"This nonfiction story will teach us how to bake a cake using lots of a-e words. Let's practice reading step-by-step directions!"



How to Bake a Cake

Do you want to bake a cake?

Here is what you do.

First, make the cake mix. You will need a bowl and a big plate.

Next, add eggs and milk. Make sure to stir it well.

Then, bake the cake in the heat.

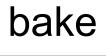
Use a safe pan, and wait.

When the cake is done, let it cool.

Last, add the name with a line of pink tape.

Now it is time to take a bite!

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









Name:

How to Bake a Cake

1. What is the first step in baking a cake?		2. What do you do after the cake is baked?	
Α.	Make the cake mix	Α.	Eat it right away
Β.	Bake the cake	В.	Add eggs
С.	Add eggs and milk	С.	Let it cool
D.	Add the name with tape	D.	Make more mix

3. Fill in the blank:

Add the _____ with a line of pink tape.

4. Why do you think it is important to let the cake cool before adding the name?

5. What could happen if you skip a step in the cake-baking process?





Coaching Guide

Target Skill: a-e Silent E Words Genre: Nonfiction – Procedural High-Frequency Words: do, you, will, when, now

Before Reading

- 1. Remind your child that a-e words make the A say its name.
- 2. Have you ever helped in the kitchen?
- 3. What kinds of cakes have you tried?

During Reading

- 1. **Sounding Out Support:** If your child gets stuck, break the word into parts and remind them the silent E makes the A long.
- 2. Watch for long A silent e words in each step
- 3. What do you need to bake a cake?
- 4. Use a clear voice like you're giving directions

After Reading

- 1. Retell the steps in order from start to finish
- 2. Why is it helpful to use a list when baking?
- 3. Do the steps make sense, or would you change anything?
- 4. Skill Check: Find and underline six a-e words in the text
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Pretend you're a baking show host and read it like you're teaching the steps on TV!

Activity Idea

Pretend you're writing a recipe card. List the cake steps in your own words using a-e words like "bake," "tape," and "make." Draw a picture of your cake and add a label with your name.

Coaching Tip

Help your reader see how real-world steps connect to reading—it builds purpose and confidence.



