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“I don’t want to walk. I want to bike!
Wait up, Zack! Stay with us!” Finn
wails. “Please don’t complain, Finn.
You picked walking today.”



“Should we play a game? Or sing a song? I can sing a trail song, Finn.”
Zack sings a funny song.



An illustration of a woman with brown hair, wearing a purple hoodie and dark pants, standing and talking to a young boy. The boy is wearing a blue helmet, a grey hoodie, and blue pants, and is sitting on a red and white balance bike. He is looking startled and is holding onto a blue mailbox that is tilted over. The background shows a suburban street with trees and a house.

Zack! Don't stray
off the trail.

Yikes, a mailbox!
No . . . my chain
fell off!



“Are you in pain?”

“No. But my
bike is.”



“Don’t worry!
We can fix
your chain.”

They put the chain back on. Zack looks up at a gray sky.

We may not have much time. We can make it. Stay focused. Rain, rain, go away!



How does
that look?

Just like before the
mailbox. It is getting
so gray. We can beat
the rain!



Now, I wish we all had bikes . . . and raincoats! But I'm not complaining. No way!



Yes, this is not the day to forget our raincoats. Did you feel a raindrop? How is your chain doing? Did it stay on?

Yep!





They sail down the trail. Gray rain clouds now fill the sky.



“I see our school. This way. Keep going.
Don’t stop!”



Quick, I feel raindrops!

Zack locks his bike. The kids sail up the steps.



“We made it! Way to go, Finn and Zack. It has been a wild ride. Have a good rainy day.”

New Words and Skills

Concept Focus

spelling rules: ay and ai as /ā/

Concept Focus Words

away, chain, complain, complaining, day, gray, mailbox, pain, play, rain, raincoats, raindrop(s), rainy, sail, stay, stray, today, trail, wails, wait, way

New High-Frequency Words

been, before, day, sing

Story Word

In this book, the word *school* is a story word. It is used to support the reader's understanding of the action in the decodable book *On Our Way to School One Day*, in which Finn and Zack try to make it to school before the rain starts.



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Think and Discuss

1. Who bikes and who walks to school?
2. What are two problems the characters face?
3. What do you think “the kids sail up the steps” means?



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