

Spelling list: ai versus ay

'ai' is used when the sound is embedded in the word, whereas 'ay' is used if the sound is at the end of the word. Be careful of words with tails... suffixes!

always We **always** do our homework in the evening.

dismay Lily's shriek of **dismay** caused Ruby to turn around.

display There was a **display** of books in the window.

decay Brush your teeth every day to prevent **decay** .

essay Have you finished your **essay** yet?

portray Does this picture **portray** a good likeness?

relay They set a new record for the 400m **relay** race.

Saturday Jack goes to the pub every **Saturday** .

Wednesday He will be 16 years old on **Wednesday** .

spray Antibacterial **spray** helps to kill germs.

again I have lost my door key **again** .

afraid My son is **afraid** of the dark.

entail What will the job **entail** ?

explain Please **explain** why you are late.

detail The wedding was planned down to the last **detail** .

delayed The plane was **delayed** by fog.

complaining The child was **complaining** to his mother.

container Please put your left over pasta in the plastic **container** .

Adeline felt **betrayed** when her brothers played the horrible prank with the

betrayed

orange juice.

obtain

It is hard to **obtain** a good result if you have not studied.