

FOCUS SKILL: LONG A SPELLED A_E (WITH TEACHER COMMENTS)

<p style="text-align: center;">Sample 1</p> <p>In the forest, there lived a snake and an ape.</p> <p>The snake's name was Jake.</p> <p>The ape's name was Kate.</p>	<p>Unique Words With Target Skill <i>snake, snake's, ape, ape's, name, Jake, Kate</i></p> <p>Other Criteria <i>possessives, lengthy sentences</i></p> <p>Evaluation/Possible Fixes <i>This text reads like someone trying to load in as many target words as possible, without regard to sensibility. Although it might work as the beginning of a fantasy story, it doesn't contain many words with previously taught skills, which weakens its use in building fluency with those skills.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sample 2</p> <p>Jane's frog got away!</p> <p>Where did Wade end up?</p> <p>He jumped in the fish tank.</p> <p>What a way to have fun!</p>	<p>Unique Words With Target Skill <i>Jane's, Wade</i></p> <p>Other Criteria <i>multiple punctuation, possessives</i></p> <p>Evaluation/Possible Fixes <i>This text contains far too few words to be of much use to practice the target skill.</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sample 3</p> <p>In the forest, there lived a snake, an ape, and a bat.</p> <p>The snake's name was Mac.</p> <p>The ape's name was Pat.</p> <p>The bat's name was Dale.</p> <p>The animals came to a big lake to talk.</p>	<p>Unique Words With Target Skill <i>snake, snake's, ape, ape's, name, Dale, lake</i></p> <p>Other Criteria <i>possessives, lengthy sentences</i></p> <p>Evaluation/Possible Fixes <i>This text is more natural sounding and does a good job of contrasting short a with final e (a_e).</i></p>

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