

Pip the Caterpillar's Phonics Hunt

Learning objective: To identify and read words containing the 'ai' and 'ay' digraphs.

Read the story below with Pip the caterpillar. Look carefully for the words that have the 'ai' or 'ay' sound in them. Circle the words that use these sounds and then answer the questions.

It is a sunny day in the garden. Pip the caterpillar wants to go out to play. Suddenly, a little cloud appears and it starts to rain. Pip does not want to get wet, so he finds a big green leaf to stay under. He feels happy and safe. He decides to paint a picture of the garden on a flat stone using a berry for ink. He uses his tiny tail to wipe away a drip of water from his tray.

Word bank: rain · day · play · tail · stay · paint · tray

1. Why does Pip want to go out at the start of the story? (2 marks)

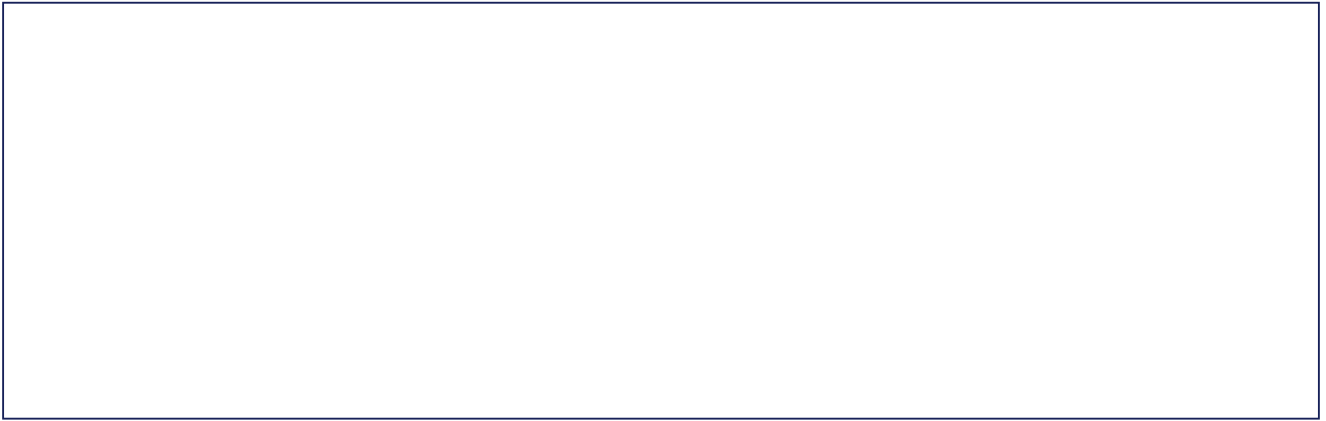
2. Which word in the story tells us about the weather changing? (1 mark)

3. Where does Pip stay to keep dry from the rain? (2 marks)

4. Can you find and write down two words from the story that have the 'ai' or 'ay' sound? (2 marks)

5. What does Pip use to make his picture? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of Pip the caterpillar sitting under a big green leaf while it rains. Make sure to draw the tray and the painting he made!



Extension challenge: Think of three more words that have the 'ai' or 'ay' sound and write them in a sentence.