ay Word Family List

bay      may      stay
bray     nay      stray
clay     pay      sway
day      play     tray
gray     pray     way
hay*     ray      say
lay      say
Read the following sentences, saying the word “clay” when you come to a blank space. Use words from the ay family to fill in the blanks and make sense. Reread your sentences to double check your choices!

1. When I was in kindergarten, I got to play with ____________.
2. His dog knows how to sit and how to ____________.
3. My big sister uses too much hair ____________.
4. What game do you want to ____________ after school?
5. Don’t forget to take your lunch ____________ back to the cafeteria.
6. You can get stung by a ____________ at the beach.
7. It’s fun to jump in the pile of ____________ at the farm.
8. Some people drive too fast on the ____________.
9. What ____________ is it today?
10. Christmas is my favorite ____________.
11. Our airplane sat in line on the ____________.

Word Bank

stay clay holiday tray hay runway
day spray freeway play stingray
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Crossword Puzzle: ay

Across
2. shower or squirt water or mist
7. color made from black and white
8. something we do for fun
9. to move back and forth
12. a spring month

Down
1. to give money to buy something
2. a command for a dog
3. a beam of sunlight
4. soil used for making pottery
5. a lost or homeless dog or cat
6. Waiters carry food on one.
8. a homophone for prey.
10. This is the ___ we go to work.
11. to place or put something down

Word Bank
may  pay  lay  way  gray  stay  sway
tray  clay  play  stray  pray  spray  ray
Definition Derby: ay

Read each -ay family word in the first column. Find the correct definition and write the matching letter next to the word (see sample). Write each word in a sentence.

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<td>d. We like to see the song called, “Down By the Bay.”</td>
<td>a. opposite of night</td>
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<td>2.   bray</td>
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<td>b. might or perhaps will; fifth month</td>
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<td>3.   clay</td>
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<td>c. dried grasses fed to farm animals</td>
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<td>d. part of an ocean or lake that is partly surrounded by land</td>
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<td>e. to give money for something</td>
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<td>g. have fun; a theater performance</td>
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<td>i. earth baked and dried to make pottery and bricks</td>
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<td>j. remain in one place; opposite of go</td>
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<td>k. to speak or pronounce words</td>
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