

# Word Work Lesson Plan and Activities

Instructional Focus Based on the Words in the Book

**Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving**  
By: Laurie Halse Anderson  
Grade Level: 2 / Guided Reading Level: L

**Word Work**

**Instructional Focus:**  
Vowel-consonant "e" letter combination at the end of a word.

**Background:**  
When a word ends with the letter "e", the preceding vowel most likely makes a long vowel sound and the "e" is silent.

**Examples:**

bake	cute	hike	lake
bike	late	hole	late
cane	line		
cape	live		
cube	globe		

**Materials and Preparation:**

- A Copy of Thank You, Sarah by Laurie Halse Anderson
- Chart Paper
- Markers
- A Copy of a Turkey Sheet (1 p)
- A Copy of Word Cards (1 p)
- Pencil
- Scissors
- Crayons
- Vowel-consonant "e" letter
- Optional - Silent "e" Worksheet in Step 2
- Optional - Word Detective

Optional Activity to Extend Engagement

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**Step 2: Connect Word Work to Reading**

**Vowel-consonant "e" letter combination in the Text**

- Tell children that you are going to read a page from *Thank You, Sarah: The Woman Who Saved Thanksgiving* by Laurie Halse Anderson.
- When they hear a long vowel sound at the end of a word, they should raise their hand.
- Explain that you will write the word on chart paper so everyone can look at the word together.
- You will decide as a group if the word follows the vowel-consonant "e" letter combination.
- If it does follow the letter combination, circle the word. If it does not follow the letter combination, draw a line through the word.
- Read page four. Exaggerate when reading the following words to give the children a clue: "celebrate" and "pie".
- Students will hear other words that end with a long vowel sound, but the words do not follow the vowel-consonant "e" pattern: "feast", "say", "turkey", "cranberries".
- After reading page four together and working on recognizing the vowel-consonant "e" letter pattern, tell children you will read the whole book. Let them know that they will continue to listen for words that end with a long vowel sound and remind them to raise their hand when they hear it.

**Examples of Vowel-consonant "e" letter combination Words Found in the Text:**

bake	celebrate	envelope
fermate	five	game
give	hole	invite
like	make	pie
place	five	some
these	time	underestimate
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Step by Step Lesson Plan

List of words in the book that match the instructional focus

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**Step 3: Guided Word Work Practice**

**Interactive Exploration**

- Designate one player to be the caller. Their job is to read the cards to the players.
- Give the caller a Word Card sheet. Tell them to cut out the words from the Word Card sheet, shuffle them, and put them in a pile.
- Hand out a Turkey Sheet and a Word Card sheet to the rest of the players. Tell players to pick a word from the Word Card sheet and write it on a feather. Continue to fill in the rest of the feathers with one word for each feather.
- The caller will pick a card from their pile and read the word to the players.
- If a player has that word on one of their turkey's feathers, they will color in that feather.
- The caller will continue reading the cards, one by one, until a player has all of their feathers colored. The winner is the first player to color in all of their feathers.

**Step 4: Independent Word Work Practice**

**Practice Page**

- Give each student a copy of Vowel-consonant "e" letter combination Practice Page.
- Read the directions with the class.
- Tell the students to complete the practice page.
- Monitor students while they work.

**Step 5: Reconnect and Reflect on Word Work**

**Group Discussion**

- Bring the students back together.
- Ask students to explain what they learned about words based on the work they completed.
- Invite students to turn and talk with a partner about their word work.
- Invite 2-3 students to share what they learned with the group.

**Step 6: Extend Word Work (optional)**

**Extension Activity**

- Ask students to be on the lookout for vowel-consonant "e" letter combination words in their own reading. Tell them to write their words on a sticky note and add them to the anchor chart (review the added sticky notes with the class later in the day or before moving on to the next word work lesson).
- Alternatively, students can keep track of the words using the Word Detective worksheet.

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Interactive Activities

**Turkey Sheet Interactive Activity**

**Word Card Sheet Interactive Activity**

cute	hike	lake
late	hole	late
e	hope	lime
	joke	line
	kite	make

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Independent Practice Page

Extension Activity

**Word Detective: Vowel-consonant "e" letter combination Extension Activity**

**Directions:**  
Be a word detective!  
Be on the lookout for vowel-consonant "e" letter combination while you read. Write the word that you find along with the title of the book where you found the word, the page, and the sentence with the word or phrase.

Word	Book Title	Page	Sentence

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**Vowel-consonant "e" letter combination Word Work Practice Page**

**Directions:**  
Read the story below. Circle the words that follow the vowel-consonant "e" letter combination at the end of the word. Underline the story in the box below.

Sarah Hale was a brave woman. She wrote many letters to politicians to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. Because of her work, we celebrate Thanksgiving on the fourth Thursday of every November. We invite our family and friends for dinner and eat pie under the same roof.

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