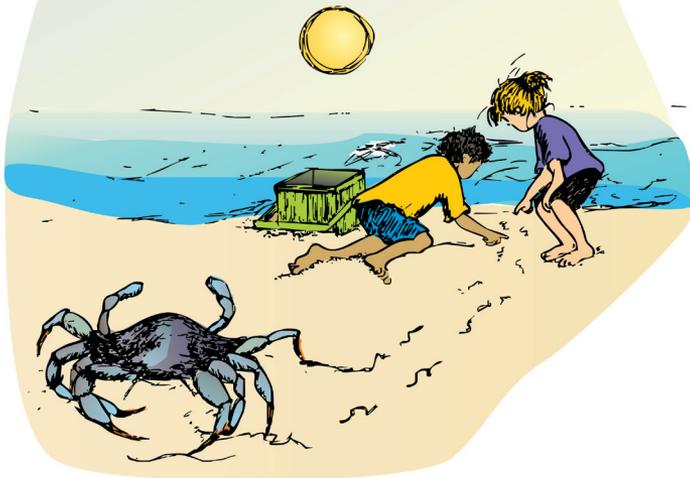


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## BEFORE YOU READ:

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## PHONICS:

Long A spellings: A-E, AY, AI, EY.

- For A-E, tell the Pinchy E story. The E at the end of the word doesn't talk, but he likes to pinch mischievously. So when it is time for the A to say her name, E reaches around the consonant and pinches A. She is so startled that she blurts out her name instead of saying her regular sound (short sound of A). So in reality, the final E does help say the long A sound.
- For AY, share with the child that it takes both letters to make the long A sound which is usually found at the end of the word. Brainstorm other words with this spelling: say, bay, hay, stray, away, pray.
- Contrast the AY ending sound spelling with EY and then brainstorm the words that end with EY such as "they" and "prey."
- Next, teach the long spelling AI. Share with the child that when you hear a long A sound in the middle of a word, it will usually be AI. Brainstorm words with this spelling: pail, nail, hail, maid, laid, paid, main, plain, strain.

### **PHONEMIC AWARENESS:**

Use the lists of words from the AY and AI spellings and mix them up. Have the child identify if he is hearing long A in the middle or end of the word. He can write the words on a whiteboard as you call them out, or alternatively you can have him signal to you if it is a sound found in the middle or end of the word.

### **SIGHT WORDS:**

Learn 10 new words from SnapWords® List B, Group 2: may, from, they, away, funny, that, of, them, say, put.

### **DECODE:**

Words to practice the long A sound spelling: Amy, bakes, cake, today, yay, take, pail, wave. Also, “says.” It looks like “say” but sounds like “sez.” It is like the words “the” or “said” that you just have to learn to recognize it on sight!

### **WORDS WITH PICTURE CUES:**

“Beach” - reference the long E spelling as in “eat.” Other words with picture cues include “toe” and “poke.”

### **FOLLOW-UP ACTIVITIES:**

See comprehension questions on page 12.

### **SOUNDS & SIGHT WORDS:**

Sound spellings: A-E, AY, AI, EY - Long A.

Sight words learned to date: GOT, ASK, HIM, US, AM, LET, RUN, INTO, YES, BE, CUT, ITS, MAY, FROM, THEY, AWAY, FUNNY, THAT, OF, THEM, SAY, PUT.



Amy bakes a cake. Amy's mom says, "You may take the cake to the beach today." Amy yells, "Yay!"