

Decodable Texts: Silent E (A-E)

"In this story, we'll read lots of long A words with silent E like 'race' and 'skate.' Let's see if Lena can make it in time!"



Lena's Late Race

Lena had one job—get to the race!

She made a cape, put on her skates, and ran to the gate.

But oh no! She was late.

She gave a wave to the judge. "Can I race?"

The judge gave a nod. "You made it!"

Lena took her place. The race began.

Lena went fast. She skated past Nate and Jade.

She won the race by a hair!

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

race

skate

late

cape

wave



Name: _____

Lena's Late Race

1. What did Lena forget?

- A. She was too late for the race
- B. She made her cape
- C. She waved to the judge
- D. She put on her skates

2. What happened when the race began?

- A. Lena stopped
- B. Lena skated past Nate and Jade
- C. The judge ran
- D. Jade won the race

3. Fill in the blank:

Lena won the race by a _____!

4. What helped Lena still get to race even though she was late?

5. How do you think Lena felt at the end of the story? What clues tell you?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: a-e Silent E Words

Genre: Fiction – Sports

High-Frequency Words: she, her, was, one, by

Before Reading

1. Today's story has a-e words with a long A sound.
 2. What do you do to get ready for something big?
 3. Have you ever been late to something important?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** If your child gets stuck on a long A word, remind them the "e" at the end makes the "a" say its name.
 2. Watch for long A silent e words throughout the story
 3. What did Lena do when she got to the race?
 4. Try reading Lena's lines with big excitement!
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After Reading

1. Retell what happened at the start, middle, and end of Lena's race
 2. Why do you think the judge let Lena race even though she was late?
 3. Was Lena's cape important to the story or just a fun detail?
 4. Skill Check: Find and circle six a-e words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the race scene faster each time, like you're in the race too!
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Activity Idea

Draw a race track and label parts with a-e words like "gate," "lane," or "skate." Write 1–2 sentences about who wins.

Coaching Tip

Cheer your reader on! A little excitement from you builds confidence and fluency.

