

PHONICS WORD SORTS

LONG VOWEL EDITION

SoR
aligned

Write them under the correct long vowel. Then, read each list three times.

laid	pay
ray	bait
way	tail

ay

Name: _____

Find long vowel team words and write them under the correct long vowel. Then, read your list three times.

ai

ay

Name: _____

Cut out the words. Say each word. Sort and glue the word by long vowel team.

ai	ay
paid	wait
way	dav

Teacher Dictation Scripts

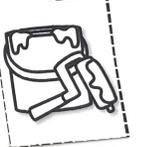
ai VS ay

Directions: In this activity, I am going to say a word, use it in a sentence, and say it again. Your job is to listen for the long a sound. Each word will have the long a sound spelled ai or ay. Then you will write the word in the correct column on your paper based on how the long a sound is spelled.

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maid	The maid will do the dishes.
Jay	Jay has a red hat.
hay	The cow eats hay.
wait	Please wait your turn.
lay	I like to lay on the couch.

Name: _____

Cut the pictures. Say each word. Sort and glue the word by long vowel team.

ai	ay
	
	

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differentiate with 5 sorts per skill

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5 LONG VOWEL SKILLS INCLUDED

Comparing Long Vowel Team Sounds

ai VS ay

ea VS ee

oa VS ow

*ie VS y

mixed long vowel team review

Please note: In the picture sort, students will hear the /ie/ or /ee/ sound spelled as **ie OR y. Because the spelling difference cannot be heard, the picture sorts should be completed with teacher guidance and is included to support spelling pattern awareness and consistency within the phonics skill set.*

5 sort types per skill



no-prep sorts total

Covers all long vowel teams decoding contrasts for targeted phonics instruction.

Includes **5** research-based sort types for every skill!

long vowel teams

Name: _____

Cut the pictures. Say each word. Sort and glue the word by sound.

ai	ay



long vowel teams

Name: _____

Cut out the words. Say each word. Sort and glue the word by sound.

ai	ay

way	fail
day	bait
paid	say
wait	hay
bay	jail
May	rain

picture/sound only

words only

Use a different sort each week day **OR** differentiate to meet every student's needs!

long vowel teams

Name: _____

Read the words. Write them under the correct long vowel. Then, read each list three times.

day	rail	laid	pay
sail	say	ray	bait
bay	pain	way	tail

ai	ay

decoding + encoding

long vowel teams

Name: _____

Word Hunt & Sort

Find long vowel team words and write them under the correct long vowel. Then, read your lists three times each.

ai	ay

Color a star each time you read the lists above.

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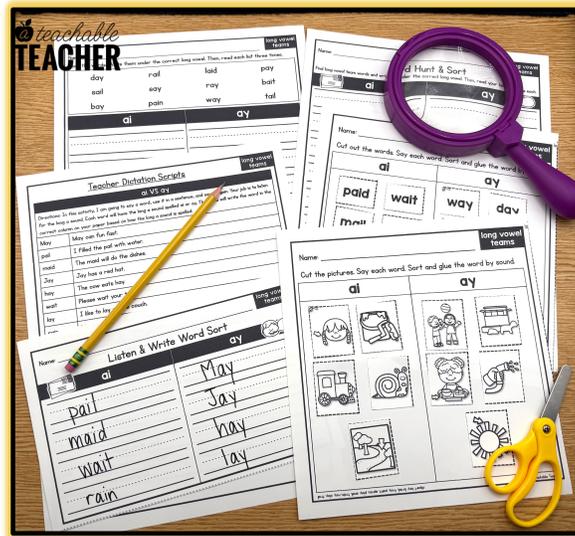
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Listen & Write Word Sort

ai	ay

dictation

There's a sort for that!



Word Work Routine

Use a different sort each day to target the same phonics skills all week.

Small Group Reading

Choose the best-fit sort for your group's current skill level.

Phonics Intervention

Target foundational decoding skills in a structured, hands-on way.

Homework Or Take-Home Practice

Send home a sort to reinforce class instruction.

Quick Assessments or Progress Monitoring

Use the written word sort or dictation sort as a no-prep skill check.