

## Word Reading 28 Decodable Text

### A Bundle of Shirts

Jen will start middle school soon.  
She needs new stuff like jeans and socks.  
Jen's mom was planning to get Jen a few new shirts.  
They left the house to go shopping at the mall in town.

Jen tried on a brown shirt, but it was way too little.  
It got stuck on her ears. She never wanted *that* shirt.  
Then Jen tried on a simple red shirt, but it was too big.

Jen tried on a blue shirt, but it had a purple stain.  
She tried on a yellow shirt with deep wrinkles.  
Sadly, Jen did not see a shirt that she wanted.  
She frowned as she sat on the couch in the dressing room.

Jen's mom asked the sales clerk for help.  
He got out a bundle of shirts to sample.  
A green shirt in the bundle fit Jen nicely.  
It was not too little or too big or stained.  
Jen's smile was so big that her dimples showed!

### Final Syllable C + -le

bundle, middle, little, simple, purple, wrinkles, sample, dimples

### Diphthongs ow, ou

house, town, brown, frowned, couch, out

### High-Frequency Words

a, of, school, was, to, they, the, ear, never, want



## Puppy Roundup

Count the pups in the doghouse.  
I found one brown puppy in that mound.  
I found five pups in all.  
Now let's meet each puppy up close.

Cloud is peppy and happy.  
She bounds down the walk.  
Her mouth turns up in a smile.

Pebble is a little grouchy at times.  
Did he just gobble a sour ball?  
Or maybe he needs a nice nap?

Bow Wow can bark loudly.  
Ouch! That sound hurts our ears.  
Do not shout, Bow Wow.

Scout never barks at all.  
She is like a mouse.  
She sneaks up on the others.  
Then she jumps on them!

Moon is shy around new people.  
He crouches behind the couch.  
Then, when it seems safe, he shows his face.

Drew calls, "Chow time!"  
It's a puppy roundup!  
Five snouts circle the bowl.  
Soon the pups will grow into big hounds.

### Final Syllable C + -le

Pebble, little, gobble, people, circle

### Diphthongs *ow*, *ou*

roundup, count, doghouse, found, brown, mound, now, Cloud, bounds, down, mouth, grouchy, sour, Bow, Wow, loudly, ouch, sound, our, shout, Scout, mouse, around, crouches, couch, chow, snouts, hounds

### High-Frequency Words

the, one, a, ear, do, never, other, around, people, behind, into



## Begin to Dance

Pam will begin her new dance class.  
But Pam is afraid. Will she dance well?

“Pam, you look so glum,” Mom said.  
“Relax! Dance class will be fun!”  
Pam sighs. *That’s what Mom thinks.*  
*Mom doesn’t have two left feet.*

Mom drops Pam off at dance class.  
Pam is shy to dance at first.  
But then she steps with her heavy feet.  
She swings her arms behind her.  
She lifts her hands up high and opens them.  
All of the girls do the same.

Pam is sad when class is over.  
She opens her mouth to speak.  
But then she smiles.  
Pam is happy. She likes to dance!

Pam shows Mom her dance steps.  
Pam turns, spins, and glides all day.  
Mom gets into the mood, too.  
At home, there is no limit.

### Syllable Pattern V/CV

begin, relax, behind, over, opens

### Syllable Pattern VC/V

limit

### High-Frequency Words

to, dance, afraid, you, look, said, what, does, have, two, heavy, behind, of, the, do, into, there



## Time for Bed

“What time is it?” asked Mom.  
Ted’s brow went up, but he was silent.

“Is it time to eat?” Ted asked.  
He opened his mouth like a baby bird.  
“No!” laughed Mom. “It’s not time for that.”

“Is it time to get paid for my chores?” Ted asked.  
Ted looked hopeful, but Mom’s face said no.

“Is it time to dance the jive?” Ted asked.  
He grabbed Mom’s hand and twirled her.  
“No,” said Mom. “And that’s no jive!”

“Is it time to hoot and holler?” Ted asked.  
Ted began to hoot like an owl.  
“No,” Mom said sternly. “It’s *never* time for that.”

Ted was growing sleepy.  
His lids became heavy.  
“I know,” he said. “It’s time for bed.”  
Mom nodded. Ted just frowned.

### Syllable Pattern V/CV

silent, opened, baby, began, became

### Syllable Pattern VC/V

never

### High-Frequency Words

what, was, to, a, laugh, look, said, dance, the, heavy

