

Decodable Texts: Silent E (U-E)

"This nonfiction story teaches what a cube is. Look for u-e words like 'cube' and 'use' as you learn more about shapes!"



What Is a Cube?

A cube is a shape with six flat sides.

Each side is the same size and shape.

Cubes are made of square faces.

You can find cubes in real life!

A dice, a box, or an ice cube all have the same shape.

Cubes are used in math, games, and even food.

Next time you see one, name it and count the sides!

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

use

cube

name

size

dice



Name: _____

What Is a Cube?

1. What shape are the faces of a cube?

- A. Circle
- B. Square
- C. Triangle
- D. Oval

2. Which of these is a cube?

- A. A ball
- B. A cup
- C. An ice cube
- D. A plate

3. Fill in the blank:

Cubes are used in math, games, and even _____.

4. How can you tell if something is a cube?

5. Why do you think cubes are useful in everyday life?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: u-e Silent E Words

Genre: Nonfiction – Physical Science

High-Frequency Words: is, with, each, in, all

Before Reading

1. Today we're learning about cubes—watch for u-e words that describe shapes and uses.
 2. What do you know about shapes?
 3. Have you ever seen or used a cube?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** For u-e words like “cube” or “use,” help your child stretch the word and remember the silent E gives U a long sound.
 2. Watch for u-e words that name or describe the cube
 3. What examples of cubes are in the story?
 4. Try reading the shape facts like you're teaching a class
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After Reading

1. Retell what a cube is and where you might find one
 2. Why do you think the cube shape shows up in math and games?
 3. What's one more real-life object that could be a cube?
 4. Skill Check: Circle six u-e words in the story
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read the story again using a clear, teaching voice with short pauses after each fact
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Activity Idea

Find a cube at home or in class (like a dice or box). Draw it and label each face. Then write a sentence using u-e words to describe what the cube is used for.

Coaching Tip

Use everyday objects to connect phonics skills with real-world knowledge—it makes learning stick!

