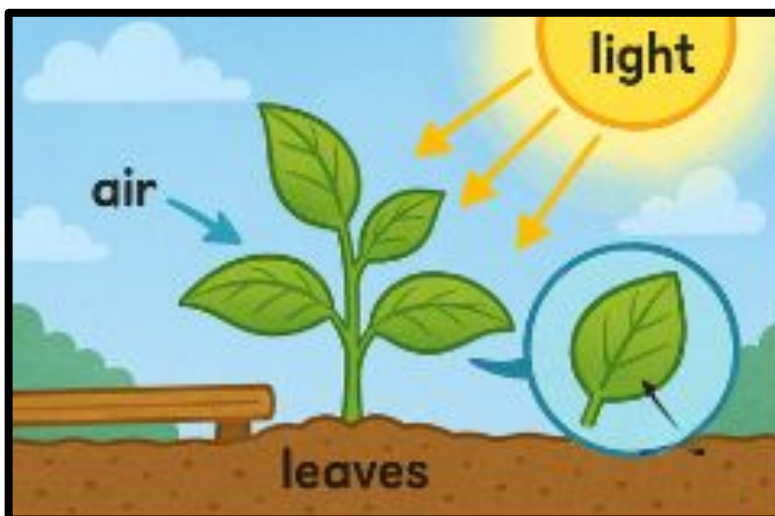


Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ea (fear)

"This story focuses on the 'ea' sound as in 'leaves.' Watch for words like 'leaves,' 'each,' and 'reach' as you read!"



How Leaves Make Food

Leaves help plants grow by making food. They take in sunlight, air, and water to start the process.

Each leaf has tiny parts that gather light. These parts help turn air and water into food for the plant.

The plant uses this food to grow tall and strong. Without healthy leaves, the plant would not get what it needs.

That is why green leaves are so important. They help keep plants alive and growing!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

leaves

each

reach

least

clean



Name: _____

How Leaves Make Food

1. What do leaves need to make food?

- A. Sunlight, air, and water
- B. Rocks and dirt
- C. Cold wind and snow
- D. Darkness and sand

2. Why are healthy leaves important for plants?

- A. They keep bugs away
- B. They make the plant look pretty
- C. They help the plant grow and stay alive
- D. They make the plant smell good

3. Fill in the blank:

Each leaf has tiny parts that gather _____.

4. Why do you think plants need sunlight to grow?

5. What do you think would happen if a plant had no leaves?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'ea'

Genre: Nonfiction – Nature & Science

High-Frequency Words: the, and, are, for, they

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're working on words with the 'ea' sound today!"
 2. What do you think leaves do for plants?
 3. Have you ever seen the tiny parts of a leaf up close?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'ea' makes the long /ē/ sound like in 'leaves.' Try that sound first when you see 'ea.'
 2. Watch for 'ea' words and stretch the sounds slowly.
 3. What helps leaves turn sunlight into food?
 4. Try reading the last part with excitement to show why leaves are important!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell how leaves help plants make food?
 2. Why do you think plants need their food made from air and sunlight?
 3. Do you think plants could live without leaves? Why or why not?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'ea' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you are teaching a class about plants!
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Activity Idea

Draw a big green leaf and show how it gathers light. Label it with at least three 'ea' words from the story. Share what each part of the leaf does to help the plant grow.

Coaching Tip

Encourage the reader to reread tricky sections. Repeated reading helps build confidence and fluency!

