

**Rain Or Play?**  
**Vowel Digraphs**  
**ai and ay**  
**Word Sort**  
**and Games**



Dear Educator,

Thank you for your download! This is a collection of activities to use for the spelling generalization the vowel digraphs ai and ay. Word sorting is a brain-based activity that will be really get your students looking more critically at words and their patterns. ONE SORT IS NOT ENOUGH. Children need multiple exposures to sorting in a variety of ways. There should be no writing involved in the first sort. Just looking at the words, discovering patterns and determining categories is enough for the first lesson. Subsequent lessons can involve sorting, speed sorting, and blind sorting.

Use the word cards for sorting and for playing concentration. I've also added a making words template to practice building 3, 4, and 5 letter words with ai or ay.

Please be sure to check my [Teachers Pay Teachers Store](#) for more word study activities. Thank you!

-Emily Gibbons, [The Reading Tutor/OG](#)

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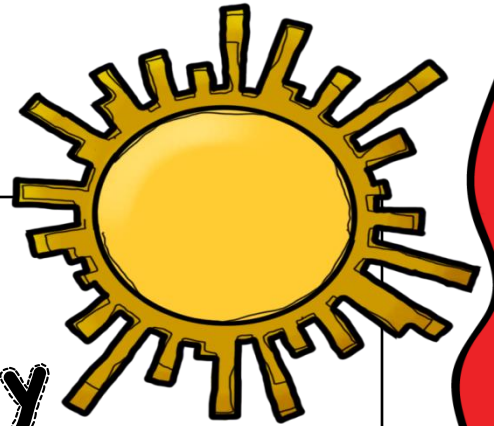
# Vowel Digraphs

## ai or ay



ai

Use ai  
at the  
beginning  
or middle  
of a word.

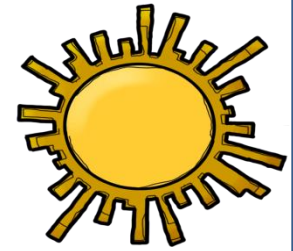


ay

Use ay  
at the end  
of a word.



## Directions for Concentration



### **Materials: one set of cards**

1. Shuffle the cards well. Place them face down in an array (A 4x6 or a 6x4 array will work well.)
2. Take turns flipping cards over to make matches.

### **THIS IS HOW YOU CAN MAKE A MATCH:**

- Find 2 cards that have the same vowel digraph.

# Cards for cutting, sorting and playing Concentration



rain



plain



aim



train



aid



sail



fail



mail



chain



grain



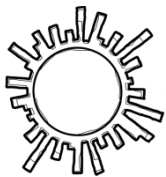
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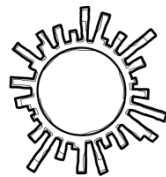
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day



say



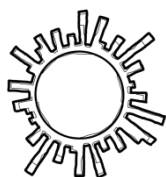
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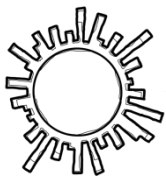
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may



fray



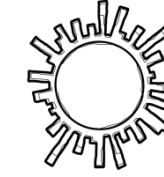
gray



away



delay



tray



ray

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort and write the word cards into the correct categories.

ai rain	ay play

Name: ANSWER KEY

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sort and write the word cards into the correct categories.

<b>ai</b> <b>rain</b>	<b>ay</b> <b>play</b>
rain	play
plain	day
aim	say
train	pray
aid	lay
sail	may
fail	fray
mail	gray
chain	away
grain	delay
paid	tray
hail	ray



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Making Words

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cut out the strip of letters at the bottom. Make words and write them in the chart.

3 letter words	4 letter words	5 letter words

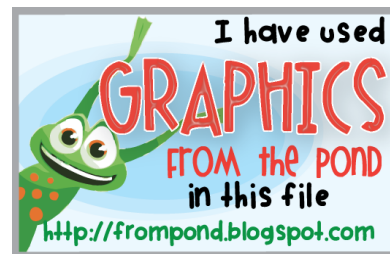
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