Runaway Day

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| On Monday, Taylor sat at his desk, tapping his pen. “I can’t stay in this class all day.” | His pal, Clay, gave him a grin. “Say the word, and we’ll slip away. It’s time for us to have a holiday. Let’s not delay, we need to get away!” Taylor bit his lip. ”It’s okay to miss one day, isn’t it?” |
| The bell rang. As kids ran to the dining hall, Taylor and Clay slipped away. Past the hall, past the gate… free at last! | They hit a shop. Clay pays for a packet of crisps. “Maybe this is the best day ever!” Taylor said. “What do you say?” |
| Then—a buzz. A text from Dad. “I see you slipped away from class. Pay me back by staying in on Saturday.” Taylor sat back. ”Busted,” he said. | Taylor said sadly,  “Maybe next time, we’ll stay put.” |

Word List

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| 1 |  | day |  |
| 2 |  | Clay |  |
| 3 |  | pay |  |
| 4 |  | stay |  |
| 5 |  | delay |  |
| 6 |  | get away |  |
| 7 |  | maybe |  |
| 8 |  | Monday |  |
| 9 |  | holiday |  |
| 10 |  | baked |  |
| 11 |  | walked |  |
| 12 |  | talked |  |

Online Game: <https://quizlet.com/il/1024533576/hickey-lesson-ay-flash-cards/?i=2j09ad&x=1qqt>

**Snakes and Ladders**

Players roll the dice, move, and must read the word they land on. Correct pronunciation lets them continue, while mistakes keep them in place. Ladders move you up, snakes slide you down. The first to reach the end wins!

