

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ie (tie)

"This story focuses on the 'ie' sound as in 'pie.' Watch for words like 'pie,' 'tie,' and 'lie' as you read!"



The Giant Pie Contest

Ellie signed up for the town's giant pie contest. She had a big plan to make the tallest pie anyone had ever seen!

She stacked layer after layer of sweet apple filling and flaky crust. But just as she added the final piece, the pie leaned to the side.

"Don't let it lie down!" Ellie shouted.

She ran to grab a wooden stick and tied it to the pie to keep it standing tall.

When the judges arrived, they laughed and gave Ellie a prize for the most creative pie ever made!

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

pie

untie

lie

tie

die



Name: _____

The Giant Pie Contest

1. What did Ellie build for the contest?

- A. A tall pie
- B. A huge cake
- C. A fruit tower
- D. A cookie mountain

2. How did Ellie keep her pie standing tall?

- A. She tied it to a stick
- B. She added more filling
- C. She glued it together
- D. She leaned it against a wall

3. Fill in the blank:

Ellie shouted, "Don't let it _____ down!"

4. Why did Ellie win a prize even though her pie almost fell?

5. If you were in a pie contest, what kind of pie would you make?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'ie' (as in "pie")

Genre: Fiction – Humor

High-Frequency Words: the, she, to, and, it

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're looking for 'ie' words that say the long /i/ sound, like in 'pie.'"
 2. Have you ever seen or made a really big dessert?
 3. What do you think makes a pie stand tall without falling over?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids to try the long /i/ sound when they see 'ie.'
 2. Watch for 'ie' words and break them into smaller parts if needed.
 3. What did Ellie do to keep her pie from falling?
 4. Try reading Ellie's shout with lots of excitement!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell what happened when Ellie made her tall pie?
 2. Why do you think the judges gave Ellie a prize even though her pie almost fell?
 3. Would you want to try a slice of that giant pie? Why or why not?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'ie' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're announcing a funny baking contest!
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Activity Idea

Draw your own silly pie creation and add at least three 'ie' words to describe it. Write a short story about what makes your pie the most creative one ever!

Coaching Tip

Encourage readers to imagine the funny parts of the story while reading—this makes it easier to read with great expression!

