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# The Race

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soft c  
soft g

Try these decodable words!

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challenge

twice

## New Vocabulary

**cinch:** something that is easy

**pace:** speed, or how fast you move

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# The Race



Gene and Kacie want to run in a race.

They need to train so the race is not too hard!

They practice each day at recess. It's a big challenge!



"We need to practice more," says Gene.

"Let's start running near the huge tree at the city park!" says Kacie.

"Great thinking!" says Gene.



Kacie and Gene start their run.

They race in the park. After a while, they decide they are too hot. It's time for a break.

Kacie has a cold blueberry drink with ice. Gene has an icy orange drink.

"This is nice and refreshing!" says Kacie.





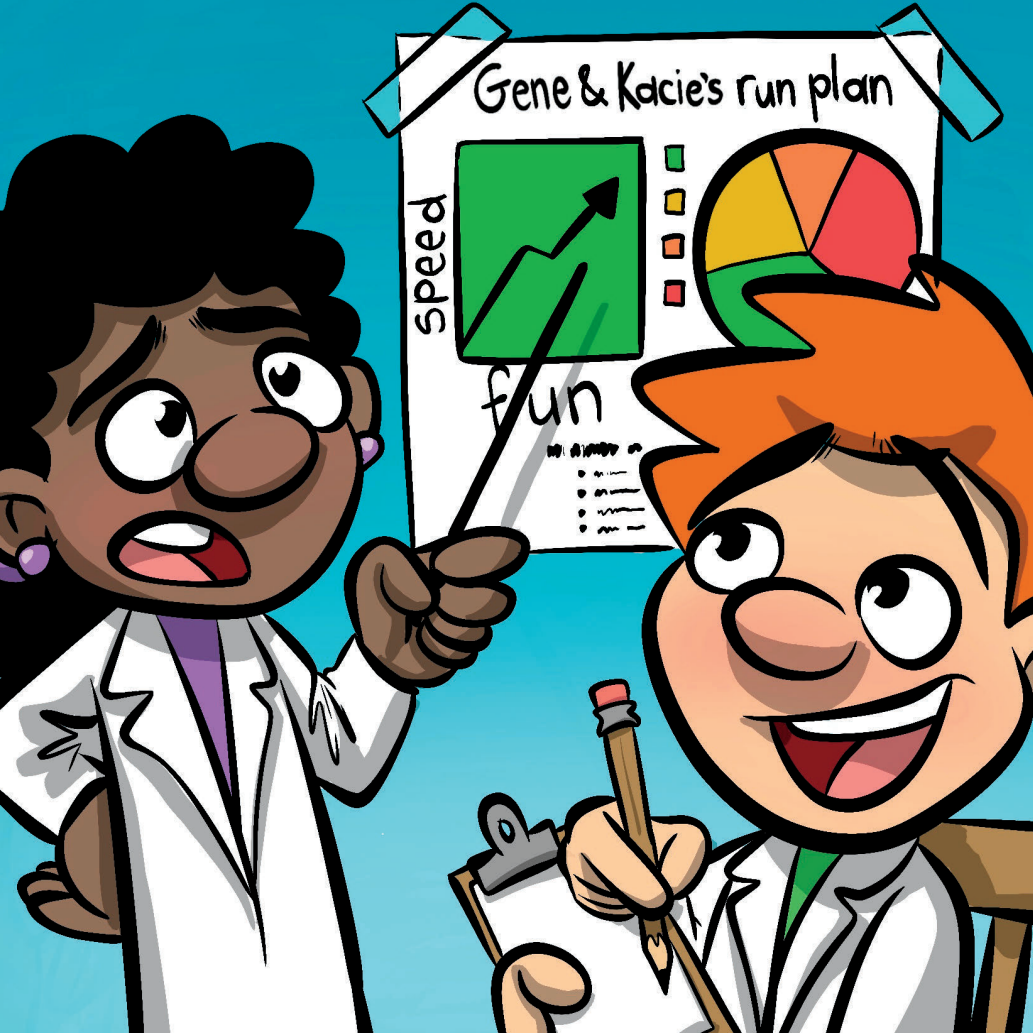
"Kacie, you are racing so fast! It is hard for me to keep up with you!" states Gene.

"Let's decide on a training plan," says Kacie. "I've got paper and pencil."



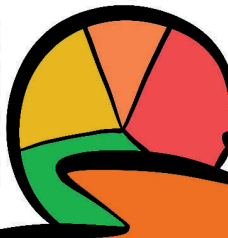
"We need to run at a faster pace and longer each day. I'm certain we can have fun while moving at twice the speed," announces Kacie.

"That's an intelligent plan," says Gene.



# Gene & Kacie's run plan

speed



fun

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Gene and Kacie run faster and farther each day. They keep up the pace!

"Your plan was excellent!" says Gene.  
"Thank you!" says Kacie.

They practice in the city park and school gym. They know they can do this!



On the day of the race, Gene and Kacie are certain they are ready. They are excited to run!

On your mark, get set, GO!

Gene and Kacie are off and running the race!

"This is a cinch," says Kacie, excitedly.  
"It is because of all the practice!"  
says Gene.







## Phonics Fun

- Write these letters on individual squares of paper: a, c, e, g, h, i, m, p, t, u, y.
- Use letter squares to make the words from the list.
- Make and read each word.

city

gym

huge

ice

icy

pace

AB  
CD

## Decodable Words

announce	ice
certain	intelligent
challenge	Kacie
cinch	nice
city	orange
decide	pace
excellent	pencil
excite	practice
Gene	race
gym	recess
huge	twice



## Comprehension

Why do you think the author chose to solve the problem by having Gene and Kacie make a plan?

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