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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic element	long /ā/ digraph: ai, ay, ea, eigh, ey
Words with new phonic element	bay, brain, day, eight, fail, Gail, gray, great, hey, mail, main, Maine, paid, pail, pain, paint, plain, rail, rain, sail, snail, Spain, stay, they, train, wail, wait, way, steak, weigh
Reviewed phonic elements	long /ē/ and short /e/ digraphs
Story words	another, people, ticket
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -er, -ing, -s; plural ending -s; possessive 's; two-syllable decodable words



Jake the snake and Gail the snail
lived by a bay in Maine.
They wanted to take a trip.

“Where can we go?” asked Jake.

“How about Spain?” asked Gail.

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“We can take a plane,” said Gail.
“No way! I hate planes,” wailed Jake.
“Then you can go by rail,” said Gail.
“Hey, I do not want to go by rail,” wailed Jake.
“I think trains and planes are a pain.”



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"You can go to Spain on a big ship," said Gail.
"That is a great plan," said Jake.
"I like to sail on a big ship.
Gail, you must have a great brain
to think up such a great plan."

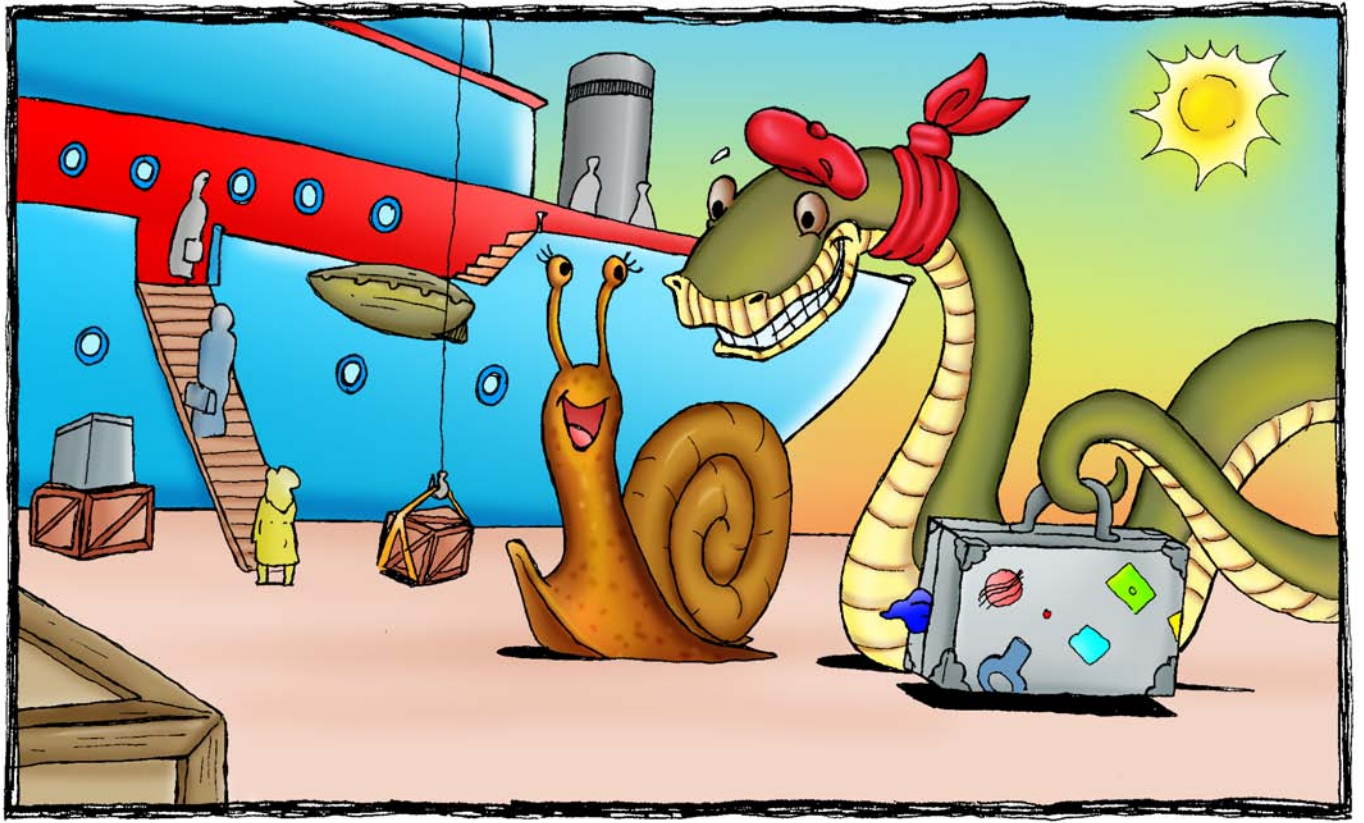


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“When will we leave?” asked Jake.
 “I cannot wait to sail to Spain.”
 “You have to leave today,” said Gail.
 “It will take a long time to sail to Spain.
 I will leave eight days later
 on a gray plane.
 We will meet in Spain.”
 That day, Jake and Gail paid for their tickets.



Jake and Gail met on Spain's main plain.
It rained each day they were in Spain.
"It never fails," said Jake.
"It always rains when I take a trip.
What will we do now?"
"Let's go eat a steak," said Gail.

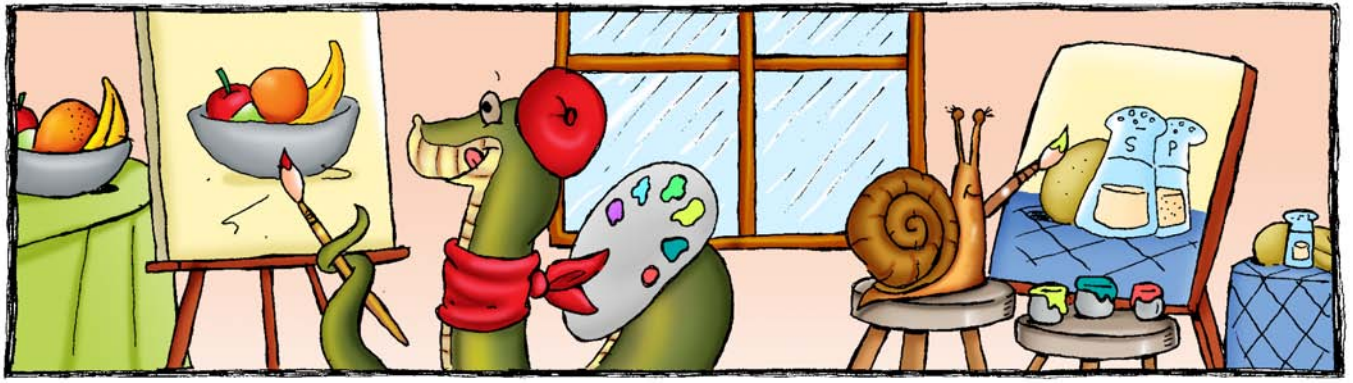


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Jake and Gail went to the
Main Street Diner to eat steak.
They each ate a big steak that weighed
as much as eight plates.
After they ate, Gail had another great plan.
“We can paint,” she said.
Spain is a land of great painters.

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So, Gail and Jake got eight brushes
and eight pails of paint.
Each day that it rained,
they stayed inside and painted.
They became great painters.

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The people of Spain paid Jake and Gail
lots of cash for their paintings.
Jake and Gail mailed their paintings
all over the land.
They stayed in Spain and got rich
from their paintings.

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