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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:

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 _____