English Activity- alternative spelling of 'ai'

Parents - This activity will build upon your child's knowledge of how the sounds we have learnt already can also be made using different digraphs (2 sounds together to make 1 sound). I will give you some ideas for activities that you can do to practise this skill. We would love to see some of the activities (or photographs) you choose in your child's workbook!

Activity 1 - Match the words to the correct digraph.

Make up your own table and copy the words into the correct column or print out the words and cut and stick them into the correct place... or go on a 'ai' hunt around the house and garden and draw/ write/ take a photograph of what you can find in your workbook.

rain	playful	away	eight
nail	prey	mane	cake
spray	snake	jail	sleigh
cave	drains	chain	race
grey	obey	today	brain

Can you write (or cut and stick) the words into the correct column?

ai	ay	a-e	eigh	ey

Activity 2- Write / draw the picture using the correct digraph.

ai	ay	eigh	a-e
snake	eight	rain	play

Activity 3- Can you read the 'ai' words in the word-search?

p	L	a	¥	J	ш	L	q	p
a	<i>x</i>	d	r	a	k	e	g	x
i	S	W	a	N	e	i	p	e
		a						
Z	J	C	n	S	n	h	m	m
b	a	k	e	d	a	t	a	S
g	C	h	a	i	n	e	d	p
1	e	a	W	a	¥	x	e	g

playful	pain	drake
rain	eight	baked
face	chain	prey
ware	made	away

Activity 4 - Can you use the words to make some sentences?

Choose some of the words already used and write them in some sentences. Can you make the sentences funny? Don't forget capital letter, finger spaces and full stops! We would love to see some adjectives or connectives (and, but, because) to make your sentences even more interesting!

Activity 5 - Monster words

To help your child practise reading using their phonics can they sound button and read the following real/monster words? As an extra challenge can your child make up their own Monster words?

chake 🍑	cake		
prey	zeyk		
pain 👾	traig		
eighf 🌺	sleigh		
snake	brayp		
flade	away		
training	frey 🍨		