

Decodable Texts: All Long Vowel Teams

"This story uses mixed long vowel teams like 'ai,' 'ee,' 'oa,' 'ue,' and 'ow.' Watch for them as Shane takes on race day!"



Shane's Race Day

Shane woke up to a clear sky and cool breeze.

Today was the big race at the lake trail!

He ate a bowl of oatmeal and tied his shoes tight.

At the park, his name was called. "Go, Shane!"

He ran past the trees, over a stone path, and down a steep slope.

A blue kite flew high above as he reached the goal.

The crowd gave a loud cheer.

Shane smiled. "I feel great—I beat my time!"

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

Shane

race

breeze

stone

blue



Name: _____

Shane's Race Day

1. What did Shane do at the park?

- A. Watch a movie
- B. Join a kite show
- C. Run in a race
- D. Paint a picture

2. How did Shane feel at the end?

- A. Sad and slow
- B. Tired and grumpy
- C. Proud and strong
- D. Lost and confused

3. Fill in the blank:

A blue kite flew high above as he reached the _____.

4. What clues in the story show Shane was ready for the race?

5. How do the long vowel team words help you picture the setting?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Mixed Long Vowel Teams

Genre: Fiction – Realistic Fiction / Competition

High-Frequency Words: his, the, was, he, my

Before Reading

1. This story includes vowel teams like *ai*, *ee*, *oa*, *ue*, and *ow*.
 2. Have you ever raced or tried to beat your best time?
 3. What helps you prepare for something big?
-

During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Help stretch long vowel sounds in words like *breeze*, *stone*, *cheer*, and *blue*.
 2. Watch for vowel team words that describe action and setting
 3. How does Shane react to his win?
 4. Read the final line with pride and energy
-

After Reading

1. Retell the events of Shane's race and how he prepared
 2. Why do you think the author chose words like "cheer" and "breeze"?
 3. What race would you like to run, and how would you feel afterward?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six different long vowel team words from the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again like you're announcing Shane at the finish line!
-

Activity Idea

Draw Shane crossing the finish line under a blue sky with a kite flying overhead. Label parts using long vowel team words like "blue," "cheer," "stone," or "breeze." Write one sentence about how Shane prepared.

Coaching Tip

Celebrating effort and victory makes decoding feel meaningful—help your reader relate real moments to word patterns.

