

**Too Big?
Think Bigger!**



Rose came
down the hill
one day. Big
and woolly
on her way.





'Squeeze in,
Rose!' the
sheep all say.
But Rose is
stuck in a bad
way!

A sheep
stands on
front legs all
day. 'Bend
with me! It is
the way!'





Rose bends
low. Rose
sways and
stays. She
tries hard for
days and days.



The sun is
hot. But Rose
won't stray.
She stretches
on day by
day.



A week goes by. No gain today.
The gate is still in her way.



A thin sheep
calls to Rose
to play. 'Run
with me! Run,
day by day!'





Rose runs
each day in
sun and rain.
She tries the
gate, but
makes no gain!

A pond sheep
floats and
calls to play.
'Swim with me!
It is the way!'





Rose jumps in
with splash
and spray!
She dives
down in a big
way!

Rose swims all
week. She
floats, she
plays. But
she's still big
these hot days.





Rose stops
and grins. She
sees the way.
She will make
the gate fit
her today!

A saw, a
rope, a long
sharp nail.
Rose grabs
her tools. She
will not fail!





Rose saws
and nails for
one more day.
Now she
sleeps on soft
warm hay!

'How?' yell the
sheep next
day. 'Rose,
please tell us
the way!'





'I'm big!' Rose
grins. 'And big
I'll stay! I
made the gate
fit me my
way!'



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Rose the sheep is heading home after a sunny summer on the hill - but wait, what's this? A tiny new gate, and Rose is far too woolly to squeeze through! Yoga, running, swimming... her friends have ALL the advice. Can bendy poses or splashy laps really shrink a big, round sheep? Or is Rose thinking about this problem in completely the wrong way? This decodable reader practices the ai/ay phonogram through words like 'day,' 'stay,' 'rain,' 'nail,' and 'trail.'

Reading Skills: <ai> <ay>

day, days, gain, hay, nail, nails, play, plays, rain, say, spray, stay, stays, stray, sways, trail, way

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