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Vowel teams: ai, ay, ee, ea, oa, ow

FOR YOU How to use this in 5 minutes

1 Meet the teams. **SAY:** “Two vowels can team up and say one long sound. The team ai says a long A, like rain, ee says a long E, like bee, and oa says a long O, like boat.”

2 Fill in the team. **SAY:** “Name the picture. Which team is missing? Use the word bank, and say the word as you write it.”

3 Sort by sound. **SAY:** “Read each word. Do you hear a long A, a long E or a long O? Write it in that column.”

Tip. The teams ai and oa usually sit inside a word, and ay and ow often come at the end: rain but day, boat but snow. Point it out when you spot one.

1 Write the missing vowel team

WORD BANK ai ee ea oa ow



r____n



sn____l



b____



l____f



b____t



b____l

2 Read each word. Write it under its long vowel sound.

WORD BANK

play
grow

team
tray

road
clean

wait
coat

seed

long a as in rain

long e as in bee

long o as in boat

3 Circle the 5 words with a vowel team

The goat eats oats on the road in the rain.

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Answer key

Vowel teams: ai, ay, ee, ea, oa, ow

1 Write the missing vowel team

rain (ai)
snail (ai)
bee (ee)
leaf (ea)
boat (oa)
bowl (ow)

2 Read each word. Write it under its long vowel sound.

long a: play, wait, tray
long e: team, seed, clean
long o: road, grow, coat

3 Circle the 5 words with a vowel team

goat, eats, oats, road, rain

If it's hard

- If your child reads boat as "bo-at," cover the second letter and remind them the team makes one sound.
- Spelling these is harder than reading them. Lean on the word bank; knowing which team to pick comes with lots of reading.



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