

Handwriting sheet: Precursive Arrow worksheet

Word list: *ai* words - set 1

In English spelling, the letter combination *ai* often represents the long /a/ sound. This is a common spelling pattern found in words such as *rain*, *train*, or *paint*. It is different from the short /a/ sound found in words like *cat* or *hat*.

Words that might look similar sound totally different depending on whether they have a short /a/ sound or a long /a/ sound, for example *am* and *aim* or *clam* and *claim*.

As there are six different ways of spelling the long /a/ sound, it is important to learn to identify and remember words that use the *ai* spelling. Have a go at the spelling activities and games – you'll be confident in no time!

aid

aim

paid

fail

mail

sail

tail

snail

claim

main

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pain

chain

plain

stain

strain

wait

gait

paint

faint

waist