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Subject: Spelling

Topic: Vowel Pairs- ai, ay, oa, and ow

A vowel pair is made from two vowels that come together to make one long vowel sound. The first vowel in the pair usually stands for its long sound, and the second is silent. The vowel pairs **ai** and **ay** can spell the long a sound you hear in drains and decay. The vowel pairs **oa** and **ow** can spell the long o sound you hear in coast and borrow.

List Words:

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| 1. complain | 6. decay | 11. boast | 16. fainted |
| 2. braid | 7. roasting | 12. swallows | 17. scarecrow |
| 3. drains | 8. throwing | 13. foamy | 18. gained |
| 4. coast | 9. tomorrow | 14. poach | 19. hoax |
| 5. toasted | 10. borrow | 15. cocoa | 20. Painful |

Instructions: Write a list word to match each definition clue.

1. tossing _____
2. to rot or break down _____
3. the day after today _____
4. hot chocolate _____
5. cook eggs in liquid _____
6. to use for a time _____
7. becomes empty or dry _____

