

Objective Concepts (a play, thief, to “tie” for first place, long and short “ie” words, “ue” words - clue/true/due, borrow); Sight words (center, Indian, chief, grieve, grief, prize, wife, ribbon, husband, ingredients)



Vocabulary	
center	prize
Indian	wife
chief	ribbon
grieve	husband
grief	ingredients

A Play – “The Chief and the Thief”

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My mother took my sister and me to see a play at the arts center. The play was about an Indian chief who liked to make pies. It was an exciting play to watch because a thief took a pie from the chief’s house. This made the chief grieve. The chief was filled with grief over the pie being taken and he told his friends he was very sad.

Then the chief and thief decided to have a cooking contest to see who could make the best pie. The chief made a pie. The thief made a pie. The thief wanted to “tie” for first

place with the chief. But the chief made the best pie and won the prize.

The thief did not win, but he went home with his pie and told his wife a lie that he won the pie-cooking contest. The thief's wife did not see a prize. There was no prize money or ribbon for a prize. This was a clue that her husband did not "tie" with the chief in the pie contest and that his story was just not true.

The wife asked her husband (the thief) for the money that was due as he had borrowed her money to buy the ingredients needed for the pie. "Yes!" she smiled, "You need to pay me back the money that is due!"

And, when he did that, the thief and his wife each had a piece of pie!

Practice

Language Work

A. Fill in the blank and spell.

center c _ _ t _ r _____

Indian I n _ _ _ _ _____

chief c h _ _ f _____

prize p r _ _ z _ _____

B. Use each word in a sentence. Underline the word used.

ribbon _____

husband _____

wife _____

ingredients _____

C. Phonics work. There are many words that have the letters “ie”. The “ie” letters can make a long “e” sound or a long “i” sound. Find at least 3 words for each sound and write them under the correct headings. You can use the words in the story or think of words of your own.

“ie” that sounds like a long “e”

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

“ie” that sounds like a long “i”

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

There are some words in the story that use the “ue” letters that make the “ew” sound. Can you find three words that use the “ue” letters that sound like “ew”?

_____, _____, and

Multiple-Choice Questions (Put an X in front of the correct answer.)

1. In the text, what did the Indian chief like to do?
 - a. He liked to light fires.
 - b. He liked to ride horses.
 - c. He liked to make pies.
 - d. He liked to bake cakes.

2. A thief is someone who steals something. In the story, what did the thief take?
 - a. a bag of gold
 - b. riches
 - c. a pie from the chief’s house
 - d. a painting

3. The saying “to tie for first place” is used in the text. What does this expression mean?
- a. to dress up
 - b. a piece of clothing
 - c. to share first place
 - d. to place first or second

Extended Response (Answer in complete sentences.)

1. What lie did the thief tell his wife, and why did he lie?

2. How did the wife know the thief was not telling the truth?

3. The last sentence in the text begins with, “And, when he did that...” What did the thief do in this sentence? How did the wife get the pie to eat?

Answer Sheet

Answers for Multiple-Choice Questions and Extended Response

A Play

Multiple-Choice Questions

1. c
2. c
3. c

Extended Response (accept any reasonable answers.)

1. **The thief said he won the pie contest. He wanted to win.**
2. **He did not have a ribbon or money to show that he won the contest.**
3. **He paid his wife back for the ingredients. The thief shared the pie that he made.**