

Decodable Texts: All Silent E

"This nonfiction story teaches about concrete and includes silent E words like 'stone,' 'bike,' 'gate,' and 'complete.' Let's learn how it works!"



What Is Concrete?

Concrete is a strong mix of stone, sand, water, and cement.

It is poured into shapes and left to harden.

When it dries, it becomes firm and flat.

You can ride your bike on concrete paths.

It is also used to build homes, gates, and ropes for holding things tight.

Workers must follow rules and complete each step with care.

Concrete helps make places safe, strong, and complete.

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

concrete

stone

gate

bike

complete



Name: _____

What Is Concrete?

1. What is concrete made of?

- A. *Water, leaves, wood, and tape*
- B. *Stone, sand, water, and cement*
- C. *Paper, glue, sticks, and paint*
- D. *Dirt, roots, glass, and rope*

2. What is one thing concrete is used for?

- A. Making blankets
- B. Building gates and paths
- C. Growing trees
- D. Catching rain

3. Fill in the blank:

Concrete helps make places safe, strong, and _____.

4. Why is it important that concrete is poured and left to dry?

5. What are some ways we use concrete in everyday life?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: All Silent E Patterns

Genre: Nonfiction – Engineering / Materials

High-Frequency Words: is, it, each, and, make

Before Reading

1. Today's story uses all silent E patterns while explaining how concrete is made and used.
 2. Have you ever walked or biked on a concrete path?
 3. What do you think makes buildings and roads strong?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** For silent E words like “stone,” “bike,” and “complete,” remind your child that the silent E makes the vowel say its name.
 2. Watch for silent E words that describe materials and tools
 3. What does concrete become when it dries?
 4. Read the last line slowly to show the big idea
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After Reading

1. Retell how concrete is made and what it is used for
 2. Why do workers need to follow rules when using concrete?
 3. What is one new thing you learned from this story?
 4. Skill Check: Circle six silent E words in the passage
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again using a strong, steady voice—just like the concrete it describes!
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Activity Idea

Draw something made of concrete, like a path, wall, or ramp. Label the parts using silent E words like “bike,” “gate,” or “complete.” Write one sentence about why concrete is helpful.

Coaching Tip

Hands-on topics like building materials make phonics practical—link words to real-world things kids see and use!

