



Unit 1

'ai' spelling pattern



Important words

Make sure you can read these words. It's a good idea to practise saying them in sentences.

again

claim

plain

faint

raise

afraid

strain

snail

brain

detail

explain

curtain

Label these pictures. All words will have the 'ai' pattern. There are some letters to help you.



sn _____









_____sy



_____bow





_____way

Plurals Practice

Most words just add '-s', but words ending in '-x', '-ch', '-sh', or '-s' need '-es'. Read these words and then write their plurals into the right column.



Needs -s			Needs -es
trolleys	detail	bunch	brushes
	curtain	toy	
	peach	donkey	
	night	box	
	jersey	church	
	railway	watch	
	snail		
	ditch		
	fox	crash	

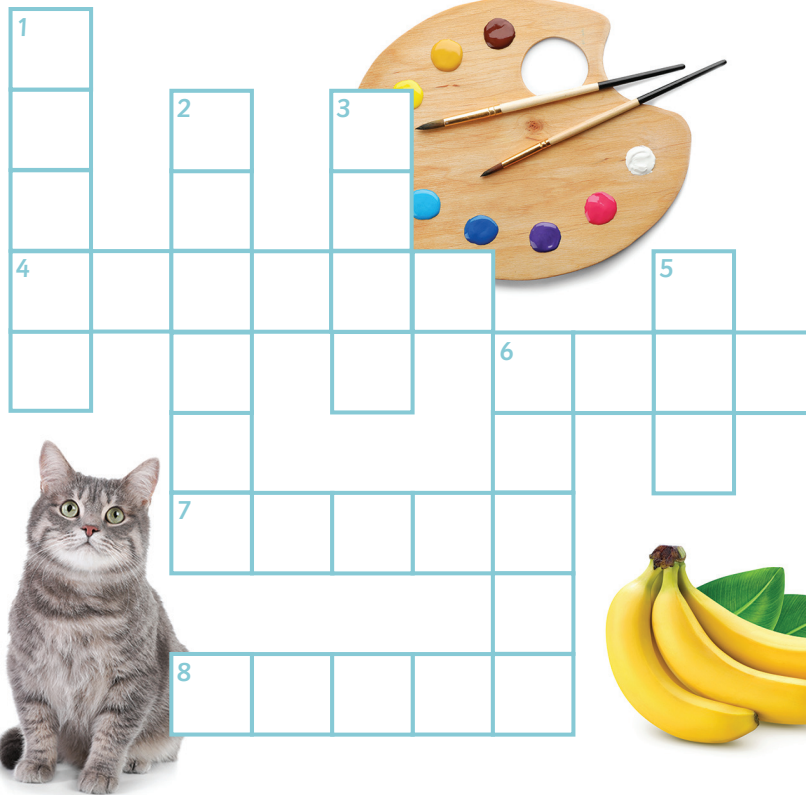
Read these sentences and put the right words into the gaps. Don't forget to make them plurals.

1. He was afraid that he might lose his bunch of _____.	table key branch uncle peach
2. Both of his _____ live in the city.	
3. We picked some _____ for tea.	
4. His Saturday job is to clean all the _____ at the cafe.	
5. The wind blew some _____ off the trees.	



Colours

See if you can complete this crossword.



black
white
brown
yellow
green
blue
grey
red
colour

Across →

4. What _____ is your new dress?
6. Our cat is _____.
7. The opposite of black is _____.
8. The log is _____.



Down ↓

1. The opposite of white is _____.
2. A banana is _____.
3. The sky is _____.
5. The ball is blue, yellow and _____.
6. Grass is _____.





Too many pets?

In the holidays, Pippa and Jack got together with a school friend to play catch in the garden. They played all morning and then had a picnic lunch. After lunch, the friends started to talk about their pets.

“How many pet animals do you have?” asked their friend Jenny, who lived on the farm nearby.

“Eight hens and Emma the duck,” said Pippa.

Then Jack chipped in. “And don’t forget Sam the cat.”

“Of course not. What animals do you have?” Pippa asked.

“One pony, two horses, one cow, and Billy the kid,” said Jenny.

“Who is Billy the kid?” asked Pippa.

“Billy is our baby goat. Baby goats are called kids,” replied Jenny.

“We know your pony, Smudge, but we haven’t seen the horses or the cow. Does the cow have a name too?” Jack asked.

“Yes,” said Jenny. “Her name is Betsy. She lives with Billy the kid.”

Then Pippa joined in again. “Don’t forget the rabbits, Jack,” she said. “We have three rabbits too.”

“And I forgot Lucy the sheep!” said Jenny.

Woof!

“Oh Toby,” laughed Jack as he patted the dog. “You’re not a pet. You’re one of the family.”



True or false?

Read the sentences and tick the right box.

1. Jenny lives on a farm.
2. Billy the kid is a baby cow.
3. Pippa and Jack have four rabbits.
4. Pippa and Jack live near the farm.

True False

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Now see if you can answer these questions. Write your answers as complete sentences.



1. How do Pippa and Jack know Jenny?

2. How many four-legged pets do Pippa and Jack have apart from Toby?

3. How many birds do Pippa and Jack have?

4. What is a kid?

Wordsearch

Now see how many words from the story you can find. Write them on the lines on the right. Make sure you look across and down!

h	o	r	s	e	s	p	a	o	q	r
y	c	e	h	s	e	s	z	h	f	a
j	n	o	e	k	b	y	i	g	d	b
n	i	f	e	x	g	a	d	w	h	b
c	k	u	p	o	n	y	m	l	v	i
a	n	i	m	a	l	b	g	o	a	t

'ay' or 'ai'

Complete these words with 'ay' or 'ai' to make real words. Then write each word into the right column. Be careful. There is one exception to the rule.

ay words

r _ _ se

expl _ _ n

sw _ _

rel _ _

afr _ _ d

ess _ _

dism _ _

cr _ _ on

d _ _ ly

str _ _

f _ _ nt

pr _ _ se

spr _ _

det _ _ l

runw _ _

p _ _ nt

ai words



Choose one word with each pattern. Write a sentence for each.

Speedreading

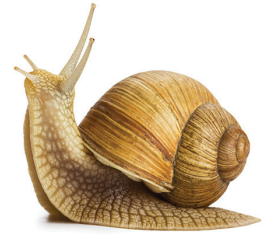


detail	brushes	raise	won't	houses	hasn't	keys
donkeys	detail	bright	flashes	would	claim	mugs
height	beads	again	wear	claim	there	explain
strain	slight	faint	afraid	detail	brain	their
isn't	snail	buy	explain	curtain	buy	doesn't



Times:

Dictation words



Dictation Sentences

1.

2.

Teacher Feedback
