

Word Reading 18 Decodable Text

Hopping Buffy

Buffy went to the park.
Do you think she walked?
No, Buffy hopped!

Buffy could not stop hopping.
She hopped around and around.
She was hopping like a frog.
She was good at hopping.

Buffy hopped when she mopped.
She slipped and fell.
Then she was dripping wet!
Hopping and mopping make a big mess.

Buffy hopped when she jogged.
Buffy tripped and skinned her arm.
Hopping and jogging do not mix well.

Buffy started tapping with her feet.
When she tapped, people clapped.
Tapping was a lot like hopping.
Buffy *could* tap and hop!

Is Buffy still hopping? Is Buffy still tapping?
No, now Buffy is stepping and running!

Inflected Ending *-ed*

hopped, mopped, slipped, jogged, tripped, skinned, tapped, clapped

Inflected Ending *-ing*

hopping, dripping, mopping, jogging, tapping, stepping, running

High-Frequency Words

to, the, do, you, could, around, was, good, a, her, people, now



Jogging in the Park

Beth and Brad like to jog and run.
It helps them keep in shape and feel good.
They go jogging or running every day.

They go jogging in the park.
They jog on the gravel path by the trees.
They see rabbits hopping in the grass.
They pass kids jumping rope and skipping.

They go running at the track.
Brad runs in lane five. Beth runs in lane six.
They go around and around.
The pace is fast. The laps add up.

One time, they got trapped in a storm.
They stopped jogging and called home.
Dad drove to pick them up.
They felt glad to be safe in his car.

Sometimes, Beth and Brad run in races.
It is fun, but jogging in the park is more fun.

Inflected Ending *-ed*

trapped, stopped

Inflected Ending *-ing*

jogging, running, hopping, skipping

High-Frequency Words

the, to, good, they, every, day, around, one, a, some



Fern Will Pitch

The game is starting.
Fern will pitch for the Oxford Cubs.
In this game, they face Port Kirkland.
The Kirkland fans kid Fern and make jokes.
But jokes and kidding do not upset Fern.

Herb is the first Kirkland to bat.
Fern rubs her hands in the dirt.
Then she makes her first pitch.
It is the perfect fastball!
Herb swings hard and misses.

Fern makes her next pitch.
As it speeds past home, Herb swings.
The Kirkland fans go still.
Herb misses for a second time.

Now Herb is mad.
He licks his lips. He grips the bat.
Will he hit her next pitch?

Fern jerks up her arm.
She lets go of the ball.
It twirls toward Herb.
Herb swings—and misses!

Fern grins into her mitt.
This will be a hard game for Port Kirkland.

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Fern, Herb, her, perfect, jerks

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Kirkland, dirt, first, twirls

High-Frequency Words

the, they, do, to, a, second, now, of, toward, into



Term Test

Fern and Kirk will take a test on some terms.
Fern sees this term: *herd*.
She thinks of a bunch of sheep.
Then she thinks of a dog that herds sheep.
The dog keeps the sheep together.
The dog herds the sheep toward the pen.
Herd can be two things.

Kirk sees this term: *firm*.
He thinks of a big workplace. It is called a firm.
The second thing he thinks of is a firm grip.
He shakes hands with a firm grip.
Firm can be two things.



Fern and Kirk work together on the third term: *store*.
Fern thinks of a place to shop for things.
Her dad gets milk and eggs at the store.
Kirk thinks of what people do with things.
His mom stores boxes in the attic.
Store can be two things.

Will Fern and Kirk pass the term test?
The terms *herd*, *firm*, and *store* will not be hard for them!

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term(s), Fern, herd(s), her

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Kirk, firm, third

High-Frequency Words

a, some, of, the, together, toward, two, work, second, to, what, people, do