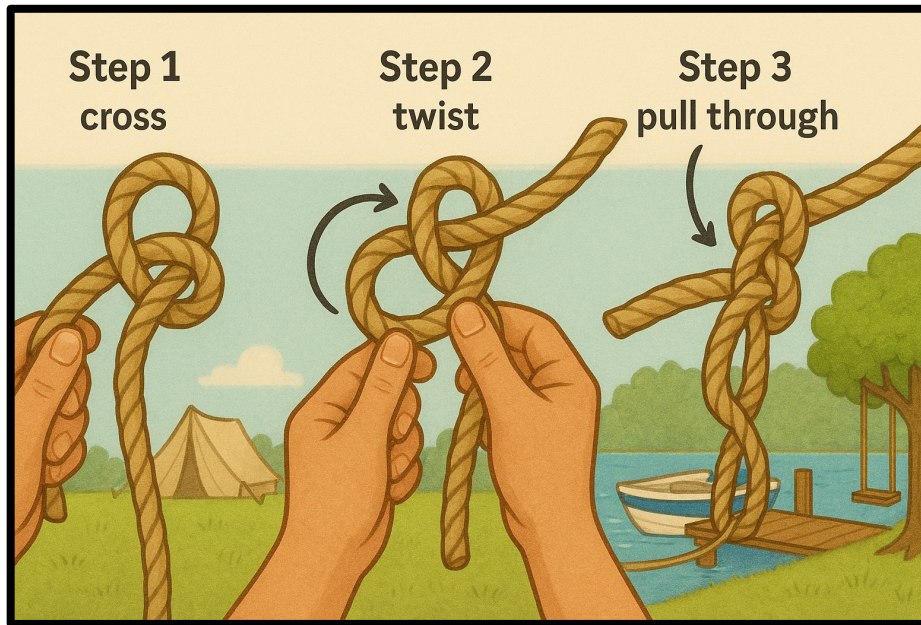


Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ie (tie)

"This story focuses on the 'ie' sound as in 'tie.' Watch for words like 'tie,' 'untie,' and 'die' as you read!"



How to Tie a Perfect Knot

Learning to tie a knot is a skill people use for camping, sailing, and even crafts.

Each type of knot has a special job. Some knots hold things tight, and others are made to untie easily.

To tie a perfect knot, start by crossing the two ends of a rope. Then, twist and pull them through the loop. Practice makes perfect!

Once you learn how to tie strong knots, you can use them to build tents, tie boats, or hang things safely.

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

tie

untie

die

tie

pie



Name: _____

How to Tie a Perfect Knot

1. What can people use knots for?

- A. Camping, sailing, and crafts
- B. Making loud sounds
- C. Drawing pictures
- D. Climbing trees

2. How do you start tying a knot?

- A. By throwing the rope
- B. By crossing the two ends of a rope
- C. By cutting the rope
- D. By tying it in a big ball

3. Fill in the blank:

Some knots are made to _____ easily.

4. Why is it important to learn how to tie strong knots?

5. What is something you would like to tie or build using a rope?



Coaching Guide

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

Genre: Nonfiction – How-To

High-Frequency Words: the, to, and, how, you

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're reading to find 'ie' words that say the long /i/ sound, like in 'tie.'"
 2. Have you ever tried to tie a knot? Was it easy or tricky?
 3. What kinds of things do people need knots for?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'ie' can say the long /i/ sound. Try that sound first when seeing 'ie.'
 2. Watch for 'ie' words and practice saying them slowly.
 3. What is the first step when tying a knot?
 4. Try reading the final sentence like you're giving important instructions!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell the steps for tying a perfect knot?
 2. Why do you think people say "practice makes perfect"?
 3. Where would you like to try using a knot—on a tent, a boat, or something else?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'ie' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're teaching someone how to tie knots!
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Activity Idea

Practice tying simple knots with a shoelace or rope. Then draw a picture showing your favorite knot and write a sentence using at least three 'ie' words to explain what it can do.

Coaching Tip

Celebrate each successful try—learning new skills is just like reading new words, it takes practice!

