



Blast Off!

Before starting the game review the "long a" vowel patterns: **a-e**, **ai**, and **ay**.

Game Directions:

- Roll the dice.
- Move the correct number of spaces on the gameboard.
- Have the player identify the picture and state the "long a" vowel pattern of the word: **a-e**, **ai** or **ay**.
- Write the word under the correct column on the writing sort sheet.
- Continue playing until a player reaches the moon.
- After the game is finished, have students **check** their writing sorts (e.g., read down the columns to make sure each word is in the correct column).

Variation:

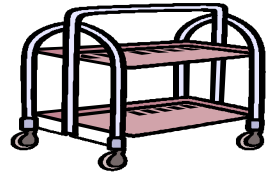
- Have students write the words without the support of the writing sort headers.



Stop for a snack.



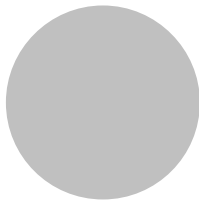
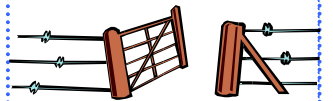
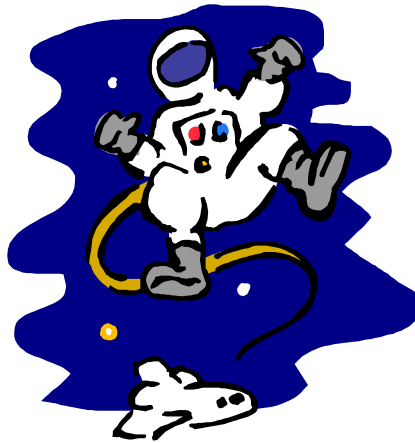
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What is that?



Go ahead 3 spaces.



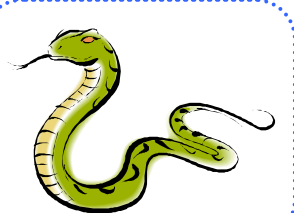
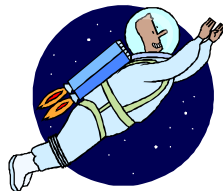
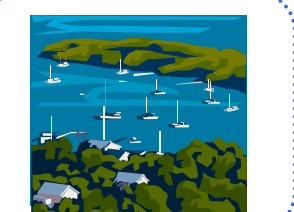
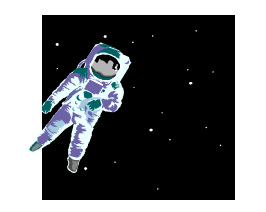
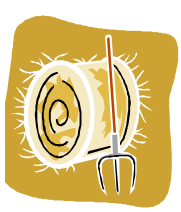
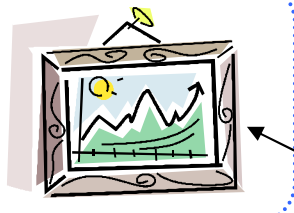
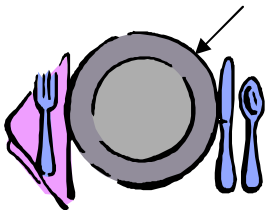
10, 9, 8, 7, 6,
5, 4, 3, 2, 1 ...
BLAST OFF!



Blast



Flying is hard work.
Go back 3 spaces.



Off!

YEAH!
You are almost
to the moon.
Go ahead
2 spaces.



**You
made it!**

