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WEEK 7 • LEVEL B • LONG /Ā/ SPELLED <AI> & <-AIR> PATTERNS

15 Master Words + 6 Homophone Sets

1 Spelling Practice: Read each word aloud, trace vowel teams <ai> and <-air>, and write neatly twice.

<AI> BASE WORDS	WORDS 1–5	IRREGULAR PAST & SCHWA	WORDS 6–10	PREFIX <A-> & <-AIR>	WORDS 11–15
1. wait		6. paid		11. afraid	
2. waiting		7. laid		12. air	
3. rain		8. fail		13. fair	
4. plain		9. again		14. hair	
5. main		10. against		15. raise	

2 Orthographic Sorting: Sort the 15 spelling words into the four morphological categories below.

/Ā/ SPELLED <AI>	IRREGULAR PAST /AID/	PREFIX <A-> (/ə/)	/ĀR/ SPELLED <-AIR>
(7 WORDS)	(2 WORDS)	(3 WORDS)	(3 WORDS)
1. _____	1. _____	1. _____	1. _____
2. _____	2. _____	2. _____	2. _____
3. _____	_____	3. _____	3. _____
4. _____	_____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____	_____
6. _____	_____	_____	_____
7. _____	_____	_____	_____

3 Homophone Distinctions: Fill in each blank with the correct spelling word or homophone partner.

PLAIN / PLANE • MAIN / MANE	FAIR / FARE • HAIR / HARE	RAIN / REIN / REIGN • RAISE / RAYS
1. The jet _____ flew over the grassy plain.	3. We paid the bus _____ to visit the fair.	5. The rider held the leather horse _____.
2. The stallion had a glossy black _____.	4. A swift _____ raced across the field.	6. Bright sun _____ warmed our morning walk.

RULES TO REMEMBER • WEEK 7

Rule 1 • /ā/ Spelled <ai> /ā/ spelled ai that we may not use at the end of English words (rain, plain, wait, fail).	[Deb] Rule 2 • /ā/ Alternates /ā/ can be spelled a, a-e, ai, ay, ea, ei, and ey across various word families.	Rule 3 & 5 • Schwa & Past Tense /ə/ spelled a in unaccented syllables (a•gain); paid and laid are irregular past verbs.	Rule 6 & [Deb] 7 • /ār/ on <-air> /ār/ spelled -air (air, fair, hair); [Deb] /ār/ can be spelled -are, -air, or -ear.
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Linguistic Matrix • Answer Key • Decodable Dictation

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Linguistic & Orthographic Matrix: Complete structural analysis of all 15 spelling words and homophone pairs.

#	Word	Pronunciation / IPA	Syllable & Phonics Structure	Orthographic Rules & Teaching Notes
1	wait	wāt /weɪt/	w + ai + t	/ā/ spelled ai not used at end of words
2	waiting	wā-tīng /'weɪ.tɪŋ/	wait + ing	Base wait + inflectional suffix -ing
3	rain	rān /reɪn/	r + ai + n	Base word; homophone with rein, reign
4	plain	plān /pleɪn/	Blend pl- + ai + n	Clear/flat grassland; homophone with plane
5	main	mān /meɪn/	m + ai + n	Primary/chief; homophone with mane
6	paid	pād /peɪd/	p + ai + d	Irregular past tense of pay (not payed)
7	laid	lād /leɪd/	l + ai + d	Irregular past tense of lay (not layed)
8	fail	fāl /feɪl/	f + ai + l	Base word; /eɪl/ rime
9	again	ə-gēn / ə-gān /ə'gen/	a + gain	Unaccented a- says /ə/; ai says short /ɛ/
10	against	ə-gēnst /ə'genst/	a + gainst	Unaccented a- says /ə/; blend -nst
11	afraid	ə-frād /ə'freɪd/	a + fraid	Unaccented a- says /ə/; blend fr- + ai + d
12	air	ār /ɛər/	Vowel digraph air	Base word; /ɛər/ sound spelled air
13	fair	fār /feər/	f + air	Just/carnival; homophone with fare
14	hair	hār /heər/	h + air	Strands on head; homophone with hare
15	raise	rāz /reɪz/	r + ai + s-e	ai says /eɪ/; s says /z/; homophone with rays, raze
H	mane	mān /meɪn/	m + ā + n-e	Horse/lion neck hair; homophone with main
H	plane	plān /pleɪn/	pl + ā + n-e	Airplane or flat surface; homophone with plain
H	fare	fār /feər/	f + ā + r-e	Ticket price or food; homophone with fair
H	hare	hār /heər/	h + ā + r-e	Fast rabbit-like animal; homophone with hair
H	rein	rān /reɪn/	r + ei + n	Leather strap for horse; homophone with rain, reign
H	reign	rān /reɪn/	r + ei + gn	Royal rule; homophone with rain, rein
H	rays	rāz /reɪz/	r + ay + s	Beams of sunlight; homophone with raise, raze
H	raze	rāz /reɪz/	r + ā + z-e	To tear down completely; homophone with raise, rays

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Master Answer Key: Classification breakdown and homophone context solutions.

/Ā/ SPELLED <AI>	IRREGULAR PAST /AID/	PREFIX <A-> (/Ə/)	/ĀR/ SPELLED <-AIR>
wait waiting rain plain main fail raise	paid laid	again against afraid	air fair hair

Exercise 3 Homophones Key: 1. plane | 2. mane | 3. fare | 4. hare | 5. rein | 6. rays

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Decodable Dictation Sentences: Read each sentence clearly, emphasizing vowel teams <ai> and <-air>.

Sentence 1 (wait, rain)

"We had to wait under the awning while the heavy rain fell."

Sentence 3 (paid, laid, main)

"She paid her bus fare and laid her books on the main table."

Sentence 2 (afraid, again, against, fair)

"He was not afraid to speak up again against unfair treatment."

Sentence 4 (air, fair, hair, raise)

"Fresh mountain air felt cool against her fair face and hair."