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Reader**



# Snail and Crab Play

# Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the vowel teams

ai, ay

Try these decodable words!

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grain

stray

## New Vocabulary

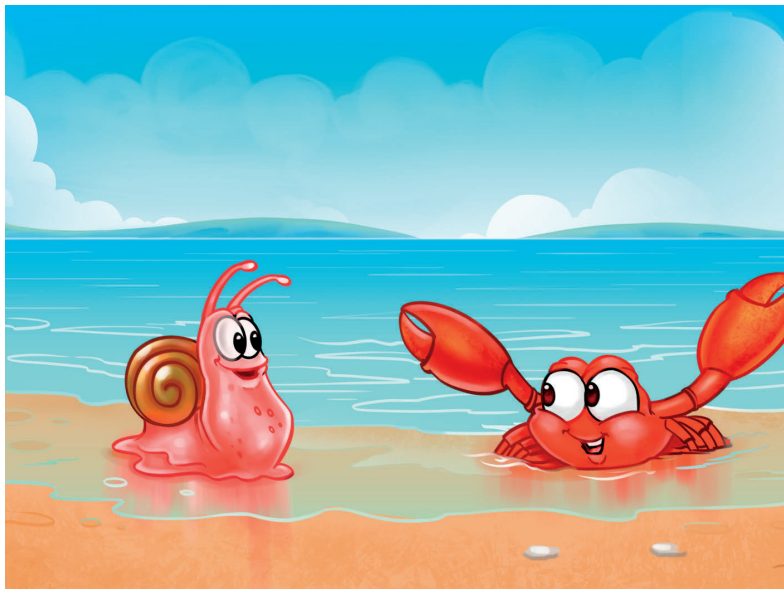
**claws:** the front curved nails on a crab

## Let's Read!

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



# Snail and Crab Play



One hot day, Snail left a trail on the grains of sand. He was looking for his pal, Crab, so they could play.

The rays of sun were hot, but Snail knew he would not fail.



Not far away, Crab was making a trail on the grains of sand. He saw Snail, and he held his claws way up in excitement! He had been waiting to play with Snail.



As Snail and Crab trailed to the water, a bird sailed in the sky. Crab called out from the mainland.

"Don't be afraid! You may play with us too!"





"No playtime for me!" The bird explained that he did not want to play. "You are a plain crab, but you will be my lunch today," the bird said.

"No way!" Crab went to the water and didn't stray from the trail. He was afraid to be the bird's bait.



Crab made its way to the water!  
The bird swayed along until he  
saw Snail.

"A snail will be yummy bait for  
me."

Snail saw the bird aim for him.  
It was a strain for him to get  
across the grains of sand!



The bird did not delay. He didn't  
sway as he took aim at Snail.

Snail did not strain any longer!  
He knew he could make his way  
to the water.



Just then, a wave pulled Snail in. He was safe! He wouldn't be bait for the bird today! Maybe now he could play with Crab.







## Phonics Fun

- Use flash cards or the list from the book.
- How fast can you read the words?
- Time yourself reading the words.
- Try to beat your time.



## Comprehension

How would you summarize this book?



## High Frequency Words

pull



## Decodable Words

|          |          |
|----------|----------|
| afraid   | play     |
| aim      | playtime |
| away     | ray      |
| bait     | said     |
| day      | sail     |
| delay    | snail    |
| explain  | strain   |
| fail     | stray    |
| grain    | sway     |
| mainland | today    |
| may      | trail    |
| maybe    | wait     |
| plain    | way      |

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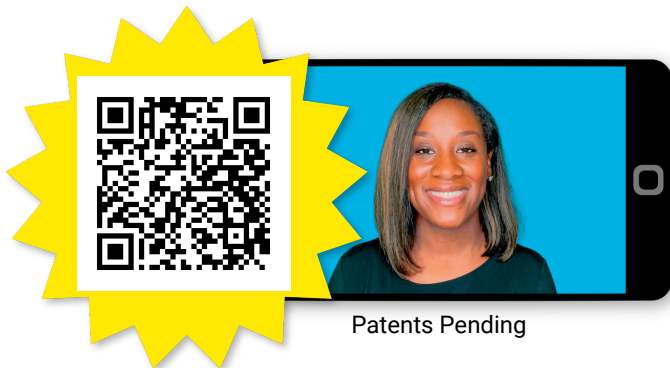
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