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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