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a-e  
ai  
ay

The bat won't go out in the **day**,  
He hides within his **cave**,  
But when it's dark he flies **away**,  
For that's how bats **behave**.



Focus

A Look at these picture clues.  
Write the **ai**, **ay** or **a-e** key words in your book.



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Key Words

tail  
nail  
snail

ray  
play

tray  
stray

blame  
flame

flake  
snake

B Write four other **ai**, **ay** and **a-e** words  
in your book.

C Look at the poem at the top of the page.  
Write the words that rhyme with **ray**.

## Extra

**Compound words** are two smaller words joined, like this:

play + time = playtime

Use the small words in the box to make compound words to match the clues.

sting rail rain hand play way flake  
ray run drop ground rail snow way

- 1 falls from the sky      **raindrop**      2 a place to play games in  
3 a large, dangerous fish      4 used by aeroplanes  
5 helps when climbing the stairs      6 used by trains  
7 falls from the sky on very cold days

## Extension

**Homophones** are words that sound the same but are spelt differently.

made      maid

The **maid** **made** the bed.

**Tricky  
Words**  
again

- A** Use your dictionary to decide which of these homophones matches the definition.
- |                                |                |
|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 1 a female servant             | made or maid   |
| 2 part of a yacht              | sale or sail   |
| 3 the part of a dog which wags | tail or tale   |
| 4 a bucket                     | pale or pail   |
| 5 to kill something            | sleigh or slay |
- B** Now write definitions for the homophones you haven't used.