

## Decodable Texts: Silent E (A-E)

"This nonfiction story teaches about snakes that live near lakes. Look for a-e words like 'snake' and 'bake' as you learn!"



### Snakes of the Lake

Did you know snakes can live near a lake?

Some snakes hide in a cave or under a big rock.

They come out when the sun is high to bake in the heat.

Snakes use their nose to find food.

They do not have legs, but they can glide fast!

A snake can even dive in the lake to get a fish.

Snakes are quiet and safe if you leave them alone.

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

snake

lake

bake

cave

nose



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Snakes of the Lake

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1. Where do snakes go when the sun is out?

- A. They hide in caves
- B. They bake in the heat
- C. They sleep in trees
- D. They chase boats

2. What do snakes use to find food?

- A. Eyes
- B. Ears
- C. Nose
- D. Legs

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3. Fill in the blank:

Snakes do not have legs, but they can \_\_\_\_\_ fast.

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4. What makes snakes good at living near lakes?

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5. What would you do if you saw a snake while walking by a lake?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** a-e Silent E Words

**Genre:** Nonfiction – Animal Facts

**High-Frequency Words:** can, they, some, have, do

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## Before Reading

1. Silent E words with a-e are used often in animal facts.
  2. What do you already know about snakes?
  3. Why do some animals live near water?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Help kids chunk tricky a-e words like “snake” into parts: sn–ake. Remind them the E makes the A say its name.
  2. Watch for a-e words that describe where or how snakes move
  3. Where do snakes go to rest or warm up?
  4. Try reading like you're sharing facts with a class
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## After Reading

1. Summarize the most important things we learned about snakes
  2. Why are snakes called “safe” in this story?
  3. What would make this text better—more facts or more pictures?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six a-e words used in the story
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read the story again using a soft, smooth voice like a snake might sound if it could talk!
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## Activity Idea

Draw a snake habitat near a lake. Label parts of your picture using a-e words like “lake,” “cave,” or “snake.” Then write 1–2 sentences about how a snake uses the space.

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## Coaching Tip

Support your child’s curiosity—asking questions about nonfiction helps build understanding and vocabulary!

