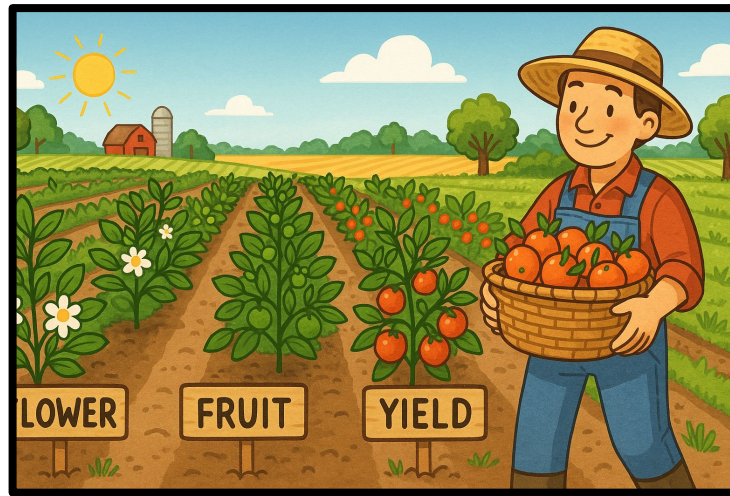


Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ie (chief)

"This story focuses on the 'ie' sound as in 'shield.' Watch for words like 'shield,' 'chief,' and 'fierce' as you read!"



How Plants Yield Fruit

Plants grow fruit through a process that takes time and care. Farmers believe that healthy soil and plenty of sunlight help plants grow strong.

Each plant begins by growing flowers. These flowers turn into tiny fruits. Over time, the fruits grow bigger and sweeter.

Some plants yield fruit only once a year, while others keep growing fruit all season long. Farmers work hard to achieve the best harvest by giving plants everything they need.

When the time is right, the plants yield a fresh crop of fruits ready to pick and eat.

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

yield

believe

field

brief

achieve



Name: _____

How Plants Yield Fruit

1. How do farmers help plants grow fruit?

- A. They water them and provide sunlight
- B. They tell stories to the plants
- C. They keep them in the dark
- D. They pick the flowers early

2. When do plants yield fruit?

- A. At the start of winter
- B. Only at night
- C. When the time is right and the fruit is ready
- D. After every rain

3. Fill in the blank:

Farmers work hard to _____ the best harvest by giving plants what they need.

4. Why do you think farmers believe healthy soil is important?

5. What kind of fruit would you like to grow and why?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'ie' (as in "yield")

Genre: Nonfiction – Science & Nature

High-Frequency Words: the, and, to, when, they

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're working on words where 'ie' says the /ē/ sound, like in 'yield.'"
 2. Have you ever seen a fruit growing on a plant or tree?
 3. Why do you think it takes time for fruit to grow?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'ie' says the long /ē/ sound in words like 'yield.'
 2. Watch for 'ie' words and stretch them out slowly.
 3. What do plants need to grow strong fruit?
 4. Try reading the last sentence with excitement, like the fruit is ready to pick!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell how plants grow and yield fruit?
 2. Why do some plants take longer to yield fruit than others?
 3. If you were a farmer, what would you grow and why?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'ie' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're explaining the process to younger students!
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Activity Idea

Draw the life cycle of a fruit plant, showing how it starts with flowers and grows into fruit. Add labels using at least three 'ie' words from the story.

Coaching Tip

Encourage readers to imagine the process happening in real life—it helps build understanding and makes nonfiction fun!

