



Wait! Don't Go!

Sen has a
home deep in a
cave. He crawls
out at last. 'I
will find a
chum!' he cries.





Kem and his
chums hide in
the bush.

'Look!' Kem
shrieks. 'What
is that?'

Sen spied a
bike with bright
wheels and
tried to wave.
'Come see! I am
nice!' he cries.





Sen tried to
ring the bell.

But crunch! The
wheel broke.

'Run!' yells Kem.

Kem flies off
with the bike.
'Wait! Do not go!'
cries Sen, but
his huge voice
shakes the roof.





Sen looked at
his hands. 'I
just want to
play,' he cries.
Huge tears fell
like rain.

Drops hit the
roof. 'Is that
rain?' asks Kem.
Kem lies low
and peeks out.
No rain at all!





Kem sat by
the house. 'He
is just a huge
lad,' he says.
'He tried to
play with us.'

Sen cries with
grief. Kem
takes one small
step, then
stops. His legs
want to run,
but he stays.



Sen dries his tears. 'I broke the bike,' he says. 'We can fix it!' Kem says with a grin.



'Want to play with
my chums?' asks
Kem.

Sen's grin is huge,
and he **tries** to say
yes in his soft
voice.





They played all day. Then Sen took them home for a huge feast. 'The best!' yells Kem. Sen did not feel too big. He felt just right.



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Sen the giant has lived in a cave his whole life, and today he's finally brave enough to crawl out and search for a friend. But when he accidentally breaks a village kid's bike, everyone runs away screaming! Can Sen convince the children he's not a monster - just a very big boy who wants to play? Will anyone be brave enough to come back? This decodable reader practices the 'ie' phonogram with words like 'cries,' 'tries,' 'flies,' 'pie,' and 'grief.'

Reading Skills: <ie>

cries, dries, flies, grief, lies, pie, shrieks, spied, tried, tries

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