

The ay Family Set



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ay Word Family List

bay

may

stay

bray

nay

stray

clay

pay

sway

day

play*

tray

gray

pray

way

hay

ray

lay

say

Ouch!

(ay)

(Tune: Oats, Peas, Beans and Barley Grow)

I saw a hermit crab today.

It didn't stop to stay and play.

Instead it reached right out to grab

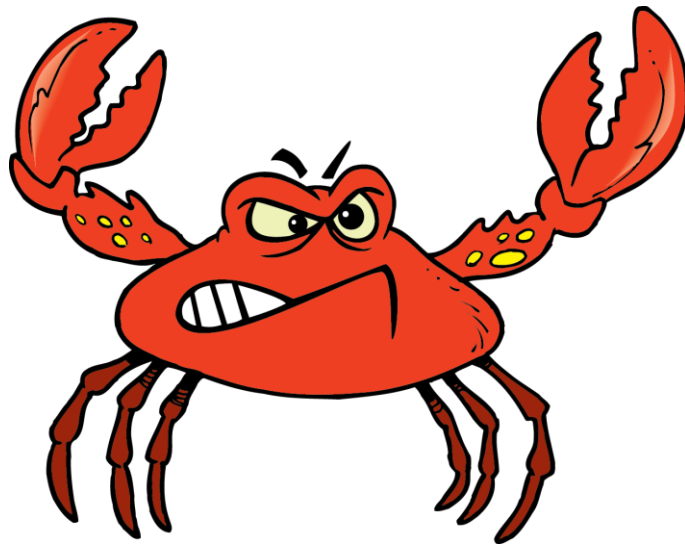
my toe and then it ran away!

So if you see a crab today,

you'd better not get in its way!

It only wants to grab your toe.

It doesn't want to stay and play!



Hop! Hop! Hop!

(ay)

(Tune: Miss Polly Had a Dolly)

Hopscotch is a game that I love to play.

I love to play it almost every day.

I hop to the end and I turn around,
and I keep one foot way above the ground.

I say my numbers and I hop, hop, hop!
There's the recess bell! Do I have to stop?

Yes, this is a game that I love to play.

I'll be back out to play on another day!



Squish, Squash, Squiggle, Squirt

(ay)

(Tune: Row, Row, Row Your Boat)

It's a rainy day,
time for puddly play!

Squish, squash,
squiggle, squirt,
under skies of gray.

Squeeze mud between your toes.

Squirt them with a hose.

Squish, squash,
squiggle, squirt.

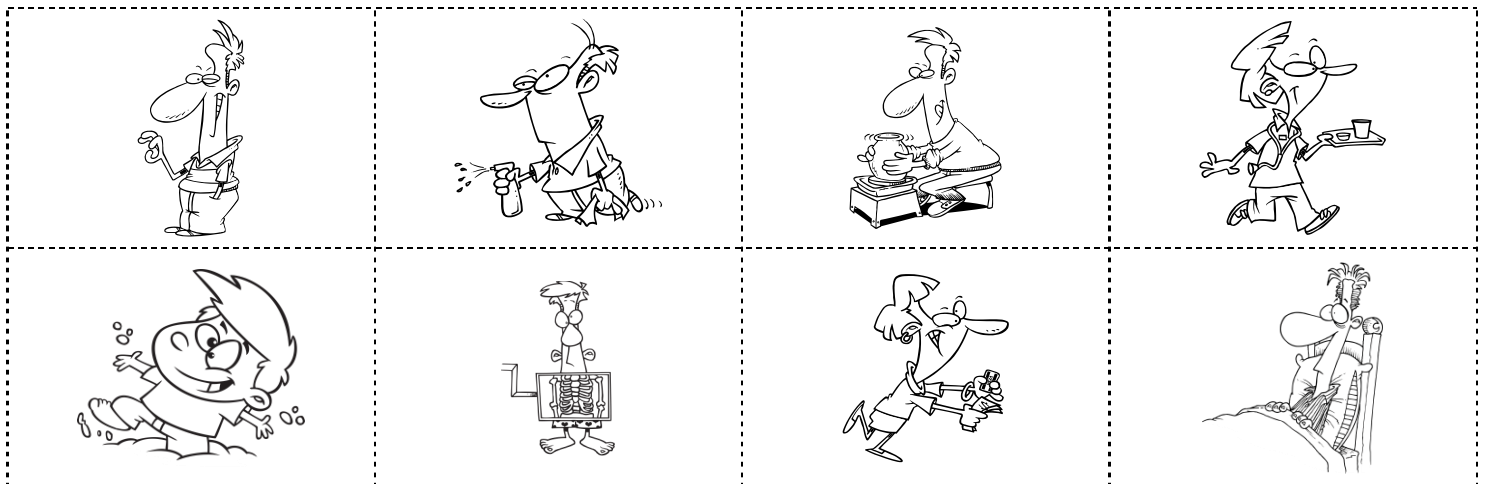
Now go and change your clothes!



Cut and Paste: ay



okay		clay	
play		x-ray	
tray		pay	
lay		spray	



Circle and Write



Look at the picture in each box. Circle the word that matches the picture. Write the word on the lines.

1.



pay
play

2.



say
spray

3.



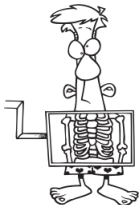
play
pray

4.



tray
they

5.



exit
x-ray

More Circle and Write



Say the name of each picture. Read the words and circle the word that names the picture. Write the word underneath the picture. Make a picture for the last word. You may need to use the dictionary.



pray

play



pray

pay



toy

tray



spin

spray



stray

stay



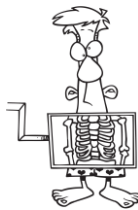
okay

key



play

plan



exit

x-ray

day

Finish and Write



Say the name of each picture. If the picture belongs in the -ay family and rhymes with *play*, add -ay to finish writing the word.



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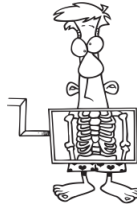
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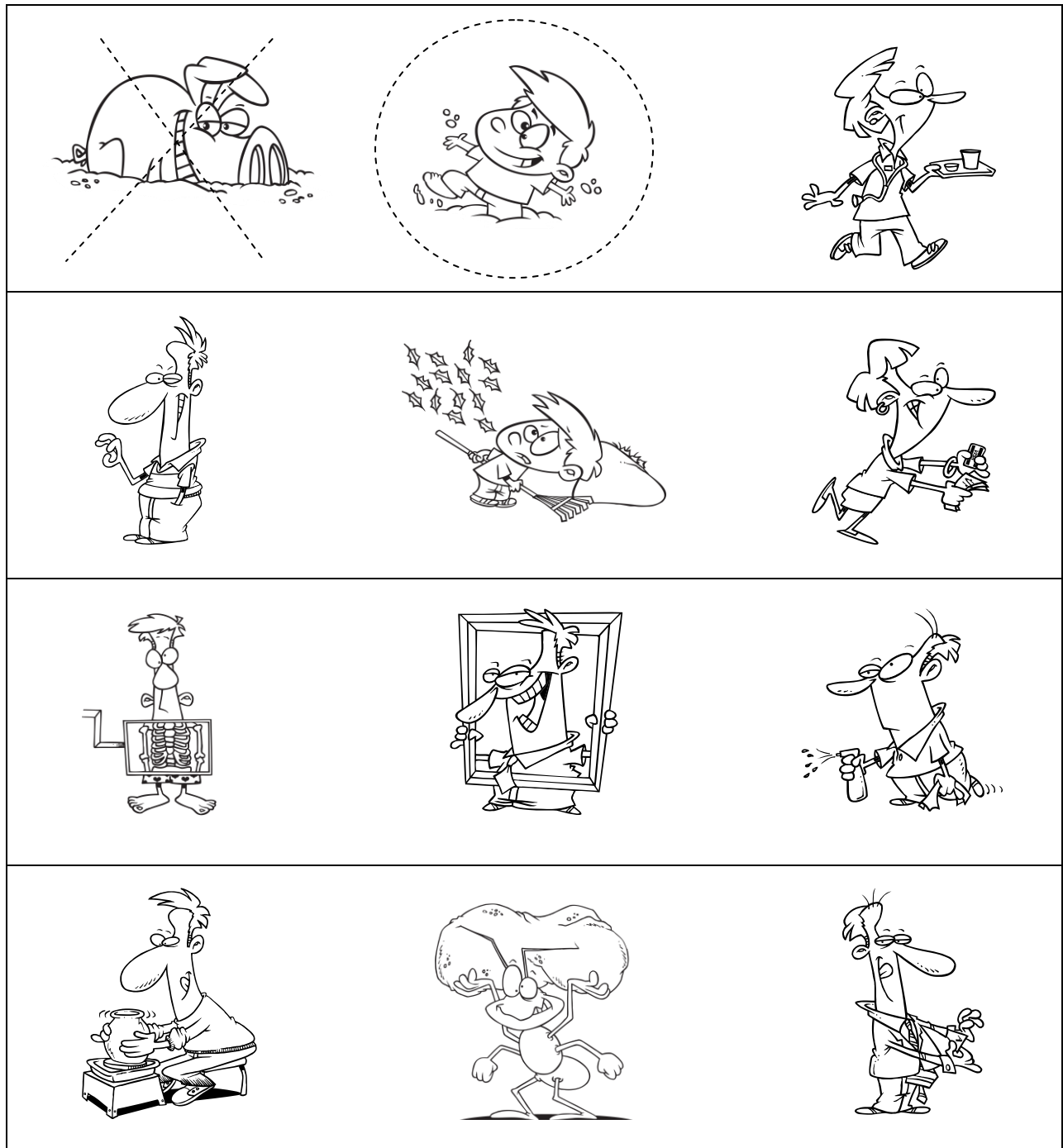


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X's and O's



Directions for teacher/parent: Students circle each picture that ends with the -ay rime. They make an x on each picture that does not end with the ay rime.

More X's and O's





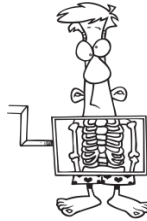














Directions to teacher/parent: Students circle each picture that ends with the -ay rime and write the word in the box. If the picture does not end with the -ay rime, students make an x over the picture.

See, Say, Spell and Write



Handwriting practice lines (solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line) for the word 'typewriter'.



Handwriting practice lines (solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line) for the word 'waiter'.



Handwriting practice lines (solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line) for the word 'spray'.



Handwriting practice lines (solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line) for the word 'key'.



Handwriting practice lines (solid top and bottom lines with a dashed middle line) for the word 'torch'.

birthday



Cloze the Gap: ay

Read the following sentences, saying the word "play" when you come to a blank space. Use words from the *ay* family to fill in the blanks and make sense. Reread your sentences to double check your choices!

1. When I was in kindergarten, I got to play with _____.
2. His dog knows how to sit and how to _____.
3. My big sister uses too much hair _____.
4. What game do you want to _____ after school?
5. Don't forget to take your lunch _____ back to the cafeteria.
6. You can get stung by a _____ at the beach.
7. It's fun to jump in the pile of _____ at the farm.
8. Some people drive too fast on the _____.
9. What _____ is it today?
10. Christmas is my favorite _____.
11. Our airplane sat in line on the _____.

Word Bank

stay	clay	holiday	tray	hay	runway
day	spray	freeway	play	stingray	

Score With Scrabble!

SCORE

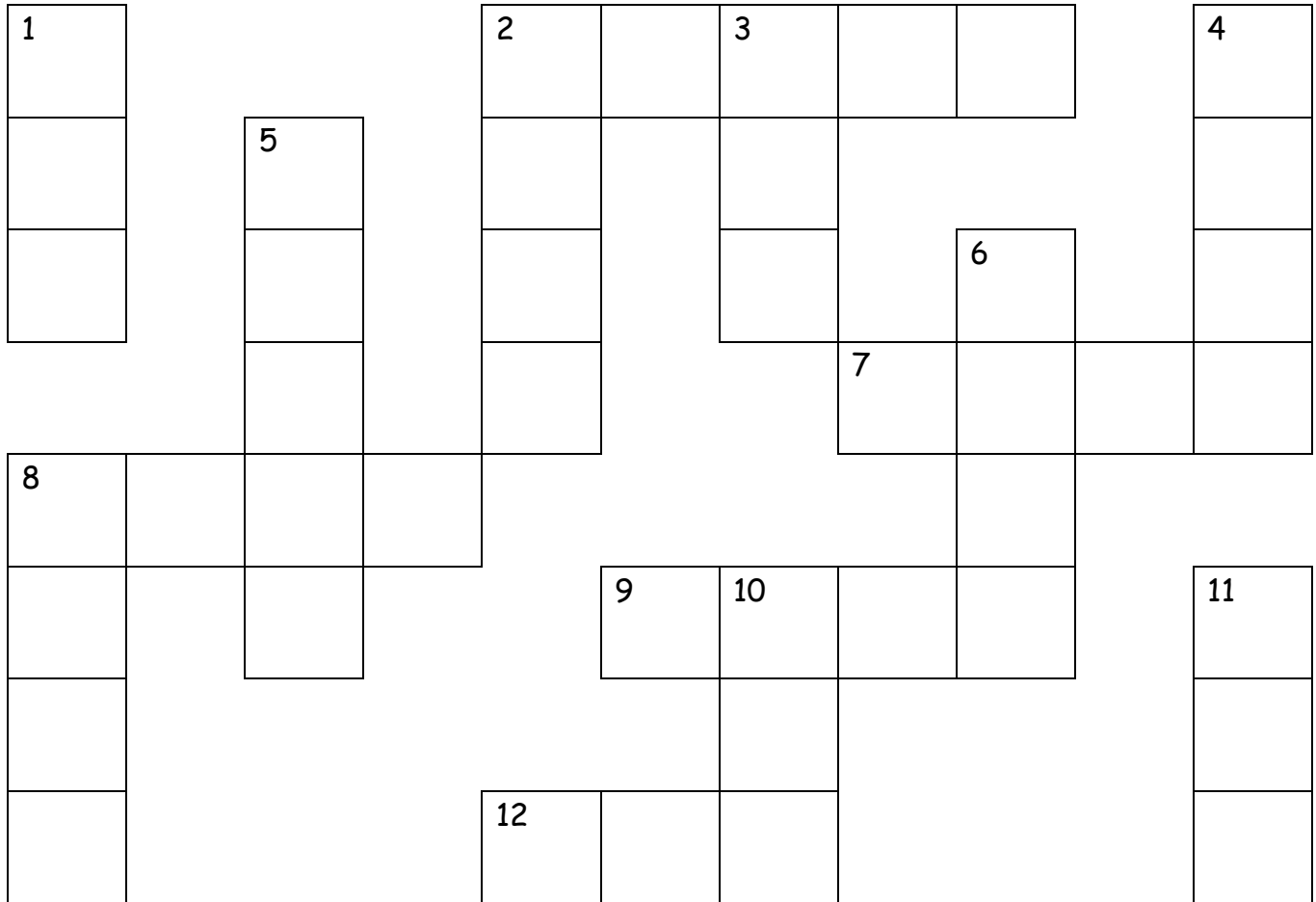
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W ₄	E ₁	E ₁	K ₅	D ₂	A ₁	Y ₄	

Definition Derby: ay

Read each -ay family word in the first column. Find the correct definition and write the matching letter next to the word (see sample). Write each word in a sentence.

Word		Sentence	Definition
1. bay	d	<i>We like to see the song called, "Down By the <u>Bay</u>."</i>	a. opposite of <i>night</i>
2. bray			b. might or perhaps will; fifth month
3. clay			c. dried grasses fed to farm animals
4. day			d. part of an ocean or lake that is partly surrounded by land
5. gray			e. to give money for something
6. hay			f. to squirt or apply a mist
7. may			g. have fun; a theater performance
8. pay			h. the sound of a donkey
9. play			i. earth baked and dried to make pottery and bricks
10. say			j. remain in one place; opposite of <i>go</i>
11. spray			k. to speak or pronounce words
12. stay			l. color made by mixing black and white

Crossword Puzzle: ay



Across

2. shower or squirt water or mist
7. color made from black and white
8. something we do for fun
9. to move back and forth
12. a spring month

Down

1. to give money to buy something
2. a command for a dog
3. a beam of sunlight
4. soil used for making pottery
5. a lost or homeless dog or cat
6. Waiters carry food on one.
8. a homophone for *prey*.
10. This is the ___ we go to work.
11. to place or put something down

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play



clay



pay



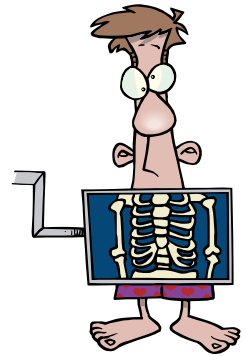
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tray



x-ray



pray



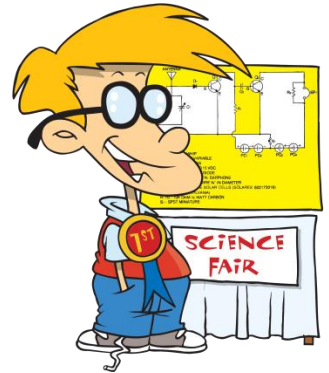
bray



subway



display



stray



okay



okay



lay



ay Partner Puzzle

Print the Partner Puzzle on vellum. Laminate for durability or print in gray scale for children to cut, color and glue.

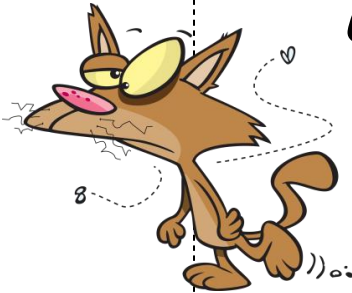
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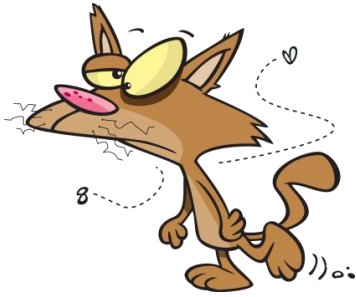


clay



ay Words and Pictures for Sorts and Stuff

-ay Pictures and Words



-ay Pictures and Words

stray

-ay Pictures and Words



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clay

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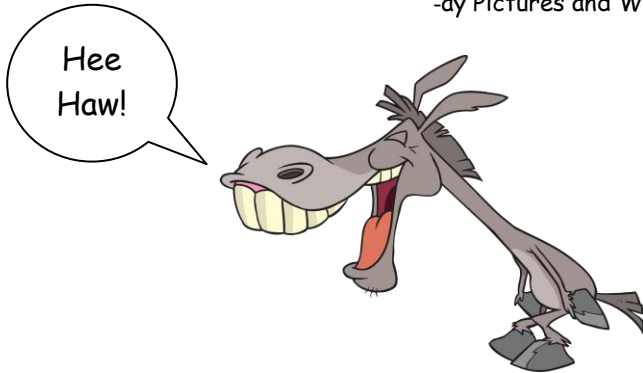


-ay Pictures and Words

pay

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-ay Pictures and Words



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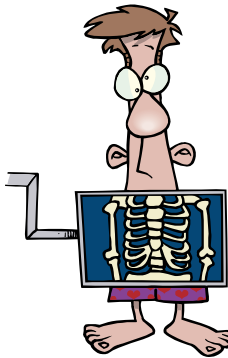
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play

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x-ray

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subway

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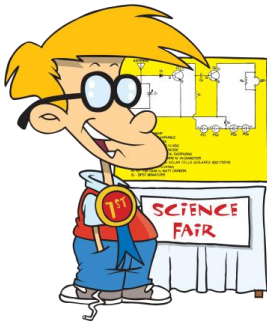
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spray

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display

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lay

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ray

-ay Pictures and Words

stay

ay Words and Pictures for Sorts and Stuff

-ay Pictures and Words

stingray

-ay Pictures and Words

sway

-ay Pictures and Words

way

-ay Pictures and Words

lay

-ay Pictures and Words

away

-ay Pictures and Words

may

-ay Pictures and Words

birthday

-ay Pictures and Words

freeway

ay Family Word Slide

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ay Family Word Slide
(Sound Blending)

Print on vellum, cut, and laminate for durability. Cut the top and bottom slits to the left of the rime chunk for the slide. Model proper use for students: blending to form and say new words.

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