

Spelling list: ay words - set 1

The combination *ay* is commonly used at the end of words to represent the long /a/ sound in English. Recognising this pattern is essential for accurate spelling and pronunciation. For instance, words like *day* and *lay* illustrate how this spelling works, helping you sound out each word correctly.

In this set, you will explore a variety of words that use the *ay* spelling. Each example demonstrates how this combination functions in different contexts. Take your time to read through the words and their meanings, and consider incorporating them into your vocabulary practice!

day	You can have a day off next week.
hay	Our rabbit likes to sleep in hay .
lay	Male birds do not lay eggs.
may	Please may I have a piece of cake?
pay	I insist it is my turn to pay .
ray	A ray of sunshine lit up the wall.
say	What did you say ?
way	Which way shall we go?
clay	The potter made mugs out of clay .
pray	They will pray together before they eat their dinner.
tray	They greased the baking tray .
slay	The knight stood ready to slay the dragon with his sword.
stay	Playing sport can help us stay healthy.
sway	We watched them sway in time to the music.
spray	Antibacterial spray helps to kill germs.
stray	Stray cats are often very thin.