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Mustangs

by Meish Goldish



This is a herd of mustangs. This herd is running hard. Each horse can move fast! The herd thunders across the land.



Mustangs are wild animals. Some mustangs roam in herds on open land in the West. Mustangs can be quite wild. They leap and kick. Each mustang is quick and strong. Mustangs act up more than most other kinds of horses.



Wild mustangs first roamed open plains a long, long time ago. Spanish explorers had tame horses when they came to our land. Some Spanish horses escaped and became wild. Those horses became the first wild mustangs.



Trained mustangs make fine riding horses. Mustangs run fast and are quite strong. Ranch hands ride mustangs on the job. These horses help them keep track of other animals on the ranch.



This mustang herd has stopped by a river. These horses drink lots of water. Horses need to drink, just like people. Mustangs travel in the hot sun. On hot days, there is nothing like cool drinks!



In the old West, ranchers rode mustangs. Ranchers led large herds of animals on long trips. Some mustangs led the herd. Other mustangs stayed on each side of the herd. Other mustangs traveled behind the herd.



Mustangs would work hard on long trips. Along the way, an animal might try to run away. Men on mustangs went after that animal. Those men and mustangs made it get back with the rest of the herd. Nothing got past those fast mustangs!



In times past, mustangs helped with work. Today, mustangs still help. People on ranches and farms ride these tame horses across the land. Other mustangs are still wild. These horses run free in herds. Tame or wild, there is nothing quite like mustangs!



by Mae Meriva illustrated by Andrea Shine



Burt gazed out his window. In three days, his family would move. Burt did not wish to leave his home. Burt was sad.



Mom came in and sat on the bed with Burt. Burt did not stir. Mom placed her hand on his arm.

"It's hard to move," Mom sighed.

"It hurts a lot," Burt blurted out. "I will miss this home."



Burt began to cry. He wiped his wet face on his shirt sleeve. At first, Mom said nothing. Then she turned to Burt.

"What will you miss most about this home?" she asked.

"I will show you," Burt said.



Burt turned to his window. "I like that birch tree in our yard," Burt sighed. "Look at its third branch. There is a nest with a bird in it. Each day, I see that bird. I like how it sings and chirps."



Mom turned to Burt. "I can see why you will miss that," she said.

"Look closer," Burt added. "That nest has eggs in it. Those eggs will hatch soon. I will miss the chicks as well."



The next day, Burt gazed out his window. He saw the birch tree in the yard. Burt burst into a happy cheer.

"Mom!" Burt cried. "Those bird eggs hatched! Three baby chicks are in that nest. You must see them!"



"Let's have a birthday party!" Mom cried. "After all, today is the birthday for those birds!"

Burt clapped his hands. He and Mom danced and whirled.

"Happy birthday, birds!" Burt sang.



Burt felt better. He helped Mom pack his shirts.

"Those birds will move one day," Mom said. "They will need more space."

"Maybe they will find a place in our new yard!" Burt added.

What's That?

by Meish Goldish illustrated by Monique Passicot



Pam had a party at her home. Jason, Billy, and Jen came.

"Let's play a game," Pam cried. "Let's play 'What's That?'" Jason cried.



Pam, Jason, Billy, and Jen sat on the floor. Pam began the game.

"What are seven days that are not strong?" Pam asked.

Billy raised his hand. "I know!" he cried. "A weak week!"

"Right!" Pam cried. "Now it's your turn. Make up a joke."



Billy thought for a moment. Then he smiled at his pals.

"I've got it," Billy cried. "What happens when you shake hands with hot dogs?" Billy smiled again and waited.

The players sat silent for a moment. Then Jen raised her hand.

"I know!" she cried. "You meet meat."



Jen snapped her fingers. "This is hard but funny," she cried. "What cards and letters are not for girls?"

Jason jumped up. "I think I know!" he cried. "Male mail."

"That's correct, Jason!" Jen cried. "Now you give it a try."



Jason had to make up a joke. He stepped toward the window. "I must pace back and forth when I think," he explained.

Soon, Jason had a joke. "Why do boats need eyes?" he asked.

"To see the sea!" Pam cried.



"We each got one right. This game ends in a tie," Pam said.

"No!" Jason cried. "Let's play one more time to get a winner."

"Who will think up the joke?" Jen asked. "That person will not get to win. Let's think about this."



Just then, Mister Baker came in.

"Dad, please make up a joke for our game, 'What's That?'" Pam asked.

Mister Baker came up with a joke. "What fur is on rabbits?" he asked.

"Hare hair!" everyone yelled at the same time.



"Yes, I win!" Pam cried. "I got two jokes right."

"But I got two, too," Jason cried.

"And we got up to two, too," Billy and Jen cried. "That's funny!"

Pam, Jason, Billy, and Jen giggled for a long, long time.

Get Smarter!

by Beth Dinn



Be smart. Be smarter. Be the smartest you can be! Start by reading these quiz pages and train your brain.



Which is longer, five feet or one yard? Think hard and don't rush. Five feet is sixty inches long. One yard is thirty-six inches long. So five feet is much, much longer! That's smart thinking!



What's higher, a pile of ten nickels or ten dimes? Place them side by side. The nickel pile is higher. Nickels are thicker than dimes. Yet dimes can get you twice as much stuff in stores!



What's older, a dam or a foal? Both dams and foals are horses. A foal is a baby horse. A dam is its mother. So that means dams must be older than foals. Don't you feel much smarter?



Which is a bigger state, Texas or Vermont? Texas is much bigger. It is about thirty times bigger in size than Vermont. In fact, Texas is the second biggest state in our land.



This quiz is about the sea: Which is wider, the floor in your home or in the sea? The sea floor is miles and miles and miles wide. The floor in your home is not that wide!



What's the longest fish in the sea? It's the whale shark. Whale sharks are sharks, not whales. Whale sharks can be more than forty feet long. That's as long as a long bus!


What's the longest of all the words you can use? "Smiles"! "Smiles" is the longest. There's a "mile" between the first and last letter. That's far!

Quizzes solved! You are on your way toward being smarter.



by Bobbie N. Zaide illustrated by Sandy Kossin



My cat Fraidy is mostly playful. She likes to run and leap all over. At times, though, she can make big problems. That's what happened last week.



The day began. Mom made toast. I began to put jam on my toast. One drop of jam dripped off my plate. Sadly, it landed on Fraidy. That jam would lead to a big problem!



I leaned down quickly to help Fraidy. I tried wiping that sticky jam off her fur. Yet Fraidy would not let me. She had another idea. Suddenly she leaped right out the open kitchen window!



Fraidy can be such a handful of problems! Mom and I made a speedy dash out of the house to catch that cat. At first we didn't see her. Then she cried softly. Fraidy had run up a tree! She sat safely on a high branch.



"Fraidy, kindly get down right now," I said sweetly. "Fraidy, get down."

Fraidy didn't move. I cried to her again, but she stayed firmly in place. She had a needy look on her face.

"Mom," I sighed, "Fraidy is afraid."



"I've got an idea," Mom said.

She went back inside. Then she came back with a plateful of cat food. "This may get her down," Mom told me. "Come and get it, Fraidy! It is cat food, Fraidy!" Mom cried in a hopeful tone.



Mom and I both waited. We just knew that Fraidy would gladly run to us. That didn't happen, though. Fraidy sat with that same painful look on her face.

"There is just one more thing that we can try," Mom suggested.



Mom told Dad about Fraidy. Dad had a long ladder on his truck that he used when he painted the house. Dad came swiftly. He got that cat down in no time.

Like I told you, at times Fraidy can make big problems!

Bugs in *Action*

by Ben Sorare illustrated by John Hovell



It was the last day of bug school. The large class of bugs lined up in rows. Each creature felt quite happy. At last, Doc Bug got up to speak.



"Class," Doc Bug began, "you are mature creatures at last. You are starting life on your own. You will see plenty of action. I am hopeful that you will be fine. Living in nature can be hard, though. Hard but fun."



Ant spoke up. "What is hard about living in nature?" Ant asked.

Doc Bug held up some pictures. "See this?" Doc Bug asked. "An ant is small, while other animals are huge. Don't get stepped on. Stay in motion."



Next, Ladybug had a question. "If I fly, will I fracture my shell?" Ladybug asked. "Will I, Doc?"

"No," Doc Bug said. "When you are in motion, don't get too close to trees or rocks. Then, you will be safe."



"I never knew that," Ladybug sighed. Doc Bug held up some more pictures. "Stay close to small plants and grass. That will keep your shell safe. If you fly by a garden, you can get a snack, too." "Nice idea," Ladybug agreed.



Fly spoke up next. "Can you mention how I can stay safe?" Fly asked.

Doc Bug changed pictures yet again. "Spiders like to capture flies. Spiders spin sticky webs. Flies get stuck on them," Doc Bug explained.



"Don't go near any sticky webs!" Doc Bug cried.

"That seems like a fine idea," Fly agreed. "I never knew that living in nature was so hard."

"It's fun if you stay safe," Doc said.



Doc Bug smiled at the class of bugs. "You are the future of our bug nation," Doc Bug cried. "Don't forget that bugs help nature a lot. My lecture is over. Now go out and live!" So they did!



by Bo Bayom illustrated by Kristen Goeters



Ann was planning her first party. "It will be unreal!" she cried.

Ann needed her party to be perfect. "I can't overlook a thing," she told herself.



Ann made a list of pals to invite. She rechecked her list three times.

"We can help you plan this party," her older brothers told her.

"No, thanks," Ann said. "I can do it myself. It will be an unreal party, and it will be all mine!"



Ann began making cards to send to her pals. She told them the day and time for her party. Ann printed slowly. She didn't misspell any words.

"May we help?" her brothers asked.

"Please go away," Ann sighed. "Thanks, but no thanks."



Next, Ann planned food for her party. Which treats can be eaten cold? Which will Mom and Dad need to reheat? Ann made her list.

"I can't forget a thing," Ann reminded herself. "This party will be unreal!"



That week, Ann got red and green paper streamers for her party. She taped them up. Three streamers fell. Her brothers tried to retape them.

"I'll retape them," Ann said. "I must not leave a thing unfinished."



At last, it was party day. Ann was dressed up. Ann waited for her pals. She unlocked the door. Mom preheated the kitchen stove.

Ann, Dad, and Mom waited and waited. No one came! Did everyone misread the card she had sent?



Ann phoned her best pal, Lexy. "Why are you not at my party, Lexy?" Ann asked her. "It is party time."

"What on earth do you mean?" Lexy replied. "I never got a card."

"Oh, no!" Ann cried. "I forgot to mail my cards. I never sent them!"



Ann felt so unhappy. She had forgotten something huge. "Now I must rethink my party," she sighed.

"Well, this party really was unreal," her brothers joked. "We'll help you make the next party a real good time."



Knick and Knack are twin lambs. The brothers live with other Bighorn sheep on this high rocky cliff.

Knick and Knack loved to climb all over the place. Knick, Knack, and Mom had fun climbing cliffs.



One day Knick was climbing along a cliff. He jumped away as a big rock began to roll. Down it went!

"Look at that!" yelled Knack. "See that deep hole where that rock used to be? Maybe it's a cave."

"Maybe we can go right in," added Knick. "Can we explore it?"

"Yes, I'll go in with you," said Mom. "This is High Cliff Cave. I used to climb and explore High Cliff Cave with my dad. We came here many times."



Mom went into High Cliff Cave. Knick and Knack followed Mom. Knick and Knack did not know what to expect.

The dim light that came into High Cliff Cave helped them see. Inside, they sat and rested on the damp earth.



Suddenly, Knick jumped up. "Look at those paintings," exclaimed Knick. "Where?" asked Knack.

"Just behind you!" cried Knick. Knack turned and was surprised. Knack saw a lot of paintings.



Mom smiled at her lambs' surprise.

Knick and Knack saw paintings of Bighorn sheep and lambs climbing on a cliff. There was writing under each painting.

Knick and Knack were amazed, but Mom was not. She just gazed at them.



"Did you know that these paintings were in this cave?" asked Knick.

"I did know," said Mom.

"How did you know?" asked Knack.

"Because I painted those paintings myself, and my dad wrote the writing," Mom said.



"Can we make paintings of Bighorn sheep and lambs?" asked Knick.

"Yes, can we?" asked Knack.

"You can," agreed Mom. "We will find a place in this cave that is just right for you. You can paint and I will help with the writing."

Knick and Knack loved that plan. Soon Knick and Knack were making their own cave paintings.

A Spring Walk

by Meish Goldish



Which season is best? Many people think it is spring. What makes them feel that way? It's because of all that spring has to offer.



Walk through a park in spring. Nice things can be seen. New leaves grow on plants and trees. These young leaves are called buds. In a short time, these small leaf buds will grow larger.



Lawns turn green in spring. Playful animals can be seen running all over. Dogs chase balls that are tossed to them. Frogs hop on and off small logs. Birds chirp and call. It's their way of talking!


Young kids and grownups alike fly kites in the spring. Large and small kites are launched in happy breezes. Kites of all shapes and sizes dance across the sky. Some kites will stand tall and some kites will dip down and fall.



Spring is also the time when baseball season begins. You can almost always find ball games going on in the park. Baseball games draw many fans. It's funny how such a small ball can cause such big excitement!



Is there a nicer time for walking than spring? Walk in winter, and it's too cold. You might slip and fall on the snow or ice. Most trees have no leaves on them in winter. Who wants that?



You can get chilly walking in fall. Cold winds may blow at your back. Summer can often be far too hot for walking. The blazing sun might slow your walk to a crawl. Who wants that?



Next spring, take long, peaceful walks. See trees and plants that you never saw before. Watch baseball games. See tall kites float in the sky. Do all of it, just because it's spring!



by Morris Ayin illustrated by Elizabeth Allen



It is fall. Trees in the park have yellow and red leaves. Two teams play softball under these trees.

Paul is at bat for the Sliders. It is the last inning in this game with the Hawks.



The score is Sliders 2, Hawks 2. "Let's go, Paul!" Coach called. "We can win this game with just one more run!"

The pitcher for the Hawks tossed the softball. Paul wanted to hit a home run. He swung hard but missed the ball. "Strike!" the umpire called.



Paul clenched his jaw. He wanted to launch that softball over the wall!

The pitcher tossed the ball. Paul swung hard but he missed it. This time, he began to fall. A small but funny feeling ran down his arm. Coach saw Paul fall on the base.



Coach ran over to talk to Paul.

"Go now and let Nurse Donna see this arm," Coach ordered.

Paul walked over to Nurse Donna. She felt his arm. She saw that it was okay.

"No more playing today," she said. "Just watch, Paul. Just watch."



The Sliders had no player to replace Paul. "That means we win this game!" the Hawks cried. The happy Hawks tossed Hawk caps all over.

"Not so fast!" Paul cried. "My sister Shawna can play for me. Shawna plays well and she can hit."



"No! Shawna is too young! She can't play!" the Hawks yelled.

Coach talked with the umpire. She looked in her rule book. "There is no law about age," the umpire called. "So Shawna can play after all."



Shawna walked to home plate.

"We can win this game with just one more run!" Coach called to Shawna.

Shawna wanted to win for Paul. The pitcher for the Hawks tossed the softball. Shawna swung hard.



Whack! The softball sailed through the air. Shawna watched it as she ran. Her ball sailed over the wall. Shawna had hit a home run! She slid into home plate. Then Shawna jumped back up!

The winning Sliders tossed caps all over. "My small sister can do big things!" Paul called.

Word Lists

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Accompanies Penguin Chick

page 1

Mustangs

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *r-controlled vowel er* explorers, herd, herds, thunders

Words Using Previously Taught Skills act, after, ago, along, and, animal, animals, back, be, became, by, came, can, cool, days, drink, drinks, each, escaped, farms, fast, fine, free, get, got, had, hands, hard, has, help, helped, horse, horses, hot, in, is, job, just, keep, kick, kinds, land, large, leap, led, like, long, lots, made, make, men, might, more, most, mustang, mustangs, need, old, on, open, past, plains, quick, quite, ranch, ranches, rest, ride, riding, river, roam, roamed, rode, run, running, side, Spanish, stayed, still, stopped, strong, sun, tame, than, that, them, these, this, those, time, times, track, trained, travel, traveled, trips, try, up, way, went, West, when, wild

High-Frequency Words

New across, move, nothing

Previously Taught a, are, away, first, of, other, our, people, some, the, there, they, to, today, water, work

Accompanies Penguin Chick

Time to Move

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *r-controlled vowels ir, ur* birch, bird, birds, birthday, blurted, burst, Burt, chirps, first, hurts, shirt, shirts, stir, third, turned, whirled

Target Skill: *r-controlled vowel er* after, better, closer, her

Words Using Previously Taught Skills added, and, arm, asked, at, baby, bed, began, branch, came, can, cheer, chicks, cried, cry, danced, day, days, did, each, eggs, face, family, felt, find, for, gazed, hand, happy, hard, has, hatch, hatched, he, helped, his, home, I, in, into, is, it, it's, its, leave, let's, like, lot, maybe, miss, Mom, more, most, move, must, need, nest, next, not, on, pack, party, place, placed, sad, sang, sat, see, she, show, sighed, sings, sleeve, space, that, them, then, this, those, three, tree, well, wet, will, window, wiped, wish, with, yard page 9

High-Frequency Words New

move, nothing

Previously Taught a, about, all, are, have, how, laughed, look, new, one, our, out, said, saw, soon, the, there, they, to, today, was, what, why, would, you

Accompanies Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend

What's That?

Decodable Words

Target Skill: Homophones

eye/I, hair/hare, know/no, mail/male, meat/meet, sea/see, to/too/two, weak/ week

Words Using Previously Taught Skills an, and, asked, at, back, Baker, began, Billy, boats, but, came, cards, correct, cried, Dad, days, dogs, each, ends, explained, fingers, for, forth, funny, fur, game, get, giggled, girls, got, had, hand, hands, happens, hard, he, her, his, home, hot, I've, is, it, it's, Jason, Jen, joke, jokes, jumped, just, let's, letters, long, make, Mister, moment, more, must, need, not, on, pace, pals, Pam, party, person, play, players, please, rabbits, raised, raised, right, same, sat, seven, shake, silent, smiled, snapped, stepped, strong, that, that's, then, think, this, tie, time, try, turn, up, waited, we, when, why, will, win, window, winner, with, yelled, yes

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High-Frequency Words

New floor, toward, what's

Previously Taught

a, about, again, are, do, everyone, eyes, give, now, one, our, said, soon, the, thought, to, too, two, what, who, you, your

Accompanies Gloria Who Might Be My Best Friend

Get Smarter!

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *Base Words and -er, -est, including doubling of final consonant* bigger, biggest, higher, longer, longest, smarter, smartest, thicker, wider

Words Using Previously Taught Skills and, baby, be, between, both, brain, bus, by, can, dam, dams, dimes, don't, fact, far, feel, feet, first, fish, five, foal, foals, forty, get, hard, home, horse, horses, in, inches, is, it, it's, its, land, last, letter, long, means, mile, miles, more, much, must, nickel, nickels, not, older, or, pages, pile, place, quiz, quizzes, reading, rush, sea, shark, sharks, side, sixty, size, smart, smiles, so, solved, start, state, stores, stuff, ten, Texas, than, that, that's, them, these, think, thinking, thirty, thirty-six, this, times, train, twice, use, Vermont, way, whale, whales, which, wide, yard, yet

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High-Frequency Words New

floor, toward, what's

Previously Taught all, nearly, of, second, the, words, you

Accompanies The Goat in the Rug

Fraidy Cat

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *Suffixes -y, -ly, -ful* Fraidy, firmly, gladly, handful, hopeful, kindly, mostly, needy, painful, plateful, playful, quickly, sadly, safely, softly, speedy, sticky, suddenly, sweetly, swiftly

Words Using Previously Taught Skills afraid, an, and, at, back, be, began, big, both, branch, but, came, can, cat, catch, cried, Dad, dash, day, didn't, dripped, drop, face, first, food, fur, get, got, had, happen, happened, he, help, her, high, his, hoped, I, I've, idea, in, inside, is, it, jam, just, kitchen, ladder, landed, last, lead, leaned, leap, leaped, let, like, likes, long, made, make, may, me, Mom, more, my, no, not, on, open, over, painted, place, plate, problem, problems, right, run, same, sat, see, she, sighed, started, stayed, such, suggested, that, that's, then, thing, this, time, times, toast, told, tone, tree, tried, truck, try, up, us, used, waited, we, week, went, when, window, wiping, with, yet

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High-Frequency Words

New idea, knew, though

Previously Taught

a, about, again, all, another, come, down, house, look, move, now, of, off, one, out, outside, put, said, the, there, to, what, would, you

Accompanies *The Goat in the Rug*

Bugs in Action

Decodable Words

 Target Skill: Common syllables -tion,

 -ture

action, capture, creature, creatures, fracture, future, lecture, mature, mention, motion, nation, nature, question

Target Skill: *Suffixes -y, -ly, -ful* hopeful, sticky

Words Using Previously Taught Skills agreed, am, an, and, animals, Ant, asked, at, be, began, bug, bugs, but, by, can, class, close, cried, day, did, Doc, don't, each, explained, felt, fine, flies, fly, forget, fun, garden, get, go, got, grass, had, happy, hard, held, help, how, huge, I, if, in, is, it, it's, keep, Ladybug, large, last, life, like, lined, live, living, lot, my, never, next, nice, no, on, or, over, own, plants, plenty, quite, rocks, rows, safe, school, see, seems, shell, sighed, small, smiled, snack, so, speak, spiders, spin, spoke, starting, stay, stepped, stuck, that, them, then, this, trees, up, webs, when, while, will, yet

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High-Frequency Words

New idea, knew, though

Previously Taught a, about, again, another, any, are, near, now, of, other, our, out, pictures, said, some, the, they, to, too, was, what, you, your

Accompanies Half-Chicken

The Unreal Party

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *Prefixes re-, un-, over-, pre-, mis-*

misread, misspell, overlook, preheated, rechecked, reheat, reminded, replied, retape, rethink, unfinished, unhappy, unlocked, unreal

Words Using Previously Taught Skills an, and, Ann, asked, at, be, began, best, but, came, can, can't, card, cards, cold, cried, Dad, day, didn't, dressed, eaten, fell, felt, first, for, forget, forgot, forgotten, go, got, green, had, help, her, herself, huge, I, I'll, invite, it, joked, kitchen, last, leave, Lexy, list, made, mail, make, making, may, mean, mine, Mom, must, my, myself, need, needed, never, next, no, not, oh, older, pals, paper, party, perfect, phoned, plan, planned, planning, please, printed, real, really, red, send, sent, she, sighed, slowly, so, stove, streamers, taped, thanks, that, them, thing, this, three, time, times, told, treats, tried, up, waited, we, we'll, week, well, which, why, will

High-Frequency Words

New away, brothers, earth

Previously Taught

a, all, any, are, do, door, everyone, food, good, now, of, one, said, something, to, was, words, you

Accompanies Half-Chicken

Knick and Knack

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *Silent consonants gh, w(r), k(n), (m)b* climb, climbing, high, Knack, Knick, lambs, lambs', light, right, wrote

Words Using Previously Taught Skills added, agreed, along, amazed, and, as, asked, at, be, began, behind, big, Bighorn, but, came, can, cave, cliff, cliffs, cried, dad, damp, day, deep, did, dim, down, each, exclaimed, expect, explore, find, followed, fun, gazed, go, had, he, helped, her, hole, how, I'll, in, inside, it, it's, jumped, just, live, lot, make, making, maybe, Mom, my, myself, not, on, over, own, paint, painted, paintings, place, plan, rested, rock, rocky, roll, sat, see, she, sheep, smiled, suddenly, surprise, surprised, that, them, these, this, those, times, turned, twin, under, up, used, we, went, will, with, writing, yelled, yes

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High-Frequency Words

New away, brothers, earth

Previously Taught

a, all, are, because, here, into, know, look, loved, many, of, one, other, said, saw, soon, the, their, there, they, to, was, were, what, where, you

Accompanies From Seed to Plant

A Spring Walk

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *Spellings for /aw/: au, aw; al; o; a*

all, almost, also, always, ball, balls, baseball, call, called, cause, crawl, draw, fall, launched, lawns, logs, long, off, offer, often, saw, small, talking, tall, tossed, walk, walking, walks

Words Using Previously Taught Skills

across, alike, and, animals, back, be, because, before, begins, best, big, birds, blazing, blow, breezes, buds, can, chase, chilly, chirp, cold, dance, dip, dogs, down, excitement, fans, far, feel, find, float, fly, for, frogs, funny, games, get, going, green, grow, grownups, happy, has, hop, hot, ice, in, is, it, it's, just, kids, kites, large, larger, leaf, makes, many, may, might, most, never, next, nice, nicer, no, on, over, park, peaceful, plants, playful, running, season, see, seen, shapes, short, sizes, sky, slip, slow, snow, spring, stand, such, summer, sun, take, than, that, them, these, things, think, time, trees, turn, wants, watch, way, when, which, will, winds, winter

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High-Frequency Words

New leaves, through, young

Previously Taught

a, are, do, have, how, new, of, people, some, the, their, there, to, too, what, who, you, your

The Softball Game

Decodable Words

Target Skill: *Spellings for /aw/: au, aw; al; o; a*

all, ball, called, fall, Hawks, jaw, launch, law, Paul, saw, Shawna, small, softball, talk, talked, tossed, walked, wall, watch, watched

Words Using Previously Taught Skills

after, age, and, arm, as, at, back, base, bat, began, big, but, can, can't, caps, clenched, Coach, cried, Donna, fast, feeling, felt, for, funny, game, go, had, happy, hard, he, his, hit, home, in, inning, into, is, it, jumped, just, last, let, let's, me, means, missed, more, my, no, not, Nurse, okay, ordered, over, park, pitcher, plate, play, player, playing, plays, ran, red, replace, rule, run, sailed, score, see, she, sister, slid, Sliders, so, strike, swung, teams, that, these, things, this, time, trees, umpire, under, up, wanted, we, well, whack, win, winning, with, yelled, yellow page 73

High-Frequency Words

New leaves, through, young

Previously Taught

a, about, air, book, do, down, have, look, now, one, said, the, there, to, today, too, two, was



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- Mustangs
- Time to Move
- What's That?
- Get Smarter!
- Fraidy Cat

- Bugs in Action
- The Unreal Party
- Knick and Knack
- A Spring Walk
- The Softball Game



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