

Long A Word Hunt

Find the long a spelling in multisyllabic words.

2.2.C.iv "spelling multisyllabic words with multiple sound-spelling patterns;"

NAME _____

DATE _____

AI IN THE MIDDLE

In these multisyllabic words, ai spells the long a sound inside a word part. Look for ai before more letters in that part.

sailboat

AY AT THE END

In these multisyllabic words, ay spells the long a sound at the end of a word part. Another word part may come after it.

holiday

1 SORT 8 items

Circle MIDDLE or END for each word, then pick two words and explain whether the long a spelling is inside or at the end of a word part.

1. raincoat

MIDDLE

END

2. playground

MIDDLE

END

3. daytime

MIDDLE

END

4. mailbox

MIDDLE

END

5. paintbrush

MIDDLE

END

6. railroad

MIDDLE

END

7. paycheck

MIDDLE

END

8. haystack

MIDDLE

END

2 PROVE IT Explain your thinking

Pick two items from Part 1. For each one, tell how you knew where it belonged.

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

ITEM # _____ HOW I KNEW _____

3 MAKE YOUR OWN One of each

Write one new multisyllabic word with ai in the middle of a word part and one new multisyllabic word with ay at the end of a word part.

MIDDLE _____

END _____

CHALLENGE

Write one sentence that uses both of your new words.

PART 1 • SORT

#	ITEM	CATEGORY	WHY
1	raincoat	MIDDLE	ai spells long a inside the word part rain.
2	playground	END	ay spells long a at the end of the word part play.
3	daytime	END	ay spells long a at the end of the word part day.
4	mailbox	MIDDLE	ai spells long a inside the word part mail.
5	paintbrush	MIDDLE	ai spells long a inside the word part paint.
6	railroad	MIDDLE	ai spells long a inside the word part rail.
7	paycheck	END	ay spells long a at the end of the word part pay.
8	haystack	END	ay spells long a at the end of the word part hay.

PART 2 • PROVE IT

Accept any explanation that names the deciding feature from the rule box for the chosen item.

PART 3 • MAKE YOUR OWN (SAMPLE ANSWERS)

- **MIDDLE:** mainland
- **END:** today

Challenge: The mainland trip begins today.

For Part 2, accept explanations that correctly identify ai inside a word part or ay at the end of a word part. For Part 3, accept correctly spelled multisyllabic words that follow the stated long a patterns.