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Some children may have difficulty pronouncing words containing the long *a* vowel sound.

Listen

Say: *Let's listen to the long a sound in the Basic Word play:* /ā/, /ā/ /ā/ /ā/, plāāāy, play. Repeat with the long *a* sound in the Basic Word *rain*: /ā/, /ā/ /ā/ /ā/, rāāāin, rain.

Speak and Read

Write the Basic Words *play* and *rain* on the board. Say *play*, elongating the long *a* sound. Have children repeat after you. Say: *The word play contains the long a vowel sound,* /ā/, *but there is no letter e at the end of the word. The long a sound in play is spelled ay*. Point to *rain* and say it aloud, elongating the vowel as you point to the *ai*. Ask: *What letters spell the long a sound in rain?*

Write the words *sail* and *day* on the board. Circle the spelling of the long *a* sound in each word. Say: *Many words have the long a sound. The long a* sound *can be spelled ai or ay*. Point to each Basic Word on the board and have children read it aloud.

Spell

Beginning/Preproduction Make word cards for the Basic Words *play*, *rain*, *say*, *day*, and *pain*. Have partners take turns reading the words aloud, elongating the long vowel sound. Have them identify the letters that spell the long *a* sound in each word.

Early Production/Speech Emergent Create and distribute word cards for the Basic Words *play*, *rain*, *say*, *way*, *day*, *mail*, and *pain*. Write sentences for each word. Have children complete each sentence by holding up the appropriate word card and reading the word aloud. Example: *My coat got wet in the* ___.

Intermediate/Advanced Create and distribute word cards for the Basic Words *play*, *rain*, *say*, *way*, *day*, *mail*, and *pain*. Place the cards facedown on a desk. Ask a child to turn over a card, read the word, and lead a clap-and-spell chant. Repeat for each word.

Sort

Remind children that the long *a* may be spelled *ay* or *ai*. Say: *I will say some Basic Words aloud, and you will tell me, all together, whether the words belong in the column for long a spelled ai or long a spelled ay*. Read the Basic Words *play*, *rain*, *say*, *way*, *day*, *mail*, *stay*, *may*, and *pain* aloud. Record words in the appropriate column as children respond.

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