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Long AI & AY

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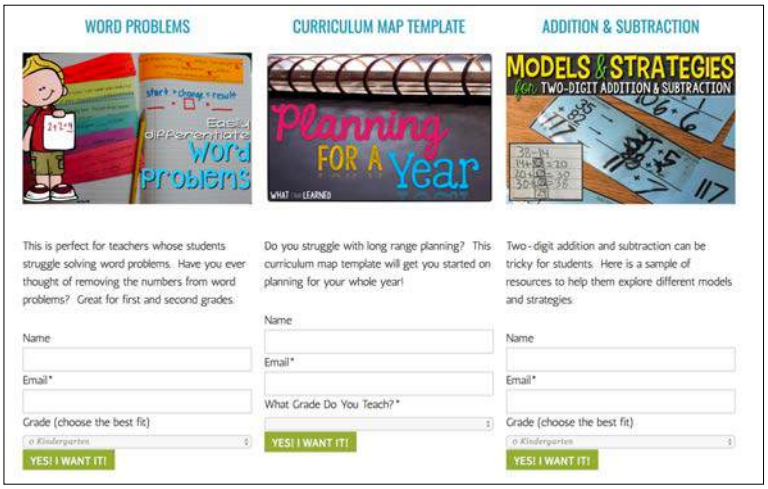
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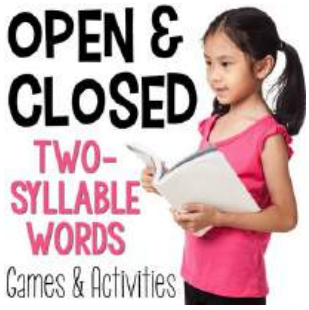
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* Words do not have blending cues at this level. If students are working on Long Vowel Teams, they should have mastered consonants, digraphs, and blends, as well as the skills of blending, segmenting and reading a word. Instead of blending cues, there is more space around the vowel team to emphasize it. If students cannot blend, segment and read words without blending cues, consider reviewing those skills outside of these worksheets.
* This set does include some Short CVC words mixed in with the long vowel teams.
* A few of the missing worksheets, while appropriate for the CVC Short Vowels, Digraphs, or VCE, are too easy and repetitive for the higher phonics patterns. They have been removed. Some worksheets have also been revised to increase their complexity.
* Worksheet #11 has two versions: One has shaded words to help students match the word and picture. The other version does not have shaded words.

Long Vowel Teams - AI & AY Words

The following words are included on the worksheets in this product. Worksheets with sentences will have previously taught words included in the sentences. Short vowel words are used as distractors and are sprinkled throughout the worksheets. Also included are short A and VCE-A words, as distractors. Sight words are used within sentences only.

aid	ail	aim	ain	aint	aise	ait	aith	ay	VCE	Short A
aid	bail	aim	brain	faint	raise	bait	faith	bay	bale	bat
braid	fail	claim	chain	paint		wait		clay	lane	clam
maid	flail		drain	saint				day	made	mad
paid	frail		gain					gray	male	man
raid	hail		grain					hay	mane	pad
	jail		main					jay	pane	pan
	mail		pain					lay	plane	plan
	nail		plain					may	plate	ran
	pail		rain					pay	race	
	quail		sprain					play	sale	
	rail		stain					pray	tale	
	sail		strain					say		
	snail		train					spray		
	tail							stay		
	trail							stray		
	wail							sway		
								tray		
								way		

Sight Words
for, me, you, the to, ball, use, do, were, have, go, there, her, we, their, he, they, my, there, are, your, what, goes

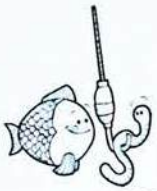
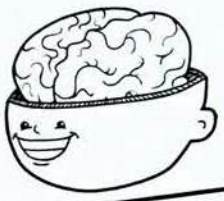
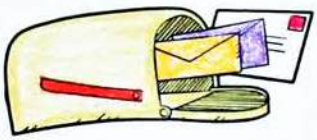
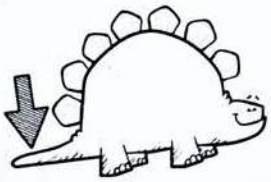
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AI / AY

Name: _____ AI / AY

#1 Color the Picture

Segment. Blend. Read. Color the picture that matches.

braid			
mail			
pay			
int			
ay			
			
			

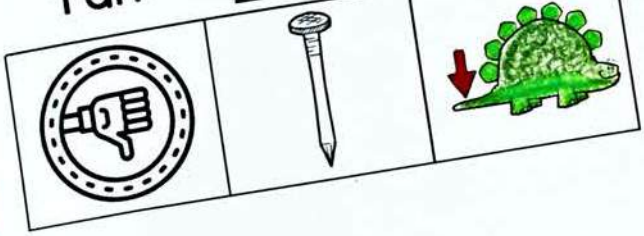

#3 Read. Trace. Write.
Name:
AI / AY
Segment. Blend. Read. Trace. Write.
segment, blend, read
trace
write
strain
clam
day
pane
jay
aim
nail

Name: _____ AI / AY

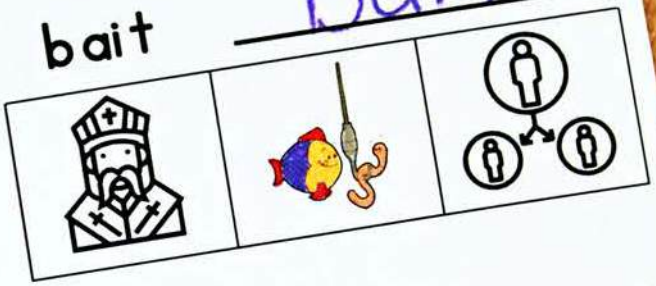
#4 Read. Write. Color.

Read the word. Write the word. Color the picture that matches.

tail tail



bait bait



main main



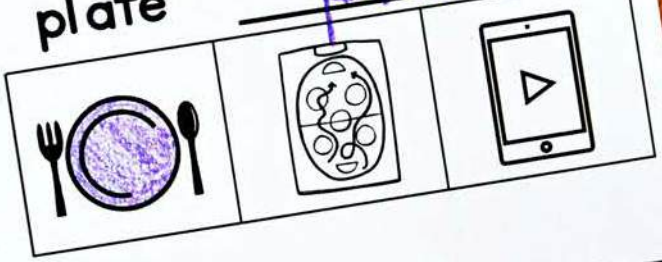
paid paid



pray pray



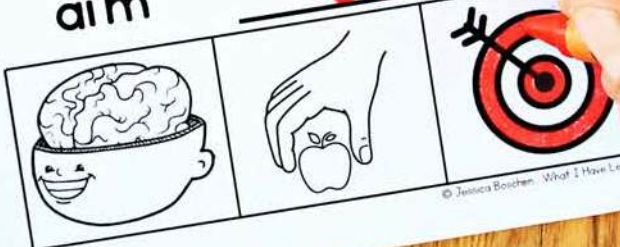
plate plate



rail rail



aim aim



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Name: _____ AI / AY

#5 Spell & Write

Circle the letters that spell the word. Write the word.



b	ai	n
c	ay	l

bail



d	e	le
t	a	ne

tale



cl	ay	n
sl	ai	m

claim



r	ai	m
s	ay	n

rain



s	ai	mt
z	ay	nt

saint



f	ay	th
b	ai	rh

faith



p	ay
pl	ai

Play



r	a	t
f	e	n

ran

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#6 Match & Write
Find the word that matches each picture. Write it.
Name:
AI / AY
sway
grain
fail
drain
race
plan
rail
clay
made
paint
pad
plain
rail
clay
race
fail
made
drain

#7 Color the Word & Write

Color the word that matches the picture. Copy the word onto the lines below it.

Name: _____

AI / AY



grain strain rain

rain



wait lay strain

strain



braid bay claim

braid



race claim rain

race



tail jail wait

tail



wait mad strain

mad

strain claim grain

claim



clay pray bay

clay



tail lay pray

pray



bay lay pray

lay



tail strain claim

tail

grain rain wait



pray ba

bay



jail

Name: _____

AI / AY

#8 Read and Check

Check the sentence that matches the picture.



- [x] Can you make a braid for me?
- [ ] I ask the maid to dust the fan.



- [x] I aim the bat at the ball.
- [ ] I claim the snack on the tray.



- [ ] The green clay left a stain.
- [x] I raise my hand in class.



- [x] The gray pail stands by the shed.
- [ ] The dog wags its tail to greet us.



- [x] I hang the frame on a nail.
- [ ] There is a snail on the plant.



- [x] Race up the lane to the bay!
- [ ] The pane on the shed is made of glass.



- [x] The chain is made of steel.
- [ ] I use my brain to do math.



- [ ] The man will fix the drain.
- [x] Did you faint when you were hot?



- [ ] You have to pay the fee to go.
- [x] I ran the long way home.



Name: _____ AI / AY

#9 Write Two Times

Write the word twice.

hail

snail

rain

saint















hail

snail

rain

s







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#10 Read. Match. Write

Use the word bank to fill in the sentence.

Name: _____ AI / AY

paid	raise	paint	sail	clay	plain



I raise my hand in class.



I paid a lot for the black pan.



The pants are plain, not striped.



aise the sail so we can go.

How ch paint is left in

th n?



grab clay

#11 Sentence Scramble Cut & Paste

Name: _____

AI / AY

Cut the words. Make a sentence.



The man | robs | and | goes | to | jail.







Place | dish

I ask | to | in

I | my | raise

hand | class.

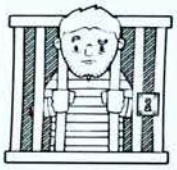
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#11 Sentence Scramble Cut & Paste

Cut the words. Make a sentence.

Name: _____

AI / AY



The man	robs	and	goes	to	jail.







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tray.	that	in	raise
dish	my	the	
Place	I	to	the fan.
	I ask	maid	
	dust		





#12 Write a Sentence

Name: _____

AI / AY

Use the words. Write a sentence.



paid black
a lot pan.
for the I

I paid a lot for the black pan.



A gray sits
on hay.
the cat

A gray cat sits on the hay.



shop and
Rob the
jail. go to

Rob the shop and go to jail.



were hot?
Did you you
when faint

Did you faint when you were hot?



claim the
nack I
the tray.

I claim the snack on the tray.



ck When
I
feel

When I run I feel pain in my back.

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#13 Picture Sort

Cut. Sort. Glue.

Name: _____

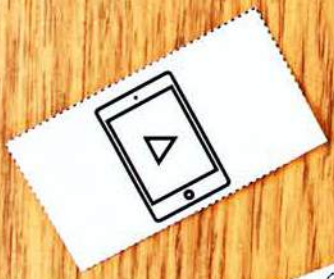
AI / AY

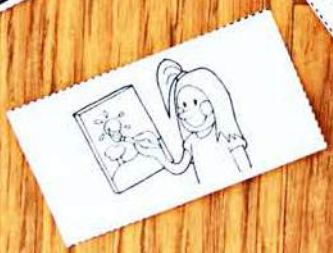
ay		ai	
			
			

bee, speech, feed, sleet, reek, heel, green, sleep, tea, each, lead, week, zeal, leave, heat, feast








#14 Word Sort
Cut. Sort. Glue.
Name:
AI / AY
ay
ai
say
jay
grain
quail
lay
aid
hay
sway
stain
fail
tail
gray
spray
pay
sail
laid

#15 Write by Word Family

Name: _____

AI / AY

Write words using the word family.

b	w	f	tr	gr

-ail

bail

wail

fail

trail

grail

br	tr	ch	str	g

-ain

brain

train

chain

strain

gain

b	w	cl	tr	d

-ay

bay

way

clay

tray

day

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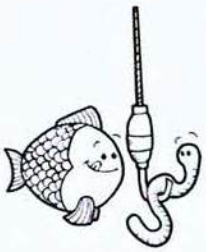
#16 Cut & Paste Onset Rime Name: _____

AI / AY

Cut. Match. Glue.



m aid →



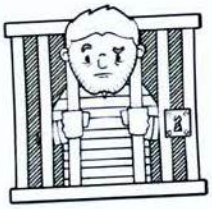
b ait →



f ail →



f aith →



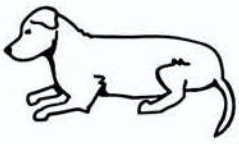
j ail →



gr ay →



sn ail →



l ay →



r aise →



pl ane →



ch ain →



str ay →



p ain →



pl ay →



#17 Cut. Paste. Write.

Name: _____

AI / AY

Find the word that matches each picture. Write it.



chain

chain



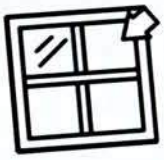
jay

jay



maid

maid



pane

pane



faith

faith



tray

tray



faint

fai



trail

trai



#18 Cut & Paste Onset & Rime Write

Name: _____

AI / AY

Cut. Match. Glue. Write.



cl ay

clay



n ail

nail



f aith

faith



f aint

faint



gr ain

grain



pr ay

pray







#20 Sentence Construction

Name: _____

AI / AY

Choose one phrase from each section and write a sentence.

who or what	did what	add on
~~The trail~~	can spray the paint	~~at the bay.~~
~~Hay~~	~~ends~~	from the can.
We	has a lot	in a long line.
You	have to wait	of pain.
The sprain	~~makes my nose~~	~~itch.~~

1. Hay makes my nose itch.

2. The trail ends at the bay.

3. You can spray the paint from the can.

4.

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#21 Word Construction

Name: _____

AI / AY

Choose from each box to create a real word.

~~br~~	br	~~s~~
w	m	p
~~tr~~	b	p
f	~~f~~	~~spr~~
h	~~p~~	~~n~~
gr	m	~~ch~~

ai

l	~~nt~~	n
~~d~~	~~n~~	t
l	d	l
~~n~~	~~nt~~	d
n	~~t~~	t
l	~~n~~	~~t~~

braid

train

sprain

nail

faint

paint

sail

chain



#22 Write the Rime

Write the missing part of the word.

Name: _____

AI / AY


braid


faint


bail


raise


hail


faith


snail


jay


claim


pray


drain


stay


stain


way

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#23 Cut & Paste Sentences

Name: _____

AI / AY

Choose the word to fill in the sentence.



Did you [faint] when you were hot?



Rob the shop and go to [jail] .



[may] I make a craft with clay?



I [gain] five cents at the bake sale.



We will [aid] them in their task.



What [day] of the week is it?



I [aim] the bat at the ball.



You can [spray] the paint from the can?



#24 Read. Choose. Write. Draw.

Name: _____

AI / AY

Choose the word to fill in the sentence. Draw a picture to match.

frail | frame

The frail man had to use a cane.



bait | bay

The bait at the shop is on sale.



trade | tray

Place a dish on that tray.



clam | claim

I e snack on the tray.

clay | claim

I grab the with my hand.

stain | stay

The gre eft .

spade | spray

You can the paint from the can.


Crayola
Crayola
Crayola

#25 Word Search

Name: _____

Find real words with AY or AI in the word search. Write the words on the spaces.

AI / AY

Z	R	O	J	A	I	D	M	A	Y
Y	Y	X	T	A	I	L	A	A	V
N	S	T	R	A	I	N	S	U	S
G	T	I	W	A	I	T	M	E	I
R	B	C	J	A	Q	H	J	A	K
A	A	M	H	T	M	J	A	I	L
Y	I	C	N	Q	A	X	W	M	Z
E	L	I	H	J	I	P	R	A	Y
I	A	R	Y	W	N	X	T	I	U
P	A	I	L	V	N	F	P	M	U

wait

pray

Train

gray

main

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