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**Phonics Skill**

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It is a gray day in May.
This rain won’t stop Ray.

“I will use this in the rain.
It will keep me dry!”
Ray has roses in his yard. 
“Roses are just right for Gail,” Ray thinks. 
He picks red roses for Gail.

Gail is at home. 
She broke her leg. 
Ray takes the mail to Gail.
They play a game. Gail is smart. She uses her brain. She wins the game.

Ray brings Gail lunch on a tray. “Does this make you smile?” asks Ray.
Ray waves good-bye to Gail.
He takes the short way home.
Ray had a fine day.