

Decodable Texts: Silent E (I-E)

"This poem is filled with i-e words like 'kite' and 'glide.' Read it like music, and see if you can spot the rhymes!"



The White Kite

Up so high, the white kite flies,
Past the pines and through blue skies.
With a tug and twist and glide,
It dances on the wind with pride.

Its line is long, its tail is light,
It spins and dips, a playful sight.
The kite and sky, a perfect pair—
A silent show up in the air.

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

white

kite

glide

pride

sight



Name: _____

The White Kite

1. Where does the kite fly?

- A. Through blue skies
- B. Across the sea
- C. Into the cave
- D. Under a tree

2. What word best describes the kite?

- A. Slow
- B. Scary
- C. Playful
- D. Heavy

3. Fill in the blank:

The kite and sky are a perfect _____.

4. What does the poem help you imagine about the kite's movement?

5. Which line or word did you like best? Why?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: i-e Silent E Words

Genre: Fiction – Poetry

High-Frequency Words: the, up, with, it, on

Before Reading

1. Poems often rhyme and use long vowel sounds—this one features i-e words with long I.
 2. Have you ever flown a kite?
 3. What kinds of words might describe how a kite moves?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Many i-e words in poems are easy to spot in rhyme pairs. Help your child sound out glide/pride or kite/light by finding the base word.
 2. Watch for long I words that describe how the kite moves
 3. Where does the kite go in this poem?
 4. Try reading each line like it's a song
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After Reading

1. Retell what the kite does in the poem
 2. How does the author make the kite feel alive or magical?
 3. Do you think this poem could be turned into a story? Why or why not?
 4. Skill Check: Highlight six i-e words used in the poem
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read the poem again with rhythm and flow, like you're reciting it at a poetry slam!
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Activity Idea

Draw a white kite dancing in the sky. Add labels using i-e words from the poem like “kite,” “glide,” and “sight.” Then write your own 2-line poem to go with the picture.

Coaching Tip

Let your child explore expression—poetry is a great way to build fluency, creativity, and decoding all at once.

