How to use this book

This book introduces the spellings <a>, <ai>, <ay>, <a–e>, and <ea> for the sound ‘ae’.
Check the reader knows these target spellings before reading this book.

Encourage the reader to read the words by blending the sounds together from left to right throughout the word.
Vocabulary

jam – an informal music session
sway – move rhythmically from side to side

The characters in this book are:

Tam

Matt

Moon
Reading Practice

ai
rain
mail
wait
train
snail
faint

a-e
lane
cape
late
pale
make
cave
came
made
crate
snake
shape
flame

ay
day
say
way
away
play

ea
steak
break
great

a
table
baby
cable
April
Matt is hot and fed up. It is a sunny day and he is stuck at home. He misses playing in the band.
“I wish I had my drum kit,” says Matt. “I want to play the drums and sing with my pals again.”
Matt makes a cake in his kitchen. He taps on a pan as he waits for the cake to bake. The pan makes a great drum!
Tam lives next to Matt. Matt gives her a call.

“Tam, let’s have a jam! We can use pans and cans as drums!”
Tam brings a wok to drum on. She has made up a song. “Stay in today and play on your pots and pans,” she sings. Moon sways along to the song!
Gran waves from along the street. “Stay playing!” she yells. “We don’t have to be in the same place. This is a great way to stay connected!”
# Words for reading and sorting

Photocopy and cut into cards for reading and sorting, or use as a sorting activity with different colored counters for each sound.

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This is a game for two players. Each player has three counters, each set a different color. Players choose to be Red or Blue and place one counter on each of their colors. Players take turns to move a counter by sliding it into an adjacent space or by jumping over their opponent's counter into an empty space. When a player lands on a word, he/she must read the word aloud. The winner is the first player to get all three of his/her counters in a straight line.
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Matt is stuck indoors and missing the band. Tapping on a pan gives him an idea...

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