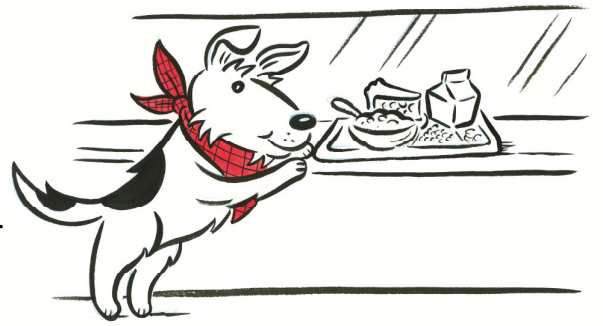


# Spelling: *ai* and *ay* Words

Look at each pair of words with the long-*a* sound.  
Circle the correctly spelled word, then write it on the line.



trail                      trayle                      \_\_\_\_\_

delai                      delay                      \_\_\_\_\_

stai                      stay                      \_\_\_\_\_

wait                      wayt                      \_\_\_\_\_

bay                      bai                      \_\_\_\_\_

sayl                      sail                      \_\_\_\_\_

chayr                      chair                      \_\_\_\_\_

spray                      sprai                      \_\_\_\_\_

sprayn                      sprain                      \_\_\_\_\_

forai                      foray                      \_\_\_\_\_

sway                      swai                      \_\_\_\_\_

snayl                      snail                      \_\_\_\_\_

## ***For Teachers:***

[This worksheet can be used in conjunction with the *ai/ay* phonics worksheet also available as a free download from [TheArmariumPress.com](http://TheArmariumPress.com).]

### ***Chaucer's Vocabulary Challenge!***

We love learning new words here at The Armarium Press – and so do the kids who “test” our Chaucer worksheets! *Sprain*, *delay*, and *foray* were the three words we helped them look up in the dictionary during this “long *a*” exercise.

***sprain*** – noun. An injury made by suddenly twisting part of your body, such as your wrist or ankle. *Chaucer once bounced so much that he injured his leg. The doctor said it was a sprain.*

***delay*** – verb. To delay something is to cause it to stop, to slow down, or to happen later. *If Chaucer's groomer does not finish blow-drying his fur soon, his book party will be delayed.*

***foray*** – noun. A surprise attack. *Chaucer and his four-legged friends made a foray into the kitchen and ran off with the box of dog biscuits.*