

Decodable Texts: Silent E (U-E)

"This story is about June and her mule, Duke. Watch for u-e words like 'cube' and 'rule' as you read about their silly day!"



June and the Mule

June had a mule named Duke.

He was cute but rude at times.

One day, June gave him a cube of fruit.

Duke gave a loud "Huff!" and ran into the blue lake!

June made a rule: "No cube if you are rude!"

Later that day, Duke came back.

He gave June a nudge and stood still.

June smiled. "That's true mule style!"

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

June

mule

Duke

rude

cube



Name: _____

June and the Mule

1. What did Duke do when June gave him fruit?

- A. He smiled
- B. He ran into the lake
- C. He took a nap
- D. He followed June

2. What was June's rule?

- A. No rides in the blue lake
- B. No mule games at night
- C. No cube if you are rude
- D. Always nudge after a treat

3. Fill in the blank:

June smiled. "That's true _____ style!"

4. What do you think June meant by "true mule style"?

5. How does Duke's behavior change in the story?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: u-e Silent E Words

Genre: Fiction – Animal Adventure

High-Frequency Words: had, him, one, gave, back

Before Reading

1. u-e words can describe actions, animals, and moods—look for them as June and Duke go on a silly adventure.
 2. Do you know what a mule is?
 3. What might happen when a pet doesn't follow the rules?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Point out u-e pattern words like “June,” “mule,” and “rule.” Remind readers that the silent E makes the U say its name.
 2. Watch for u-e words showing feelings or actions
 3. What does June say to Duke when he returns?
 4. Try reading Duke’s “Huff!” in a loud, funny voice
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After Reading

1. Retell what happened when Duke was rude and how he made it right
 2. Why do you think June still likes Duke even when he’s silly?
 3. What lesson does this story teach about pets or patience?
 4. Skill Check: Circle six u-e words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using different voices for June and Duke!
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Activity Idea

Draw Duke near the lake with a cube of fruit and a sign showing June’s rule. Label parts of the scene using u-e words like “mule,” “cube,” or “rule.” Write a sentence about what Duke might do tomorrow.

Coaching Tip

Use playful animal stories to bring decoding to life—fun characters keep readers engaged while building fluency.

