

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ue (blue)

"This story focuses on the 'ue' sound as in 'blue.' Watch for words like 'blue,' 'rescue,' and 'true' as the rescue crew helps their town!"



The Blue Rescue Crew

The Blue Rescue Crew was known all over town.

They wore bright blue hats and helped animals in trouble.

One day, a small cat was stuck on a high avenue wall.

"Let's rescue her!" called June.

Drew grabbed a soft tissue and held it out.

The cat jumped down safe and sound.

"Another true rescue!" June cheered. "Let's see who needs help next!"

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

blue

rescue

avenue

true

tissue



Name: _____

The Blue Rescue Crew

1. What was the name of the rescue team?

- A. The Red Hat Team
- B. The Blue Rescue Crew
- C. The Animal Friends
- D. The Fast Movers

2. What did Drew use to help the cat?

- A. A blanket
- B. A tissue
- C. A rope
- D. A stick

3. Fill in the blank:

"Another _____ rescue!" June cheered.

4. How did the Blue Rescue Crew help the cat?

5. What is another way the crew might help their town?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: *ue* as in "blue" (/oo/ sound)

Genre: Fiction – Community Helpers / Adventure

High-Frequency Words: *they, said, who, help, out*

Before Reading

1. This story uses “ue” words like *blue, rescue, true, tissue, avenue, and crew*.
 2. Have you ever helped someone or something in need?
 3. Why is it important to lend a hand when you can?
-

During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Practice stretching the /oo/ sound in “ue” words like *blue, rescue, and true*. Remind readers that the “ue” spelling makes the long /oo/ sound in these words.
 2. Watch for target skill words that show how the crew helps others.
 3. What did the Blue Rescue Crew do when they saw the cat?
 4. Read the final line with excitement and pride, like the crew just finished a great job!
-

After Reading

1. Retell how the Blue Rescue Crew saved the cat.
 2. Why do you think the crew likes helping others so much?
 3. What is one kind thing you can do for someone today?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six “ue” words in the story.
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with a proud, helpful voice—like you’re part of the crew!
-

Activity Idea

Draw the Blue Rescue Crew wearing bright blue hats, helping the cat down from a tall wall. Label parts using “ue” words like *blue, rescue, true, tissue, avenue, or crew*. Write one sentence about what the crew might do next.

Coaching Tip

Helping stories inspire kindness—every small rescue builds reading confidence and a caring heart!

