



## Read Write Inc. Spelling 4

### Unit 6: Words with the **ay** sound spelt **eigh**, **ei**, **ey**

#### President Alpha

Welcome, Earthlings! You are about to enter the Spelling Zone.  
Our Star Speller for today is... Zeta!

#### Zeta

Hello. Today's Spelling Zone is going to be packed full of words that have the **ay** sound in them.

Say the sound with me. After three: one, two, three... Go!

There are lots of ways to spell the **ay** sound.

Let's check out the most common ways of spelling the **ay** sound. Say the sounds and the words with me. After three: one, two, three... Go!

|            |              |              |              |
|------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>ay</b>  | <b>day</b>   | <b>say</b>   | <b>play</b>  |
| <b>a-e</b> | <b>plane</b> | <b>same</b>  | <b>vane</b>  |
| <b>ai</b>  | <b>rain</b>  | <b>vain</b>  | <b>train</b> |
| <b>a</b>   | <b>apron</b> | <b>table</b> | <b>able</b>  |

There are three more ways of spelling **ay**. That's what we will explore today. Here they are.

Say the sounds and the words with me. After three: one, two, three... Go!

|             |              |              |               |                  |
|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|------------------|
| <b>eigh</b> | <b>eight</b> | <b>weigh</b> | <b>sleigh</b> | <b>neighbour</b> |
| <b>ei</b>   | <b>vein</b>  | <b>veil</b>  | <b>rein</b>   | <b>reign</b>     |
| <b>ey</b>   | <b>grey</b>  | <b>obey</b>  | <b>prey</b>   | <b>they</b>      |

The best way to remember which spelling to use for the **ay** sound for words spelt **eigh**, **ei**, or **ey** is to read and practise writing the words lots of times. **Eigh**, **ei**, and **ey** are not very common spellings of **ay**.

I love the sound of rhyming words so I've made up a silly rhyme.  
I'll share it with you:

Eight baby apes loved to tumble and play  
While their mother ate grapes in a tree by some hay...

Let's do My turn/Your turn. I'll say the lines first, then you say them.  
Ready? Go!

Eight baby apes loved to tumble and play  
While their mother ate grapes in a tree by some hay...

Well done. There's more...

And kept watch on their neighbour, the vain bird of prey,  
Who preened his grey feathers in the heat of the day.



Now you say it.

Did you hear all the **ay** sounds? Here they are:

**Eight** **baby** **apes** loved to tumble and **play**  
While their mother **ate** **grapes** in a tree by some **hay**...  
And kept watch on their **neigh**bour, the **vain** bird of **prey**,  
Who preened his **grey** feathers in the heat of the **day**.

Now let's read it together. After three: one, two, three... Go!

**Eight** **baby** **apes** loved to tumble and **play**  
While their mother **ate** **grapes** in a tree by some **hay**...  
And kept watch on their **neigh**bour, the **vain** bird of **prey**,  
Who preened his **grey** feathers in the heat of the **day**.

There are quite a few **ay** words that are homophones. Let's see some definitions for homophone pairs.

| definition        | homophones |
|-------------------|------------|
| past tense of eat | ate        |
| the number 8      | eight      |

| definition                                | homophones |
|---|------------|
| talk to a god                             | pray       |
| animal that another animal hunts or kills | prey       |

| definition                                    | homophones |
|---|------------|
| water that falls from the sky in drops        | rain       |
| the time when a king or queen rules a country | reign      |

| definition                                   | homophones |
|--|------------|
| stay for something that you expect to happen | wait       |
| how heavy something is                       | weight     |

Well, that's all from me today. See you next time Star Spellers.

## President Alpha

You are about to leave the Spelling Zone. Take your new spelling knowledge with you. Goodbye, Earthlings...



## Spelling 4 Unit 6 File 6.2 Dots and dashes

|       |  |
|-------|--|
| grey  |  |
| eight |  |
| vein  |  |
| veil  |  |
| obey  |  |

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| prey   |  |
| neigh  |  |
| eighty |  |
| weigh  |  |
| they   |  |

|          |  |
|----------|--|
| rein     |  |
| sleigh   |  |
| weight   |  |
| freight  |  |
| eighteen |  |

## Spelling 4 Unit 6 File 6.4 Word changers

| root word | suffix | root word + suffix |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|
| weight    | -less  | weightless         |
| obey      | -ed    |                    |
|           |        | reigned            |
|           |        | weighed            |



| root   | suffix | root word + suffix |
|--------|--------|--------------------|
| prey   | -ed    |                    |
| sleigh | -s     |                    |
|        |        | veins              |
|        |        | neighbours         |

| root word | suffix | root word + suffix |
|-----------|--------|--------------------|
| grey      | -ness  |                    |
|           |        | weighing           |
| neighbour | -ly    |                    |



## Spelling 4 Unit 6 File 6.5 Choose the right word

weight

weightless

1 Feathers are so light they feel almost .

2 At the airport, we had to check the  of our luggage.

reigned

reign

rein

3 The Prince looked forward to the day when he would  over the nation.

4 Queen Victoria  for more than 60 years.

5 I took the  and led the new pony round the field.

disobey

obey

eight

ate

6 Most children  their teacher.

7 If you  the rules, you may be punished.

8 I am inviting  children to my birthday party.