"In this adventure, you'll read words with the long I sound spelled i-e, like 'hike' and 'slide.' Let's see what Mike finds on his climb!"



# Mike's Big Hike

Mike had a plan: hike up the wide hill before sunrise.

He put on his pack, grabbed a ripe bite of lime, and set off.

The sky was pink as he made it to the top.

He saw a white kite stuck in a pine.

Mike used a long stick to slide it down.

Then he tied a line and let it glide.

"It's the best hike of my life," Mike said with a smile.

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











slide

smile

# Name:

Mike's Big Hike			
1. Why did Mike go on the hike?		2. What did Mike do when he saw the kite?	
Α.	To catch the kite	Α.	He tied a line
В.	To eat a lime	B.	He left it in the tree
С.	To hike before sunrise	С.	He used a stick to slide it down
D.	To fly his drone		
		D.	He climbed the pine

### 3. Fill in the blank:

Mike said it was the best \_\_\_\_\_ of his life.

# 4. What clues show that Mike enjoys hiking?

5. How did Mike show problem-solving skills during his hike?



## **Coaching Guide**

Target Skill: i-e Silent E Words Genre: Fiction – Adventure High-Frequency Words: his, said, with, the, of

#### **Before Reading**

- 1. Remind your reader that i-e makes the I say its name.
- 2. Have you ever gone on a hike or climbed something tall?
- 3. What do you think people hope to see on a hike?

#### **During Reading**

- 1. **Sounding Out Support:** Help break up long I words with i-e, like "hike" or "slide." Cover the E to see the root word.
- 2. Watch for i-e pattern words related to the hike
- 3. What did Mike find at the top of the hill?
- 4. Read Mike's last line with a proud, happy voice

#### After Reading

- 1. Tell what happened from the time Mike started to when he smiled
- 2. Why do you think the story is called "Mike's Big Hike"?
- 3. What part of the story surprised you or made you smile?
- 4. Skill Check: Find and highlight six i-e words in the story
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read the story again like you're telling an exciting story around a campfire!

#### Activity Idea

Make a hiking map showing where Mike went. Include places with i-e words like "pine," "slide," or "site." Add a sentence about what Mike did at the top.

#### **Coaching Tip**

Encourage your child to picture each scene as they read—it boosts both comprehension and expression!

