

Ike Flies a Kite



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BEFORE YOU READ:

(All SnapWords® resources are available at child1st.com)

PHONICS:

- Long I spellings: I-E, -Y, IE.

I-E words: Ike, hike, Mike, kite, line, bike, rides, pine, fine, nine.

-Y words: fly, try.

IE words: flies, ties, tries.

- Pinchy E review: see list of I-E words.

- Changing -Y to -IES: flies, ties. Explain to the child that with a word ending in a Y, you replace the -Y with -IES when showing action in the present tense.

Brainstorm lists of words where final Y sounds like I and words in which final Y sounds like E:

Sounds like I: fly, try, fry, pry, sty, etc.

Sounds like E: candy, party, funny, puppy, kitty, etc.

Say that if you were to just add an S, (candys) the Y could be pronounced like short I making “candies” sound like “candis,” or “tries” like “tris.”

- Present tense is shown with action words that have a final S: wants, ties, flies, rides, tries, puts, pulls, blows, tells. They mean “it’s happening now!”
- Review of past tense: ripped, got. Remind the child that the action has already happened.

DECODE:

Do a scan for long vowel spellings before you read: least, eat, blows, take, tail.



Ike is nine. He will hike with Mike.
Ike got a new kite to take. They will
fly it from a hill.



Ike wants to try the kite. He ties the line to his bike. He flies his new kite as he rides his bike fast.