



Reading Irregular Vowel Combinations with "e"

You're reading with...



the giraffes!

Getting Ready - A Broad View of the Landscape Before You Begin



Because he or she has completed the last expedition, your reader recognizes the seven irregular vowel combinations with "e" which are featured in this section. Turn to page 161 in *The Reading Place*. You will now teach your safari mate how to read words containing the same irregular vowel combinations. As you have in the past, help your safari mate to read the words in each word list. Help him or her to blend the letters together. As your reader masters each list, progress to the next list, until all of the lists for this expedition are mastered, including sight words. Irregular vowels are tricky, so you may need to progress at a slower pace than you are used to.

At the conclusion of the expedition, is Power Reader 18. It includes only mastered words. If your reader seems to have an unusual level of difficulty with any power reader, review those words that seem to pose consistent problems, and then return to the power reader again. The power reader for this expedition is called *The New Sleigh*. You might enhance the reading session by pretending to hear sleigh bells or the sounds of the horse's trotting hooves. Encouraging your reader to use all of the senses in pretend play (what they hear, smell, feel, etc.) will aid them in the future when they try their hand at creative writing or tell imaginary stories of their own.



Taking a Closer Look - Sample Dialogue to Help Direct Your Course

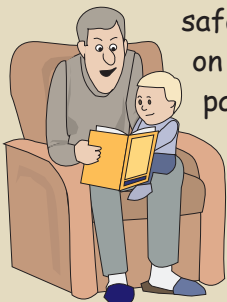
Tour Guide: "Now we can blend the words in our next word lists and read Power Reader 18. Power Reader 18 is called *The New Sleigh*. Let's close our eyes and pretend we're riding across snow-covered hills in a sleigh pulled by horses. What are the horses' names? What do they look like? Is it cold outside? What's that I hear - sleigh bells? Where are we going in our horse-drawn sleigh? Let's find out where the sleigh in our power reader is going!"



More Tips... for Tour Guides

The Golden Page

When reading chapter books, the title of each chapter is often "hidden" as a phrase somewhere in the pages that follow. Whether you or your safari mate are doing the reading, be on the lookout for the title words. The page that contains them is the "golden page", and the person who discovers the golden page can earn points or any other special surprise you deem appropriate.



Do you ever wear sunglasses to shield you from the bright sunlight? A giraffe can't wear sunglasses, but it has extra-long black eyelashes that shade its eyes from the bright sun on the African plain.



What You'll Need to Pack for the Safari



You will need *The Reading Place* (pages 161-166), Power Reader 18 entitled, *The New Sleigh*, *Irregular Vowels* song (track 17), imagination and good humor.

Results to Achieve During Your Expedition



The child will learn to read words containing the following irregular vowel sounds: "ed", "ew", "ey", "ea" and "eigh", and will successfully master reading Power Reader 18, entitled *The New Sleigh*.

Jungle Journal

Accomplished with Excellence	Expedition Activities:
	Reader reads "ed" words (as in "landed") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 162
	Reader reads "ed" words (as in "spilled") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 162
	Reader reads "ed" words (as in "missed") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 163
	Reader reads "ew" words (as in "new") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , pages 163-164
	Reader reads "ey" words (as in "they") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 164
	Reader reads "ey" words (as in "monkey") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 164
	Reader reads "ea" words (as in "bread") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 165
	Reader reads "eigh" words (as in "sleigh") correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 165
	Reader reads sight words for Power Reader 18 correctly in <i>The Reading Place</i> , page 165
	Reader "makes tracks" with practice sentences on page 166 of <i>The Reading Place</i>
	When all items are mastered on this expedition, it is time to read Power Reader 18
	Reader reads Power Reader 18 entitled, <i>The New Sleigh</i>
	Completes the section entitled Conversation Station at the back of Power Reader 18
	Reader listens to the <i>Irregular Vowels</i> song on track 17
	Reader completes Funsheets (instructions to be read by Tour Guide)
	Reader draws a star on the Safari Success Trail, in space number 41 (check off Jungle Journal in the backpack to advance)

Read the sentences
below the picture.



The horses neighed as they pulled the new sleigh in the chilled air. They trotted in the white drifts, until they stopped to rest.

Read the sentences below the picture.



Jill mixed and mixed. Jill baked the cake and frosted it. It smelled and tasted just as Jill had wished.

Read the sentences below the picture.



A bump in the path was ahead. Nate jammed on the brakes, but flew off the bike and landed in the mud. Nate's mom helped to clean up the mess.



Read the sentences below the picture. Circle the irregular vowel combinations of "ed".



Sam was chilled as he jumped into the bay.
A few fish passed him. A big eel grabbed
Sam. Soon, Sam was trapped!