



From Farm to Table

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Phonics Skill

Syllable Pattern C + -le

apple
kettle

sample
handle

table
middle

simple
bottles

ladle





Is going to the store fun? Supermarkets have rows and rows of jars, bags, and cans. We can get baked rolls, apples, beans, meat, and more at supermarkets.

It takes lots of steps for food to get to our table. These steps start at the farm.





Take an apple. It can be red, yellow, or green. It grows on trees. How did it get from tree to store? The answer is simple.

Start at an apple farm. Apples grow on apple trees. Little apples get bigger and bigger. Big apples get ripe.





It is time to pick ripe apples. At one farm, we can pick apples right off trees. We can fill a basket and pay for the basket of apples.

At the farm stand while we pay, a big bowl is filled with apple cider. We use the ladle to fill cups. Sip. If we like the sample, we can buy bottles of cider.





At most farms, workers are paid to pick apples. These apples are sent to big sorting houses. The apples are cleaned, sorted, and loaded in boxes. The boxes are loaded on trucks and sent to stores. People at the stores handle the apples with care as they place them on a table. Grapes and lemons are on tables as well.





Some apples are made into other things. A big kettle might be filled with apples. Apples are cooked and made into jelly. Apples are baked into the middle of some pies and cakes. Cut apples are dried and sold in bags.





We can get dried apples and apple pies and cakes. We can get apple jellies and apple drinks. We can get just plain apples. We can find them at the store.

Take an apple or two or more. Pay for them. Now we can take apples home.





Mom cleans and cuts apples. We dip and eat the apples. Yum. We are glad that apples made the trip from farm to table.

