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Dear Parent,
Your child is learning how vowels, ( $\mathrm{a}, \mathrm{e}, \mathrm{i}, \mathrm{o}, \mathrm{u}$ ) can make different sounds. For example 'a' can have a short vowel sound ('a' as in 'tap') or a long vowel sound ('a' as in 'tape'). All these words contain 'ai' which together make a long 'a' sound. Please help by practising these words with your child. Thank you for your help.

- Point out the 'ai' sounds and how the letter patterns 'ail', 'ain', 'aid' make the words rhyme.
- Try to think of other words that follow the same pattern.
- Discuss the meaning of the words and try to think of a sentence containing the word.

| (list 0:16) | Practise 1 <br> (copy into space) | Practise 2 <br> (copy again) | Practise 3 <br> (fold and hide) | Can spell word <br> (check and correct) |
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| Spelling tip: | When two vowels go out walking the first one does the talking, so 'ai' makes a long 'a' sound. |  |  |  |
| sail |  |  |  |  |
| tail |  |  |  |  |
| pail |  |  |  |  |
| nail |  |  |  |  |
| mail |  |  |  |  |


| Spelling tip: | 'ai' is never used at the end of English words but is very often used in the middle. |  |  |  |
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| pain |  |  |  |  |
| main |  |  |  |  |
| rain |  |  |  |  |
| train |  |  |  |  |
| drain |  |  |  |  |


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| aid |  |  |  |  |
| paid |  |  |  |  |
| maid |  |  |  |  |
| raid |  |  |  |  |
| laid |  |  |  |  |

