

Word Reading 20 Decodable Text

The Best Dog Ever

Kirk takes his dog, Buzz, to the park.
At the park, they see many dogs.

Sly is smaller than Muzzy.
Stitch is smaller still.
Buzz is the smallest dog of all.

Ike is shorter than Lark.
Tig is shorter still.
Buzz is the shortest dog of all.

Dee is darker than Ruff.
Sport is darker still.
Buzz is the darkest dog of all.

Fuzzy is smarter than King.
Jinks is smarter still.
Buzz is the smartest dog of all.

Kirk pats his small, short, dark, smart mutt.
Buzz is the best dog ever!

Comparative Ending **-er**

smaller, shorter, darker, smarter

Comparative Ending **-est**

smallest, shortest, darkest, smartest

High-Frequency Words

the, ever, to, they, many, of



The Longest Shopping Trip

Chip was upset. He called to his dad.
"Dad, my socks don't fit.
And these 'long' pants are shorter than ever!
I can't go to the concert like this."

Dad called back, "Your feet must be longer!
And you must be taller than last fall.
I think it is time for a shopping trip."

Dad and Chip drove to a shop for men.

"These sports socks are nice," Chip said.
"They are thicker than what I have."
"And longer," Dad added with a smile.
Chip got five sets of the thickest sports socks.

Next they shopped for long pants.
"Try on those nice tan slacks," Dad said.
"Tan?" Chip said with a start. "I like darker pants."
Chip got the darkest pants the shop had.

The shop had a sale on shirts, so Chip got shirts.
Then Dad shopped for himself.
For Chip, it was the longest shopping trip ever.
But he was glad to get socks and pants that fit!

Comparative Ending *-er*

shorter, longer, taller, thicker, darker

Comparative Ending *-est*

longest, thickest, darkest

High-Frequency Words

the, was, to, do, are, ever, your, you, a, said, they, what, have, of



Where Is My Badge?

“Have you seen my red badge?” Bucky asked Mom.
“I need my red badge. I can’t go to work without it.”

Mom looked on the ledge by the sink, but no badge.
”Is your badge on the edge of that desk?” Mom asked.
“Did it happen to fall in the trash?”

Bucky looked on the desk and in the trash.
Then she looked again, but this time harder.
”I can’t find it,” she said. “It must be lost.
I will be late for my job. My boss will be mad.
This is the darkest day of my life!”

Mom sat on the bed. She felt bad for Bucky.
Then she jumped up. “I see it!” she yelled.
“I see your red badge! It is next to your brush.”

Bucky gave Mom a big hug. “Thanks, Mom,” she said.
Bucky felt much better and went to work.

Consonant Pattern *-dge*

badge, ledge, edge,

Comparative Endings *-er, -est*

harder, darkest

High-Frequency Words

where, have, you, to, work, without, look, the, your, of, again, find, said, day



The Fudge Cake

Penny likes to bake cakes.
She sees an ad for a cake contest.
The best cake wins a prize.
"I will win that prize!" Penny pledges.

Penny mixes her cake batter.
She stirs harder and faster.
Then she adds it to a pan and bakes it.
But Penny finds that her cake will not rise.
"This flat cake will not win," Penny thinks.

"I will try again," Penny pledges.
This time, she mixes less hard and less fast.
And, this time, she adds fudge.

Penny enters her cake in the cake contest.
A judge with a badge walks up to her.
"Did you make this fudge cake?" he asks her.
"It is the sweetest cake," he tells her.
Penny thinks, "But is it the best?"

The judge places a ribbon on the fudge cake.
Penny wins first prize! She is so happy!

Consonant Pattern *-dge*

fudge, pledges, judge, badge

Comparative Endings *-er, -est*

harder, faster, sweetest

High-Frequency Words

the, to, a, find, again, you

