Tay on the Trail

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Vowel Digraph *ai*

raining	trail	Gail
main	tail	plain
snail	wait	pain

Vowel Digraph *ay*

may	Tay	stray(ed)	stay
jay	way	gray	play

Inflected Ending *-ed*

asked	walked
barked	called
strayed	

High-Frequency Words

said	the	they
could	a	was
old	oh	what
you're	to	you'll

"It's not raining," said Dad.
"We can hike on the trail."
Gail asked, "May we take Tay?"

They walked on the trail.
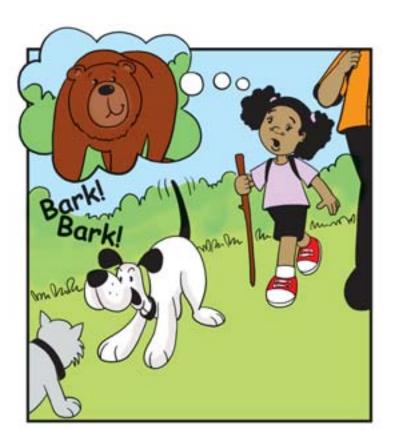Tay left the main path.
Gail could see his tail.

"Don't stray, Tay," called Gail.
Tay barked.
Did he spy a snake?

No, it was a plain old snail.
"Wait, Tay!" called Gail.
Tay didn't stay.
He barked more.

Did Tay spot a skunk?
No, it was a jay.
"This way, Tay!" called Gail.
Tay still strayed.

Tay barked more.
Oh, my! What was it?
It was a gray cat.

Gail said, "Tay, you're a pain.
The trail isn't a place to play.
Next time you'll stay home!"