



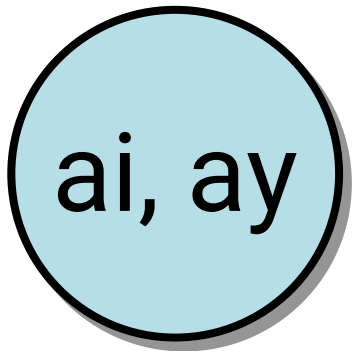
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# Shay and Clay Paint

# Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the vowel teams



Try these decodable words!

See [page 15](#) for more.

faint

stay

## New Vocabulary

**canvas:** a strong, stiff material to paint on

**gait:** the way someone or something walks

## Let's Read!

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



# Shay and Clay Paint



Shay has a gray horse named Clay. They live way out on a farm. She spends her days riding on trails and training him to do tricks. But what Shay likes to do the most is paint. Clay likes to wait at her back.





One day, Shay sits in the barn and stares at the rain with Clay.

She has her canvas and paint tray set up. Should she paint people?

Clay sniffs a snail on a rail.

"That's it! I can paint a snail," says Shay.



Shay starts to paint without delay. Just as her paintbrush taps the canvas, she hears her mom calling.

"Stay here, Clay," she says. "I will be back."

Shay places her brush on the tray and hops off the stack of hay.



After a while, Shay comes back with a pail filled with treats.

"Sorry for the wait..."

Shay drops the pail when she sees that her canvas has been painted on!



"Who did this?" Shay wonders.

She looks, but no one is there.

"It couldn't have been you ...  
could it?"

Clay's tail sways as he walks  
away with a fast gait.





"Hmm...I need to check the mail," she tells Clay.

She leaves and acts like she's going to the mailbox. She stays by the barn to sneak a peek at what Clay does.

Shay is shocked!

Clay pulls out the paintbrush and paints on the canvas!



"Clay!" Shay exclaims.

Clay jumps. He looks like he's going to faint!

"I'm amazed! How did you do this? I never trained you!"

Clay loves praise! He strikes a pose and smiles with pride.





## Phonics Fun

- Look at the list of words from the book.
- Write the words on cards or pieces of paper.
- Sort the words by ai and ay.



## Comprehension

How would you describe Clay's traits? Why?



## High Frequency Words

people

pull



## Decodable Words

away	praise
Clay	rail
day	rain
delay	say
exclaim	Shay
faint	snail
hay	stay
gait	sway
gray	tail
mail	trail
mailbox	train
pail	tray
paint	wait
paintbrush	way

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