

Decodable Texts: Silent E (A-E)

"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.

bake

cake

make

plate

name



Name: _____

How to Bake a Cake

1. What is the first step in baking a cake?

- A. Make the cake mix
- B. Bake the cake
- C. Add eggs and milk
- D. Add the name with tape

2. What do you do after the cake is baked?

- A. Eat it right away
- B. Add eggs
- C. Let it cool
- 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?
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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
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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!
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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.

