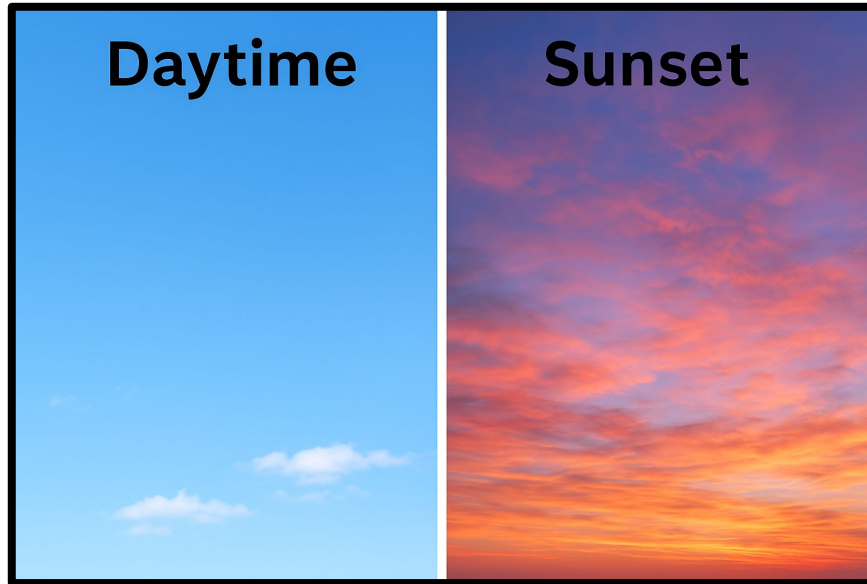


## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: ue (blue)

"This nonfiction story focuses on the 'ue' sound as in 'blue.' Watch for words like 'blue,' 'true,' and 'hue' as you learn why the sky looks that way!"



### Why Is the Sky Blue?

Have you ever looked up and wondered why the sky is blue?

The answer is true science!

The sun's light moves through the air and spreads out.

Blue light spreads more than other colors, so that's what we see.

If you wait until the sun goes down, the sky will change its hue.

Now you know the true reason for the sky's bright blue color!

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

blue

true

hue

clue

due



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

## Why Is the Sky Blue?

1. Why does the sky look blue?

- A. Because of blue paint
- B. Because of how sunlight spreads in the air
- C. Because the air is blue
- D. Because of the moon

2. What happens when the sun goes down?

- A. The sky stays blue all night
- B. The sky changes its hue
- C. The air disappears
- D. The sky gets brighter

3. Fill in the blank:

Now you know the \_\_\_\_\_ reason for the sky's bright blue color!

4. Why do you think the sky changes colors at different times of the day?

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5. What is something else in nature that makes you wonder why it looks the way it does?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** *ue* as in "blue" (/oo/ sound)

**Genre:** *Nonfiction – Earth Science / Weather*

**High-Frequency Words:** *why, the, now, when, what*

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## Before Reading

1. This story uses “ue” words like *blue*, *true*, *hue*, and *clue*.
  2. Have you ever looked at the sky and noticed how the color changes?
  3. What do you think makes the sky look different at sunrise or sunset?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support: Sounding Out Support:** Practice stretching the /oo/ sound in “ue” words like *blue*, *true*, and *hue*. Show how the “ue” at the end makes the long /oo/ sound.
  2. Watch for target skill words that explain why the sky looks blue.
  3. What happens to the sky when the sun goes down?
  4. Read the final line with excitement, like you’ve just shared a really cool fact!
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## After Reading

1. Retell why the sky looks blue during the day.
  2. How does knowing the reason make looking at the sky more fun?
  3. What would you tell a friend who wonders why the sky is blue?
  4. Skill Check: Highlight six “ue” words in the passage.
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Read it again with wonder and excitement—like you’re sharing a science secret!
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## Activity Idea

Draw the sky in the daytime and at sunset, showing how the color changes. Label parts using “ue” words like *blue*, *true*, *hue*, *clue*, *rescue*, or *due*. Write one sentence about why the sky’s colors change.

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## Coaching Tip

Nonfiction that answers big questions makes reading fun and memorable—let curiosity lead to discovery!

