

## Teacher Guide: 3.2 *Amber's Birthday*

Decodability	89%
Letter-Sound Focus	r-controlled vowels, -ir- ur
Fundations Alignment	Level 1, Unit 8, Week 2
Trick Words and other High Frequency Words	her, over
Vocabulary and Challenge Words	need, table, says, live, food
Topic Connection	Resources from the community
Fo1 Weekly Question	What do people need? What do people want?

## Amber's Birthday



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“Get up, get up,” yells Dexter, “It is your birthday!”

Dexter’s sister, Amber, bursts up from her bed.

“Yay! It is my birthday!” yells Amber. “I need my birthday brunch.”



“Amber, you do not need this bird. But, she needs you,” says her mother. “You must get her food and water so she can live.”

“I can do it,” says Amber, “I will get my bird what she needs.”



He lets Amber have the gift.

Amber says, "Thank you."

The box chirps. Amber turns the box over. It is a bird!

"Yay! A pet bird," yells Amber.



Dexter and Amber run over to the table. Her brunch is on the table.

"I need to have this!" Amber starts to munch on her eggs.

"Amber, stop! You do not need to go so fast," says her mother.

"Yes, I do. I need to!" yells Amber.



Amber's father sits at the table. He has a gift.

Amber turns. She yells, "I need it! Hand over my gift!"

"Amber, you do not need it. First, have your eggs." says her father.



Amber grabs her gift from her father. "I need it. I need it very much," she yells.

"Needs are things we must have to live. Do you need gifts to live?" asks her father.

"Well," Amber thinks, "I do not need gifts. But, I do want them! I want a birthday gift."

"Yes, we all want things that we do not need," says her father.