

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ue

"This story focuses on the 'ue' vowel team, like in 'blue,' 'due,' and 'true.' Let's see what adventure Jude and Max find with their new canoe!"



Jude and the Blue Canoe

Jude and Max had one rule: try something new each week.

Today, they found a blue canoe by the lake.

"It's due for a spin," said Max.

Jude gave a huge grin.

They used glue to patch a small crack and tied a rope for safety.

Then they paddled out where the water was cool and true blue.

After their ride, they drew the canoe in a sketchbook.

"This was the best idea yet," said Jude.

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

Jude

blue

due

glue

true



Name: _____

Jude and the Blue Canoe

1. What did Jude and Max find?

- A. A bike
- B. A rope
- C. A blue canoe
- D. A trail

2. What did they use to fix the canoe?

- A. A paddle
- B. Glue
- C. Tape
- D. Paint

3. Fill in the blank:

"This was the best idea yet," said _____.

4. What does this story tell you about Jude and Max's friendship?

5. Why was fixing the canoe part of the fun?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: ue Vowel Team (Long U)

Genre: Fiction – Friendship / Adventure

High-Frequency Words: each, they, for, the, said

Before Reading

1. This story uses “ue” long U words like *blue*, *glue*, and *true*.
 2. Have you ever tried something new with a friend?
 3. What do you think you would need to ride in a canoe?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Stretch the long U sound in “ue” words like *blue*, *due*, and *glue*.
 2. Watch for ue words describing tools, colors, and actions
 3. What did the boys do before paddling out?
 4. Read Jude’s final line with excitement and pride
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After Reading

1. Retell how Jude and Max turned an old canoe into a fun day
 2. Why do you think they made it into a sketch after?
 3. What might be their next new adventure?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six ue words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like you're telling the story to a friend who wants to come next time!
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Activity Idea

Draw Jude and Max paddling in the blue canoe with their gear. Label parts using ue words like “glue,” “blue,” or “true.” Then write one sentence about what made the adventure special.

Coaching Tip

Stories about curiosity and teamwork help reinforce phonics patterns through meaningful, positive experiences.

