"This story teaches about fireflies using i-e words like 'rise' and 'shine.' Let's read and discover how they light up the night!"



The Life of a Firefly

- A firefly is a small bug that shines in the night.
- It has a light inside its body.

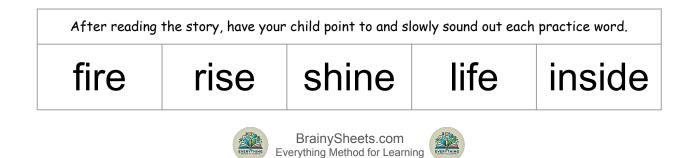
This light helps it find a mate or give a sign.

Fireflies live near plants, trees, and water.

They hide in the grass in the daytime and rise when it gets dark.

The light they make is called a "cold light."

It does not give heat, just a glow.



## Name:

# The Life of a Firefly

1. What do fireflies use their light for?		2. Where do fireflies go in the day?	
Α.	To see in the dark	Α.	They shine in the sky
В.	To find a mate or give a sign		<ul><li>B. They rise above trees</li><li>C. They hide in the grass</li><li>D. They sleep in water</li></ul>
С.	To cook food		
D.	To warm their home	0.	

### 3. Fill in the blank:

The light they make is called a \_\_\_\_\_ light.

4. What are two facts you learned about fireflies in this story?

5. Why do you think fireflies come out only at night?





### **Coaching Guide**

Target Skill: i-e Silent E Words Genre: Nonfiction – Life Science High-Frequency Words: has, in, just, near, when

#### **Before Reading**

- 1. This story uses i-e words to describe how fireflies live and shine.
- 2. Have you ever seen a firefly at night?
- 3. What do you think makes bugs glow?

#### **During Reading**

- 1. **Sounding Out Support:** Use your finger to cover the silent E and sound out the base word first. Then add the long I.
- 2. Watch for i-e words that describe the firefly and what it does
- 3. Where do fireflies go during the day?
- 4. Read the "cold light" line in a calm, soft voice

#### After Reading

- 1. Tell how fireflies use their light and where they live
- 2. Why is the firefly's glow called a "cold light"?
- 3. What other animals or bugs light up, and how are they the same or different?
- 4. Skill Check: Highlight six i-e words used in the passage
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again in a whisper voice to match the quiet night setting!

#### Activity Idea

Draw a scene with fireflies glowing in the night. Label parts of the picture using i-e words like "life," "rise," and "shine." Write a sentence about what makes their glow special.

#### **Coaching Tip**

Support curiosity by connecting science facts to real-world wonder—it makes decoding feel magical and meaningful.



