



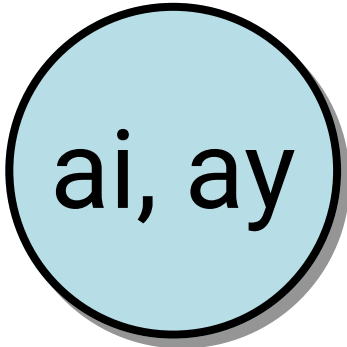
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Kayla Gains a
Customer

Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the vowel teams



ai, ay

Try these decodable words!

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gain

way

New Vocabulary

hair: a thin, thread-like strand that grows from the skin of humans and other mammals

salon: a business that offers a service related to grooming

stylist: a hairdresser

Let's Read!

Scan the QR code
to watch a fun 2-minute
video about the book.



Kayla Gains a Customer



Kayla likes to play with hair. Her aim is to open a hair salon one day. She hopes that people will pay and say that she's the best. Until then, she will train to master many styles.



Every day, Kayla styles her hair all by herself.

"I'll do a puff today. Or maybe I'll do a braided pigtail," says Kayla.

Puff it is! She brushes her hair, pulls it up, and sprays it to help it stay flat.



Kayla makes her way to her mom.

Mom's long, black hair sways at her waist as she sorts through the mail.

"No way! Mom's hair is never down," Kayla thinks. "Now's the time!"



Kayla runs over to her mom yelling, "May I please braid your hair?"

Mom jumps up and drops the mail.

She laughs and says, "Okay!"

"Yay!" Kayla says with glee.



Mom sits while Kayla lays beads on a gray tray. Mom's hair is one of her best traits. Mom's braids cannot be plain!

"I can't wait to see what you do!" says Mom.



Mom stays still as Kayla braids her hair and adds clay beads.

She takes her time and doesn't pull. She is afraid Mom can feel pain. She doesn't want to fail.

When Kayla's done, she lays any stray hairs flat with spray.



"What do you say?"

"Amazing!" Mom says. "Why wait to open a salon? I'll pay you to be my main stylist any day!"

Kayla is happy and loves the praise! She just gained her first customer!





Phonics Fun

Write 2 words you know that will help you remember words with ai and ay.



Comprehension

Why do you think the author chose Kayla's mom to be Kayla's first customer?



High Frequency Words

or

people

pull



Decodable Words

afraid

gray

okay

spray

trait

aim

Kayla

pain

stay

tray

braid

lay

pay

stray

waist

clay

mail

pigtail

sway

wait

day

main

plain

today

way

fail

may

play

train

yay

gain

maybe

say

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