

Word Reading 19 Decodable Text

Burt and Gert

Fern is a teenage girl.
She has a bird called Burt.

Burt is a good pet.
First he chirps and sings.
Then he twirls on his perch.

Fern has a friend, Herb
Herb has a cat called Gert.

Gert is a good pet.
First she licks her fur.
Then she curls up and purrs.

The friends and their pets meet.
They meet on the curb by the pet store.
What will the pets do?

Gert starts to squirm.
Burt starts to swirl.
This meeting is not going well!

Next time, Fern and Herb will meet without pets!

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Burt, fur, curls, purrs, curb

r-Controlled *er, ir*

Gert, Fern, perch, Herb, her, girl, bird, chirps, twirls, squirm, swirl

High-Frequency Words

a, good, friend, their, they, the, what, do, to, without



Curt and the Bike Problem

One day, Curt rode his bike fast.
He turned a corner without looking.
He rode his bike into a huge pothole.
He fell hard in the dirt by their curb.

Curt hurt his left leg.
His friend Fern helped him up.
She yelled for his dad.

Dad was quite upset.
He had asked Curt not to ride fast.
Curt didn't tell Dad why he fell.

Dad drove Curt to see Doc Kirk.
She put a cast on his leg.
After that, his leg didn't hurt so much.
Curt perked up.

Curt went back to see Doc Kirk.
"This leg is much better," Doc Kirk said.
"You must not bend the rules. Do not ride fast."

"That is good advice," Curt blurted.
"I had that big cast on much too long!"

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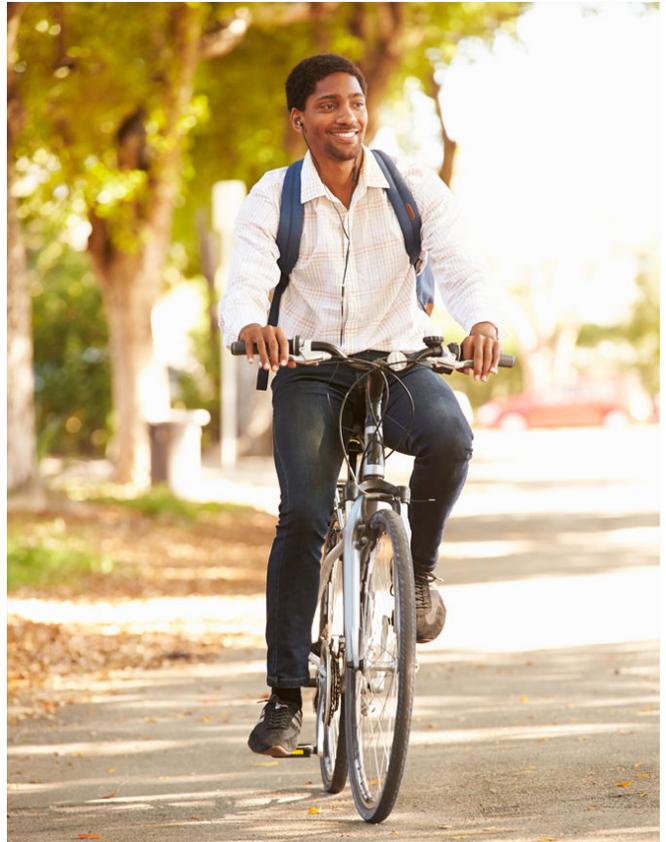
Curt, turned, curb, hurt, blurted

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Fern, perked, dirt, Kirk

High-Frequency Words

the, one, day, a, without, look, into, their, friend, was, to, put, said, you, do, good, too



It's Stuck

Liz and Brad looked up.

"A cat is sitting on that branch," Brad said.

"I think it's stuck," Liz added.

"We've got to help it."

"Let's run and tell Dad," Brad said.

"I'm sure Dad can help."

The kids ran five blocks to get home.

Dad was sitting on the porch.

"There's a cat that's stuck," Liz said.

"It can't jump off the branch."

"Will you help?" Brad asked.

"I'll help," Dad said.

Dad, Liz, and Brad went back to that sad cat.

It had not left that branch.

"We're here to help," Dad said.

Dad did his best.

He got up on the big crate.

As he went for the cat, it jumped!

That cat was not stuck. It was free!

Liz and Brad grinned as they went back home.

"You're still great, Dad," they said.

Contractions ('re, 's, 've)

It's, we've, let's, there's, that's, we're, you're

High-Frequency Words

look, a, said, to, sure, the, was, there, off, you, here, they, great



Let's Wish

Barb and Dad sat in the dark yard.
Dad spoke. "See those stars off in the sky?
Make a wish, Barb."
Barb had lots to wish for.
"I can't pick one wish just yet," she said.

Then Barb started thinking.
She didn't see Gramps much.
"Let's wish for Gramps to come!" Barb yelled.

Dad grinned as Barb made that wish.
"Let's hope this wish works!"

The next day, Dad called to Barb.
"You've got a big wish in the yard!"
Barb was not sure.
"It'll make me sad if Dad's kidding," Barb said.

Dad was not kidding.
Gramps was standing next to a cab.
"That's great wishing, Barb!" Dad said.

Barb grinned at Dad.
Dad must have planned this.
"We're glad you came, Gramps," she said.

Contractions (*'re, 's, 've*)

let's, you've, Dad's, that's, we're

High-Frequency Words

the, off, a, to, one, said, come, work, day, you, was, sure, great, have

