

Just Right
Reader



Max's New Car

Look for these sounds!

ai, ay



Fun
Phonics
Tips

Vowel Teams! Vowels can come together to make one sound. Let's break apart the sounds in nail, /n/ /āi/ /l/ and day, /d/ /ā/. There are fewer sounds than letters.

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A new word
to know for
this book



Racetrack

It was a fantastic day for Max! She had been saving up cash to pay for a new, flashy sports car. Now she could afford one!

"This is the car I want, Pat Cat!" said Max.



"It's not plain like the others. See! It has these neat black stripes painted on the side," said Max.

"The seats are soft, too," she added. "Give them a try!"



Pat Cat hopped in the car.

"The seats are soft and comfy!" he praised.

"Right?" said Max. "We can lay in there on the next trip to the bay."



"Do you want to go on a test drive?" asked Max.

Pat Cat started to say yes, but he stopped. He was afraid Max would drive very fast, too fast for him.



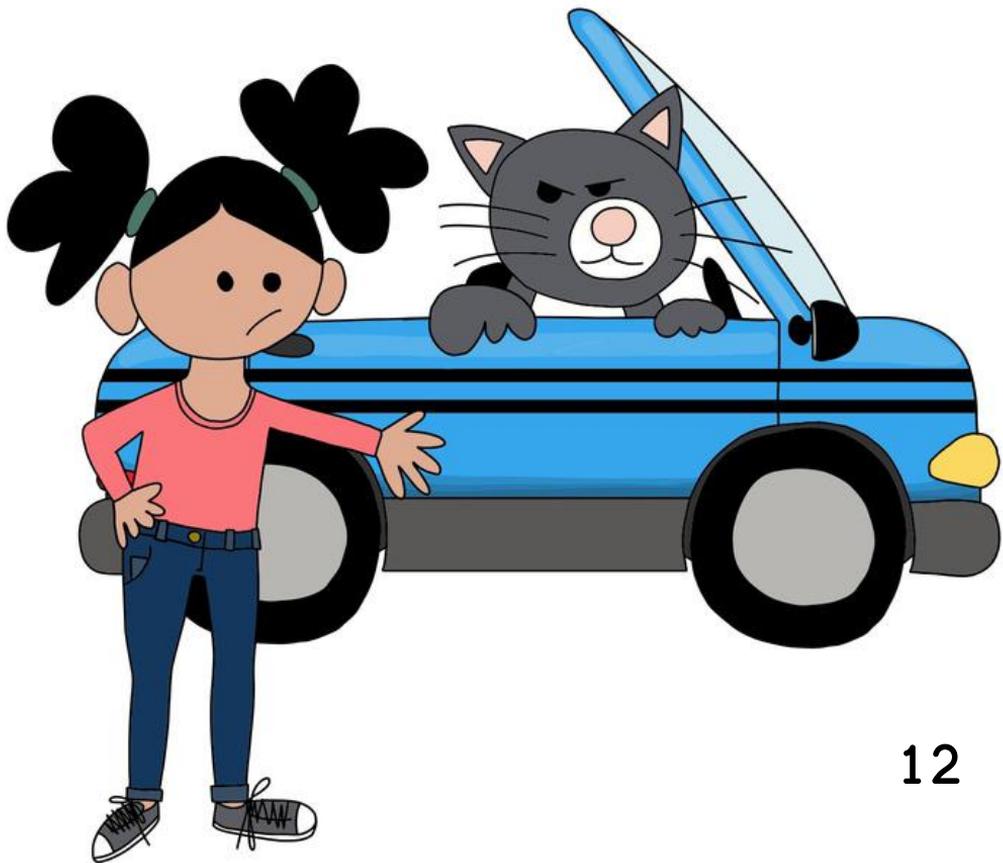
"You are not planning to go fast, are you?" asked Pat Cat.

Pat Cat could tell just by looking at Max that she was aiming to do just that!



"But this car is meant to go fast," Max whined.

"We are not driving it on a racetrack!" Pat Cat explained. "We can't go too fast. We need to stay under the speed limit."



"Okay, you're right," said Max.

"Good," said Pat Cat. "Now,
are you ready to test
drive your dream car?"

"You bet!" said Max.



AB
CD

Target Phonics Skill

Vowel Teams
-ai, -ay



Vowel Fun

- To practice, make flashcards to help your reader remember the sounds. For example:

| | |
|-----------|-----------|
| <u>ai</u> | <u>ay</u> |
| waist | play |
| snail | away |
| afraid | crayon |

Fun Spelling Tip

ai is used in the middle of words. ay is mostly used at the end of a word!



Decodable Words

| | | | |
|--------|---------|--------|------|
| afraid | explain | paint | okay |
| aim | lay | plain | say |
| bay | pay | praise | stay |



High-Frequency Words

| | |
|-------|---------|
| been | night |
| laugh | through |
| new | would |

Vowel Digraphs are two vowels that when placed together generate one sound, e.g. -ee in street. W and Y can act as vowels in vowel digraphs.

Vowel Trigraphs are one vowel and two consonants that when placed together create one sound, e.g. -igh in high.

Diphthongs are two vowels that when placed together create a sound that starts as one vowel sound and ends as another sound, e.g. -oi in coin.

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