

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: igh

"This story focuses on the 'igh' sound as in 'light.' Watch for words like 'light,' 'bright,' and 'night' as you read!



The Power of Light in Space

Light is very important in space. It helps astronauts see and find their way, even in the darkest night.

Space stations use bright lights to help astronauts work safely. When a spaceship flies high above Earth, its lights shine so astronauts can move around inside.

Lights also help guide ships back to Earth. A bright light on a landing pad shows them the right place to land.

Without light, space would be too dark for astronauts to explore and do their important work.

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

night

light

bright

might

high



Name: _____

The Power of Light in Space

1. Why is light important in space?

- A. So astronauts can see and work safely
- B. So they can sleep all day
- C. So they don't have to wear helmets
- D. So they can play games

2. How do lights help ships return to Earth?

- A. They show where the right landing place is
- B. They make the ship fly faster
- C. They turn off the ship's engines
- D. They shine colors for fun

3. Fill in the blank:

Space stations use _____ lights to help astronauts work safely.

4. Why do you think space would be hard to explore without light?

5. If you could travel in space, what would you like to see under the bright lights?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'igh' (as in "light")

Genre: Nonfiction – Science & Space

High-Frequency Words: the, they, to, and, their

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're reading to find 'igh' words that say the long /i/ sound, like in 'light.'"
 2. Have you ever looked up at the night sky and wondered about space?
 3. Why might it be hard to work in space without light?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'igh' makes the long /i/ sound. Try that sound first when seeing 'igh.'
 2. Watch for 'igh' words and sound them out carefully.
 3. How do lights help astronauts find the right place to land?
 4. Try reading the last sentence like you're explaining something very important!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell how lights help astronauts in space?
 2. Why do you think bright lights are placed on landing pads?
 3. Would you like to be an astronaut? Why or why not?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'igh' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're giving a space mission report!
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Activity Idea

Draw a picture of a spaceship returning to Earth using lights to find the landing pad. Label the lights and the spaceship using at least three 'igh' words.

Coaching Tip

Encourage readers to read with confidence—just like a brave astronaut reporting from space!

