

## Explicit Instruction for Phonics Intervention

### Instructional Focus: 2-Syllable Silent e, Week 2

#### Story Number: 1

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##### The Reptile

The reptile wanted to try to swim the backstroke in the pool on the estate. While on his back, he watched the landscape go by a little bit at a time. The landscape on the estate started to confuse the reptile. So, the reptile began to focus on a lily pad. The lily pad looked like a pancake. All at once, the pool was replete with pancakes! The reptile had a feeling he would collide with a large lily pad – there were so many. It was time to get out of this mess.

The reptile knew he could combine his skills and get out of the pool. He flipped over so that he did not do the backstroke. He swam under the lily pads that were like pancakes. He swam to the edge of the pool. Then he crawled off the estate to locate a safe place to do the backstroke.

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#### The Athlete

The tadpole was the main athlete at the estate pool. The tadpole could do the backstroke with such speed that he could beat the reptile.

The reptile was so sure he could swim the backstroke and beat the tadpole if he could compete on his best day. If the reptile could just stay up with the tadpole and pass him right at the end of the race, this would frustrate the tadpole.

The reptile had a plan. He told the tadpole he could not get in the pool due to a bad cold. The tadpole knew he could beat the reptile once more, so the tadpole begged the reptile to race. The reptile told the tadpole he would try, and the race began.

The reptile stayed up with the tadpole for most of the race. Then the reptile passed the tadpole at the end of the race. The tadpole felt frustration. Then the reptile said, "I may have misspoken. I do not have a cold. I am cold."

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#### Hambone

Hambone and one other inmate planned an escape.

Hambone and the inmate were tired of the inside of the jail.

Hambone thought about the escape every day while he was an

inmate. The small cell and the four walls began to incite fear in

Hambone and made him insane. Hambone did not want to try the

escape alone, so he slipped a note to the other inmate to invite him

to be part of the escape.

Well, as we know, to plan an escape from jail is a big mistake.

Our advice to Hambone and the other inmate would be to stay in jail

and not partake in an escape. An escape would break one more

rule. The breaking of rules is what put Hambone and the other

inmate in jail from the start!