ai and ay: Read, Sort and Spell

Answers and adult reading guidance.

Read and sort

ai: rain, train, paint, snail, tail, mail

ay: play, day, stay, tray, clay, spray

Sentence words

1. The dog wags its tail.

2. We put the cups on a tray.

3. We can paint a picture with a brush.

4. The rain falls from a cloud.

5. Let us play a game together.

6. Monday is one day of the week.

Spelling choices: rain (ai), play (ay).

Read aloud when needed. These words may include consonant combinations that a learner is still practising. The position observation applies to this chosen word set; it is not an absolute rule for all English words.

Background: DfE English Appendix 1: Spelling, Year 1 vowel digraphs.