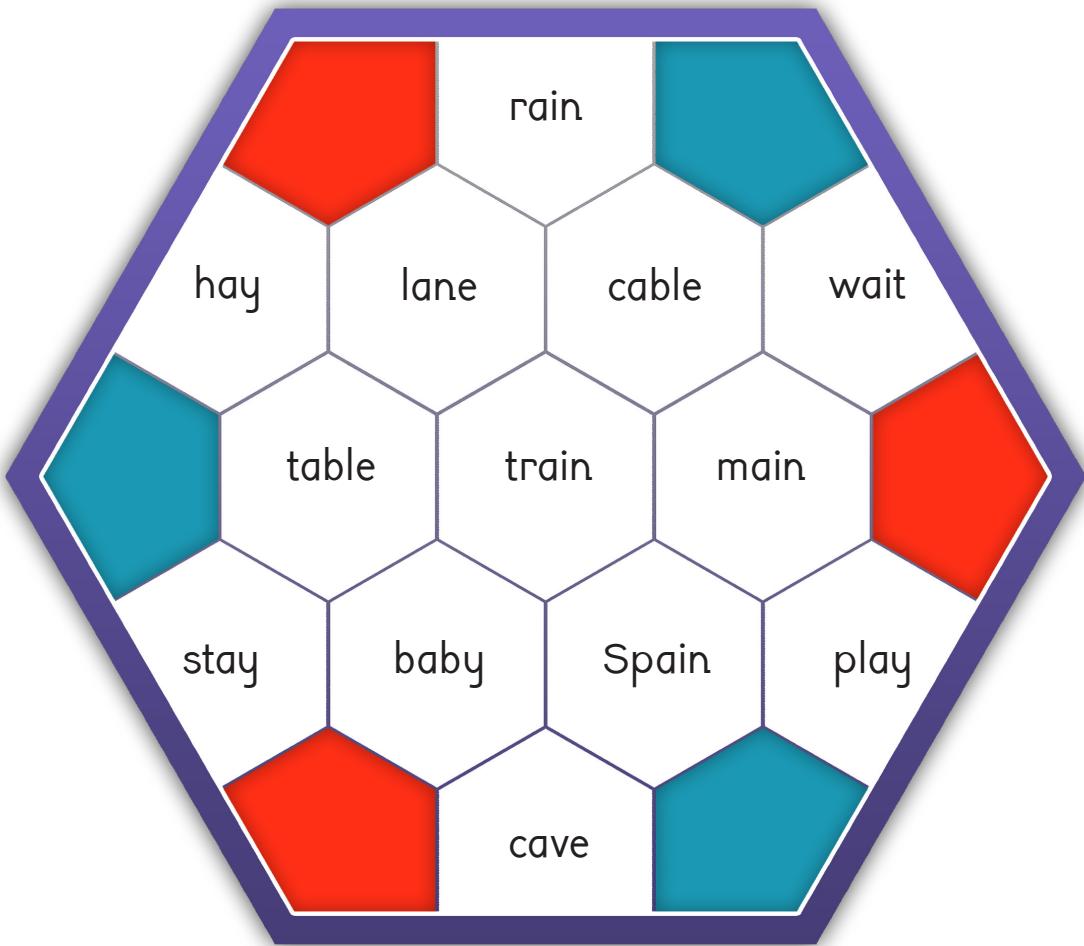
chain

spray

fazed



# JUMPING JACK GAME

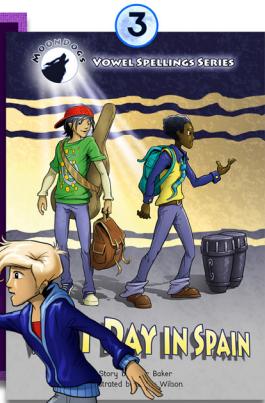
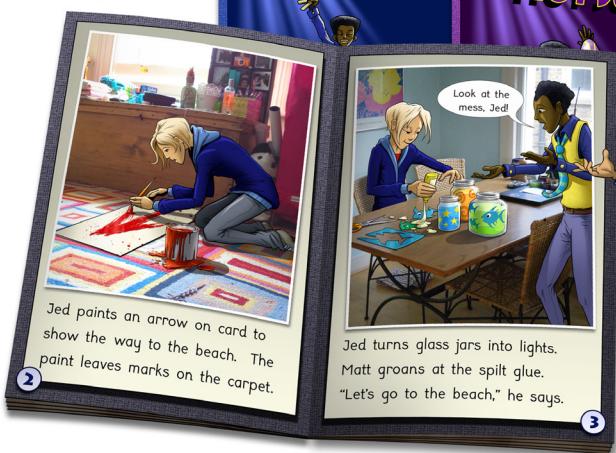


This is a game for two players. Each player has three counters, each set a different color. Players choose to be Red or Blue and place one counter on each of their colors.

Players take turns to move a counter by sliding it into an adjacent space or by jumping over their opponent's counter into an empty space. When a player lands on a word, he/she must read the word aloud. The winner is the first player to get all three of his/her counters in a straight line.

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**2**  
Jed paints an arrow on card to show the way to the beach. The paint leaves marks on the carpet.

**3**  
Jed turns glass jars into lights. Matt groans at the spilt glue. "Let's go to the beach," he says.

BOOK

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a, ai, ay, a-e, ea

Matt is stuck indoors and missing the band.  
Tapping on a pan gives him an idea...

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