

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ea (fear)

"This story focuses on the 'ea' sound as in 'sea.' Watch for words like 'seal,' 'heap,' and 'sea' as you read!"



The Brave Seal

The waves crashed hard by the old dock. A young **seal** named Flip swam close to **Leah**, the lifeguard.

"Oh no!" **Leah** gasped. A crab was stuck in a tight **heap** of rope near the rocks!

Flip dove deep and spun through the water. With a fast swipe of his flipper, he set the crab free.

"You're a brave **seal**, Flip!" **Leah** cheered. Flip gave a happy clap and swam back out to **sea**.

From that day on, Flip was known as the hero of the shore!

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

seal

sea

Leah

heap

reach



Name: _____

The Brave Seal

1. Who is Flip in the story?

- A. A young seal
- B. A red crab
- C. A brave lifeguard
- D. A fisherman

2. How did Flip help the crab?

- A. He called for help
- B. He used his flipper to set it free
- C. He pushed the rocks away
- D. He lifted the crab with his teeth

3. Fill in the blank:

Flip swam back out to the _____.

4. Why do you think Flip wanted to help the crab?

5. If you could meet Flip, what would you say to him?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'ea'

Genre: Fiction – Animal Adventure

High-Frequency Words: the, to, his, back, out

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're working on words with the 'ea' sound today!"
 2. Have you ever seen a seal or visited the sea?
 3. What do you think makes someone brave?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'ea' can make the long /ē/ sound like in 'sea.' Try that sound first when you see 'ea.'
 2. Watch for 'ea' words and stretch out the sounds if stuck.
 3. What did Flip do to help the crab?
 4. Try reading the cheering part with lots of excitement!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell how Flip saved the crab?
 2. Why do you think Flip became a hero?
 3. Do you think animals can really help each other like this? Why or why not?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and circle 5 'ea' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you are the lifeguard telling the story to a friend!
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Activity Idea

Create a short comic strip showing Flip's brave rescue. Add speech bubbles and sound effects using 'ea' words where you can. Share it with a friend and retell the story through your comic!

Coaching Tip

Model how to read with expression by reading one character's lines aloud, then invite the child to try!

