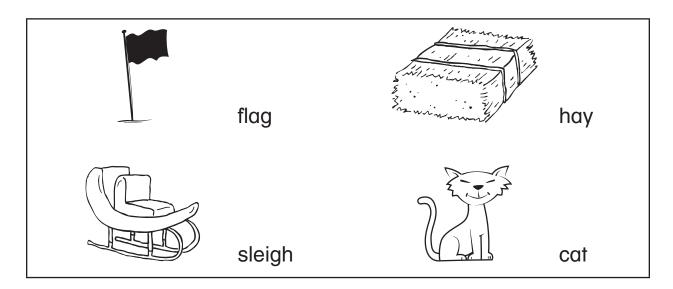
The letters **a**, **ai**, **ay**, **ea**, **ei**, **eigh**, and **ey** can stand for the long **a** sound. Listen to the long a vowel sound as you say the words baby, pail, day, great, eight, and they.

A. Say each picture name. Circle two pictures in the box whose names have the long a sound.



A **contraction** is a short way to write two words. An apostrophe takes the place of the missing letters. $I have \longrightarrow I've$.

B. Read each contraction. Draw a line to the two words it stands for.

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