

Decodable Texts: Silent E (A-E)

"Let's read about an ape who is very brave. You'll see many a-e words like 'cave' and 'crate.'
Get ready to sound them out with confidence!"



The Brave Ape

In a deep cave, there was an ape.

He was not like the rest. He was brave.

The brave ape made a plan to help his pals.

He gave a wave and went into the dark.

A snake came! The ape did not run.

He used a rake to scare it away.

Then he found a crate with food!

The brave ape had saved the day.

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

brave

ape

cave

wave

rake



Name: _____

The Brave Ape

1. What did the brave ape do at the start?

- A. He waved and ran
- B. He made a plan
- C. He hid in a crate
- D. He ran from a snake

2. What happened when the snake came?

- A. The ape ran away
 - B. The ape scared it with a rake
 - C. The snake ate the food
 - D. The ape waved to it
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3. Fill in the blank:

The brave ape had _____ the day.

4. What made the ape different from the others in the story?

5. What does this story teach us about being brave?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: a-e Silent E Words

Genre: Fiction – Fantasy

High-Frequency Words: he, was, the, with, into

Before Reading

1. This story has long A words with silent E—watch for that vowel pattern.
 2. Have you ever had to be brave in a tricky situation?
 3. What kind of places might a brave character explore?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind your child that a-e words like “brave” and “rake” have the long A sound because of the silent E.
 2. Watch for a-e pattern words like ape, cave, and crate
 3. What does the ape do to help his pals?
 4. Read the snake part with drama in your voice!
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After Reading

1. Retell what happened when the ape went into the cave
 2. Why do you think the ape chose to go alone?
 3. Do you think the story would change if the ape had been afraid?
 4. Skill Check: Circle six words with a-e in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read the story again using different voices for the ape and the snake!
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Activity Idea

Make a comic strip showing the ape’s adventure. Use a-e words in each panel like “brave,” “rake,” or “crate.”

Coaching Tip

Encourage your child’s imagination—fantasy stories are great places to build decoding and creativity at the same time!

