

Name: _____

Date: _____

Day 1

Spell the Words

Spell the words in the sound boxes. There will not always be a sound to fill in every box in the grid.

sail _____

bay _____






way _____

gray _____

Choose a Syllable Division Strategy

For each word listed below, choose the proper syllable division strategy. Then record the word in the chart and mark how to divide it.

Words: upon, complain, visit, always, explain, rainbow

				
VC CV r a b b i t	V CV t i g e r	VC V c a m e l	V V l i o n	C + le t u r t l e

Vowel Pattern Sort

Use the chart on page 9 to sort words by vowel patterns.

Words: chapter, bay, snail, wend, complain, trail, suspect, gray

Did you fill in the chart on page 9? yes no



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Day 1, continued

Read and Respond

First, read the text out loud with proper phrasing. Then answer each question in a complete sentence.

The snails were content to slug from sunup to sunset day after day. All of the snails, that is, but Ray. Ray complained and complained... "If I had legs I would hit the trail. If I had wings I would sail into the air. I would visit distant lands if I were not stuck as a snail."

1. Based on the text you just read, what did you learn about Ray that is important to the story setup?

2. What does Ray want? Why do you think this? _____

But they did suspect that Ray was different in a way... Ray had a trait no snail could explain. The trails left by the rest of the snail's tails were a dull gray, but the trail left by Ray's tail was a rainbow.

3. Based on the text you just read, what is a trait that Ray has that is different from the rest of the snails? What do you think this different trait might mean for Ray? _____

Vocabulary Words

Use the text to help you define the words.

The snails were content to slug from sunup to sunset day after day.

1. What does **content** mean in this text? _____

2. What does **slug** mean in this text? _____



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Day 2

Spell the Words

Spell the words in the sound boxes. There will not always be a sound to fill in every box in the grid.

gain _____

wail _____

train _____

faint _____






sway _____

spray _____

Choose a Syllable Division Strategy

For each word listed below, choose the proper syllable division strategy. Then record the word in the chart and mark how to divide it.

Words: sniffle, remain, delay, never, bubble, driver, travel, lucky, contain, dismay, sailboat

				
VC CV r a b b i t	V CV t i g e r	VC V c a m e l	V V l i o n	C + le t u r t l e

Vowel Pattern Sort

Use the chart on page 9 to sort words by vowel patterns.

Words: strain, contain, flail, remain, camera, volcanic, midday, display, name

Did you fill in the chart on page 9? yes no



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Day 2, continued

Read and Respond

First, read the text out loud with proper phrasing. Then, answer each question in a complete sentence based on the text.

Just then, an African Gray Parrot landed next to him... "My granddad parrot has a saying. 'If there is a will, there is a way,' he says. If you dwell on the fact that you are stuck then you will remain stuck. But you can train your brain to invent different ways to travel..." "I get it!" said Ray. It was as if a ray of sun had lit on his brain. From then on, Ray went about things in a different way.

1. What is the initiating event? _____

2. Make an inference. How does Ray feel after hearing the parrot's advice? What evidence supports your thinking? _____

The next day, Ray slugged his way to the bay with the rest of the snails. He crept up next to a man who was explaining that he was getting on a train. Ray did not delay. He snuck into the man's backpack. He tucked himself in next to the man's cameras and waited.

3. Based on the text you just read, did Ray take the parrot's advice? What evidence supports your thinking? _____

Vocabulary Words

1. Write your own sentence using the word **delay**. Do not rewrite the sentence from the book.

2. Use your own words to describe what **vista** means.



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Day 3

Connecting Spelling to Meaning

First, read each example from the book. Next, find the word to be examined in **bold** in the example. Then, write the base word in the “base word” column. After that, write the word sum in the word sum column. Next, circle the pronunciation of the ending. Finally, answer the question.

Example from the book	Base word	Word sum	Pronunciation of ending
“No pain no gain,” he huffed as he strained , but Ray was not a bit faster.			/t/ /d/ /id/
			/t/ /d/ /id/
He tucked himself in next to the man’s cameras and waited .			/t/ /d/ /id/
			/t/ /d/ /id/
“This must be my lucky day!” Ray exclaimed .			/t/ /d/ /id/

Circle the correct answer that finishes the sentence:






1. When the suffix *-ed* is added to a verb, it means _____.

- A. the action already happened
- B. there is more than one

Choose a Syllable Division Strategy

For each word listed below, choose the proper syllable division strategy. Then record the word in the chart and mark how to divide it.

Word: fulfill

				
V C C V r a b b i t	V C V t i g e r	V C V c a m e l	V V l i o n	C + l e t u r t l e

Vowel Pattern Sort

Use the chart on page 9 to sort words by vowel patterns.

Words: dream, complaint, tale, far

Did you fill in the chart on page 9? yes no



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Day 3, continued

Read and Respond

First, read the text out loud with proper phrasing. Then choose the feeling word that you think best describes Ray's feelings in the resolution.

The sun was up and Ray was back on the banks of his bay. Had his trip been just a dream? Then Ray spotted the man's hat. He had a fantastic trip and he was back... Ray slugged the rest of his days with the rest of the snails without complaint... And when snails asked him if they could fulfill their dreams, Ray could tell them, "If there is a will, there is a way."

♥ pleased	
When someone feels _____, they feel _____.	
content	pleased and at peace—like they don't need anything more
delighted	great pleasure
fulfilled	pleased because of what they have accomplished
proud	pleased and satisfied because of something that has been done well
satisfied	pleased and at peace because things worked out well
thankful	happy or relieved about something

1. I think that Ray feels _____ at the end of the story. I think this because

2. How does the parrot change how Ray thinks about his life? _____



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Day 4

Word-Reading Fluency

Read each row of words from left to right. Then read each column of words from top to bottom.

trail	bay	explain	gray	wait
way	rainbow	day	remain	sway
pail	display	paid	hail	midday
always	sail	afraid	train	explain
rain	spray	rail	away	brain

Choose one word from the list and write a complete sentence using that word.

Theme and Central Message

Choose the theme that best matches the story from the choices below, then answer the questions.

Perseverance Stories with this theme have characters who overcome challenges or obstacles.
If there is a will, there is a way. Follow your dreams. You can overcome challenges or obstacles to accomplish your goal.

Cooperation Stories with this theme have characters who work together to solve a problem.
We can achieve more together than we can alone. Sharing is caring. You do not have to fight to solve problems.

Courage Stories with this theme have characters who overcome their fear or worries.
Face your fears. Worries can make things seem worse than they truly are. Being brave can make you strong in the face of danger.

1. What is the theme of this story? _____

2. What is the central message of this story? _____

3. Why did you choose this theme and central message? _____



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Day 5

Think and Write

Think about the role of the parrot in the story. How would you describe the parrot's personality? Why?

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Vowel Pattern Sort

Day 1 Words: chapter, bay, snail, wend, complain, trail, suspect, gray

Day 2 Words: strain, contain, flail, remain, camera, volcanic, midday, display, name

Day 3 Words: dream, complaint, tale, far



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Open Syllable V	Closed Syllable VC	Silent e Syllable VCe	Bossy-r Syllable Vr	Consonant-le Syllable C + le	Vowel Team Syllable VV	Irregular Pronunciations	
					Digraph Vowel Team		
					Other VV Spelling Patterns		