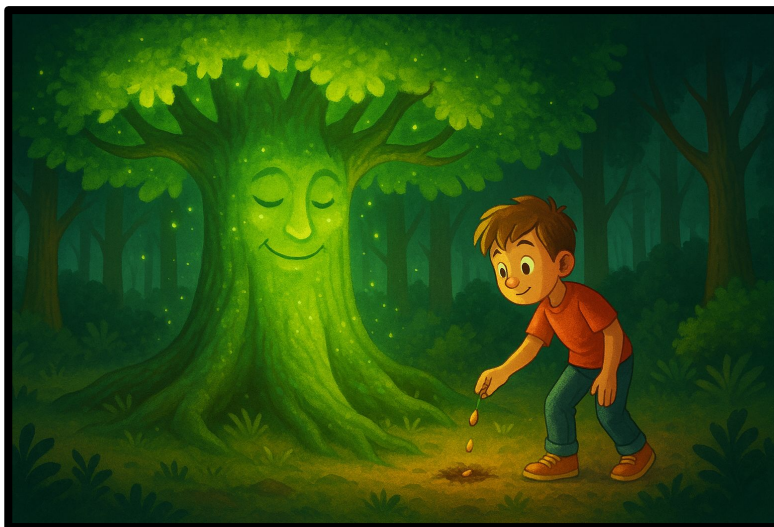


## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ee

"This fantasy story focuses on the 'ee' vowel team. Watch for words like 'tree,' 'speak,' and 'Reese' as you explore the woods with her!"



### The Tree That Could Speak

Reese found a strange tree in the deep woods.

Its bark was smooth, and its leaves glowed green.

She leaned close and heard a beep!

The tree began to speak: "Please feed me a seed."

Reese blinked. "A talking tree?"

She dropped a seed near its roots.

The tree grew taller and said, "Thank you!"

From that day on, Reese would meet the tree each week.

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

tree

Reese

beep

seed

green



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## The Tree That Could Speak

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**1. What did the tree ask for?**

- A. A leaf
- B. A cup
- C. A seed
- D. A name

**2. What happened after Reese gave the seed?**

- A. The tree ran
- B. It grew and spoke
- C. It turned red
- D. The woods got dark

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**3. Fill in the blank:**

Reese would meet the tree each \_\_\_\_\_.

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**4. What clues show that the tree was magical?**

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**5. What might happen if Reese brought more seeds next time?**

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** ee Vowel Team (Long E)

**Genre:** Fiction – Fantasy

**High-Frequency Words:** would, near, each, the, that

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## Before Reading

1. Today's story is full of "ee" words like *tree*, *seed*, and *green*.
  2. Have you ever imagined finding a magical tree in the woods?
  3. What would you do if something in nature could speak?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Help your child stretch the "ee" sound in words like *beep*, *seed*, and *week*.
  2. Watch for "ee" words that describe the tree and its voice
  3. What did Reese hear when she leaned in?
  4. Read the tree's line with a mysterious voice
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## After Reading

1. Retell what happened from the time Reese found the tree to when she fed it
  2. Why do you think the tree could talk?
  3. What would you ask the tree if you met it?
  4. Skill Check: Underline six ee words in the story
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a soft, magical voice for the tree!
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## Activity Idea

Draw Reese meeting the tree in the woods. Label parts using ee words like "tree," "seed," or "green." Then write one sentence about what might happen next time.

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## Coaching Tip

Fantasy opens doors for creative expression—use it to stretch fluency, voice, and imagination while reinforcing vowel team decoding.

