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Brent busted his leg.  
He had to get a cast.  
His dad made a grand ramp.  
But the ramp was not for bikes.  
The ramp was for Brent.



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The sun had set. It was dusk.  
Kent had to lift Brent.  
At last, they got home.  
They did not get stuff for a bike ramp.



ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

**New phonic elements** final blends: -ft, -ld, -lp, -lt, -mp

**Words with new phonic element** dump, felt, held, help, jump, lift, limp, lump, pump, ramp, stomp, stump

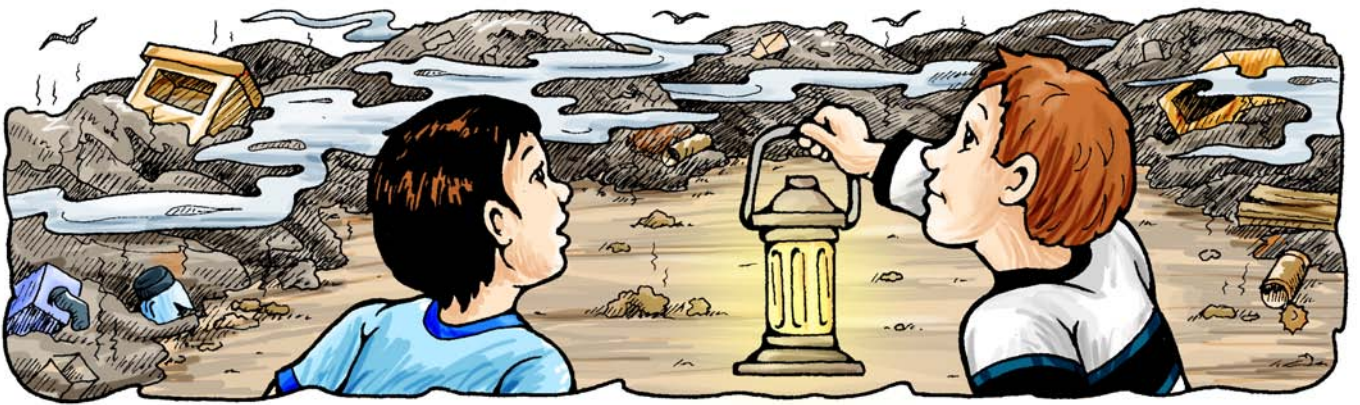
**Reviewed phonic elements** initial and final blends;  
short vowels; consonants

**Story words** bike, stick, stinky

**New high-frequency words** could, don't, so

**Special considerations** contractions; double consonants;  
inflectional endings -ed, -er, -ing, s;  
possessive 's; plural ending -s

Brent jumped on his left leg.  
He could not go fast.  
He could not trust his bad leg.



Brent and Kent went to the dump.  
The dump was out west.  
They were looking for stuff to make a bike ramp.



"I can limp home," said Brent.

"We have to get back home for help," said Kent.

It looked bent.

It had a lump with a long cut.

Kent felt Brent's leg.



"This dump stinks," said Brent.

"We must make this our last task."

"I cannot last in a stinky dump if  
I do not have a gas mask," said Kent.

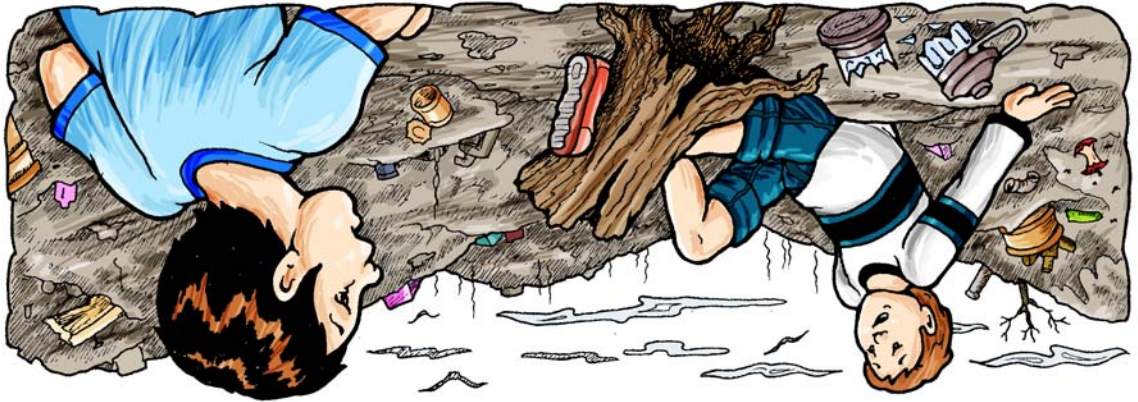
so Brent could get out.

Kent lifted the stump

"I tripped on a stump and my leg is stuck."

"Help!" yelled Brent.

Kent and Brent went fast.



They stomped in the stinky dump  
past lots of stuff like a busted pump  
and rusted cans.



Brent said, "We must get a ramp fast.  
We don't have much time left."

"I don't think it will make a ramp," said Kent.  
"See this hunk of junk," said Brent.



"See this big stick?" said Kent.

"It is the best stick for a bike ramp."

"That stick is bent," said Brent.

"It is not the best."