

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ea

"This story uses the 'ea' vowel team, like in 'beach,' 'treat,' and 'Leah.' Let's see how one girl makes a new feathered friend!"



Leah and the Seagull

Leah sat on the beach with a bag of bread.

She heard a loud *screech* and looked up.

A seagull flew down and gave a squeak.

"It wants a treat!" Leah said with a grin.

She tossed a piece of bread into the sea.

The gull did a leap, caught it, and flapped away.

Each time Leah tossed more, the gull came back.

"This is the best beach day yet!" Leah laughed.

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

Leah

beach

treat

sea

each



Name: _____

Leah and the Seagull

1. Where did the story take place?

- A. In the forest
- B. On the beach
- C. At school
- D. In a cave

2. What did the seagull want?

- A. To swim
- B. To fly with Leah
- C. To eat a treat
- D. To steal a hat

3. Fill in the blank:

Each time Leah tossed more, the gull came _____.

4. How did Leah know what the seagull wanted?

5. What might happen if Leah came back to the beach the next day?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: ea Vowel Team (Long E)

Genre: Fiction – Animal Fantasy

High-Frequency Words: she, on, the, with, more

Before Reading

1. This story focuses on the "ea" vowel team. Watch for words like *beach*, *treat*, and *sea*.
 2. Have you ever seen or fed a bird at the beach or park?
 3. What do birds do when they want food?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Help your reader spot and sound out "ea" as long E, especially in common words like "each" and "treat."
 2. Watch for ea words that describe the place and action
 3. What does the gull do when Leah tosses the bread?
 4. Read the gull's squeak and Leah's laugh with fun energy
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After Reading

1. Retell what happened from the first squeak to the last treat
 2. Why do you think Leah liked the beach day so much?
 3. What might she bring next time to feed the seagull?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six ea words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using sound effects for the gull and extra joy in Leah's voice
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Activity Idea

Draw Leah on the beach tossing bread to a gull. Label parts using ea words like "sea," "treat," or "beach." Write one sentence about their funny friendship.

Coaching Tip

Stories with animals spark connection—use those moments to reinforce patterns like the "ea" team while building fluency and fun.

