

Read independently or with support. Spot the digraphs 'igh', 'i-e', 'ie' and 'y' and draw a circle around the word.

Ned the Knight

Ned had always dreamed of being a knight. Every night, he would look up at the stars and he would wonder what it would be like to fight for his king and his queen.



One day, Ned decided that it was time to follow his dreams and try. He gave his armour a shine, he made himself some fried egg sandwiches for breakfast, he packed a slice of pie for lunch and then he set off to the royal castle high in the hills.

Five hours into his journey, Ned was deep inside a forest. Suddenly, he heard someone crying nearby. Sitting in the bright sunshine, which radiated from out of the sky, he saw a bride in tears sitting on a log.

"What's wrong?" asked Ned, giving her a tissue from his bag. "Why are you crying out here and all alone?"

"Oh dear," sighed the bride. "I am supposed to be getting married tonight but I am lost in these woods and I don't know which is the right way! I have tried and tried. I am so frightened!"

"Never fear!" replied Ned. "I am a knight and I shall get you to your wedding on time!"

He helped her onto her feet and he began to guide her through the forest. They walked side by side for hours. The bride told Ned that her name was Caroline and that she was going to marry Prince Ryan.

After walking for nine miles, they reached the royal castle. Ned called to the guards instructing them to open the drawbridge so that he and Caroline could enter. The king and Prince Ryan were delighted to see that she was unharmed and they rewarded Ned with any wish he desired.

Now, Sir Ned rides along with the king's other knights, fighting terrible monsters and saving those in need.

