

# Story Based Learning



Be Spellbound!

## Diamonds in the Sky

*Learn 11 Ways to Spell the Long I Sound*



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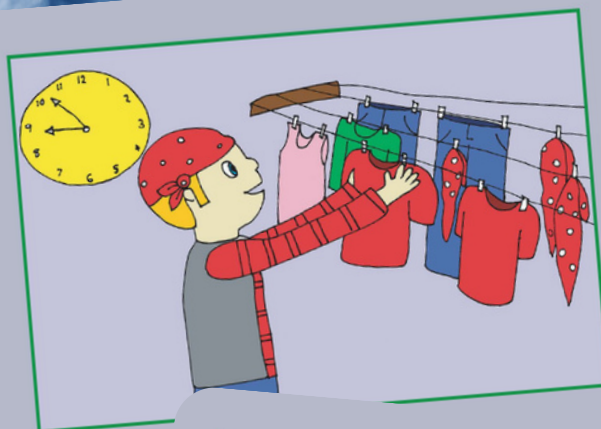
# Bring Spelling to Life

# Picturebook Story

- Long I letters printed in green
- 11 Ways to spell Long I
- 92 Long I words
- 19 story pages



Tyson Pirate **sigh**ed with **deligh**t,  
he'd worked hard all week  
and it was **Fri**day **nigh**t.



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A small boy riding his **bike**  
was **cry**ing.  
"I've let go the **st**ring"



Too **tired** to cook  
he stopped to **buy**,  
**pike**lets, **ice**cream



He **decided** it was  
the **right** **time** to **try**,  
his new **pilot** **lic**ence  
for **rescues** on **high**.

eye, eigh, i, ia, ie, ig, igh, i\_e, uy, y, y\_e

# Teaching Resources

- Word family chart
- Word list
- Sight words
- Homonyms
- Teaching tips
- Story on one page

### Diamonds in the Sky

Tyson Pirate sighed with delight, he'd worked hard all week and it was Friday night. He put away his parrot and patch for his eye, because on weekends he was quite a quiet, shy guy.

The neighbours came by as he worked at great height. They cheered to see such an amazing sight! Ducking and weaving he tried a sky dive and saved the kite from wires that were live.

When Tyson flew down from his mighty flight, the boy looked up and pointed with fright. 'I'm scared', he cried, 'there's a spark in the moonlight. Why can I see something shining and bright?'

try on the line up by nine. Inside in the sky. w

er sign. the power line. s crying. ite I was flying. le mite.

me to try, is on high.

Too tired to cook he stopped to buy, pikelets, ice cream and a giant apple pie. When he finally got home he sat down to type. He wrote in his diary and say, 'Hi', via Skype.

Tyson zoomed back and what did he find? A diamond necklace, one of a kind. Inside a nest with prizes so tiny, collected by magpie who likes anything shiny.

On one side was written, 'To my nice wife Kylie. With love all my life, from Kyle Riley.'

One of the neighbors gave a gigantic smile. 'It's mine and I've missed it for a very long while!'

High Five!

### Tricky Sight Words

'i'	behind finally I I'll I'm I've quiet via
'i_e'	decided inside live nice outside quite white
'y'	by my try why

### Long I Word Families

'i_e' List 1	'i_e' List 2	'i_e' List 3	'y' List 1	'y' List 2	'y' List 3
bike dive five kite life line mine nine side time	likes live mite nice smile while white wife yikes	decided ice-cream inside outside pikelets prizes quite wires write	find hi I I'll I'm I've kind shiny tiny	behind	diary

### Helping with Learning Difficulties

For students with Dyslexia and Learning Difficulties

- spelling is confusing and doesn't make sense
- words seem to run together
- reading is hard work and not fun

This is because of difficulties with:

- hearing sounds in words
- learning letter sound associations
- blending sounds together
- identifying beginning, middle and end sounds in words
- learning tricky sight words
- reading fluency
- retrieving words from vocabulary

### Congratulations!

You are Learning to Spell the Long I Sound in 11 Different Ways!

eye	height	pirate	diamond
pie	sign	light	
time	buy	sky	type

### Homonyms

Homographs: Same spelling, Same sound, Different meaning

kind	kind
light	light
might	might
mine	mine

Heteronyms: Same spelling, Different sound, Different meaning

live	live
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My Writing

### Learning to Spell

1. Read Diamonds in the Sky and listen for words with a Long I sound
2. Break words into sounds, eg b-y, or b-uy
3. Spell the Long I sound words by saying each individual sound of the word and then the whole word, eg b-y by, or b-uy buy
4. The green letters show 11 different ways to spell the Long I sound

eye, eigh, i, ia, ie  
ig, igh, i\_e, uy, y, y\_e

# Systematic Phonics

# Activities

- Spelling activities
- Theme activities
- Reading comprehension
- Colouring page

## Story Based Learning Activities

### Literacy

Write a pirate training manual  
Make a shopping list for Tyson for the week  
Write a news review of the rescue and interview witnesses

### History

Historical and modern day pirates

### 5 Numeracy 9

Measurement: draw a map of the classroom or school and note where the power infrastructure is  
Statistics and Data: survey how many people have bikes, kites etc and analyse the results  
Number and Money: shopping budget for dinner  
Calculate the value of the items in magpie's nest

### Science

Electricity  
Night and day

### Music

Write a cheer for the neighbors to encourage Tyson

### Digital Technology

Create a flow chart for Tyson's weekend

### Drama

Write a radio commentary of the rescue

### Art

Make a washing line with pirate clothes  
Design a new necklace for Kylie

### Technology

Design and make a kite

### LOTE

Translate the Skype conversation between Tyson and his friend

### PE

Make a bike track  
Play pirate games  
Fly a kite

### Health

Staying safe when there is danger nearby

### Computing

Make a safety poster to warn of potential danger

## Spelling Activities

Make a Word Wall	Use Chalk to write Long I words on a path or wall	Make a Memory Game	Make a Long I Mobile	Write Short I words 3 Long in your Spelling Book
Write a Long I Story	Make a Long I Rap or Song	Write a Long I Poem	Find all the Long I words in the story	Make a Mini Book of Long I words
Cut out Long I words from Newspapers or Magazines	Find a New Long I word every day for a week	Make a Long I Wordsearch	Decorate Long I words with patterns	Make a Long I Poster
Change the First Letter to make new words	Sort the words into Alphabetical Order	Write sentences to show the Meaning of the Long I words	Write the Room How many objects can you find with a Long I sound	Make a Long I Mural
Make Long I Bookmarks	Draw a Scene with Long I words	Make a set of Flash Cards	Use Playdough to make Long I words	Find More Ways to spell the Long I sound

## Reading Comprehension Quiz

### Literal Comprehension

- 1 What is Tyson?
- 2 What did Tyson buy on the way home?
- 3 What time did Tyson want to go to sleep?
- 4 What colour was the kite?
- 5 What was the small boy riding?
- 6 Who was watching Tyson?
- 7 What did the boy see?
- 8 What did Tyson find?
- 9 What does magpie like to collect?
- 10 How long had the necklace been missing?

### Inferential Comprehension

- 1 Why do you think Tyson is nervous?
- 2 Why do you think Tyson is nervous on the way home?
- 3 Why do you think Tyson is nervous?
- 4 Why do you think Tyson is nervous?
- 5 Why was Tyson nervous?
- 6 What did Tyson see?
- 7 What did Tyson see?
- 8 Why was Tyson nervous?
- 9 How did Tyson feel?
- 10 Why was Tyson nervous?

## Quiz Answers

### Literal Comprehension

- 1 A pirate
- 2 Pikelets, ice-cream and a giant apple pie
- 3 By nine o'clock
- 4 Black and white
- 5 A bike
- 6 The neighbours
- 7 A spark in the moonlight, something shining and bright
- 8 A diamond necklace
- 9 Shiny things
- 10 A very long while

### Inferential Comprehension

- 1 Because he has some time off for the weekend
- 2 Because he was feeling too tired to cook
- 3 Because the flapping kite caught his attention
- 4 To warn people about the dangerous electricity wires
- 5 Because his kite had flown away
- 6 Help the poor little boy
- 7 The electricity wires
- 8 Because he didn't know what was making the spark
- 9 Only one
- 10 Kyle Riley

## Colour Tyson in his Skyship



He decided it was the right time to try, his new pilot licence for rescues on high.

# Connected Learning