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New phonemic element	r-controlled /ə/; or, oar, our
Words with new phonemic element	chore, corn, for, form, four, horn, more, porch, pour, roar, scorch, shore, soar, sore, sport, store, storm, torch, tote,
Reviewed phonemic elements	diphthongs; variant vowels
Story words	lightning, through
Reviewed story words	floor, river, warning, water
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -er, -s, -ing;
two-syllable decodable words	

ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK



It was just after four when I saw
storm clouds forming.

My mom told me to do my chores
before the storm came.

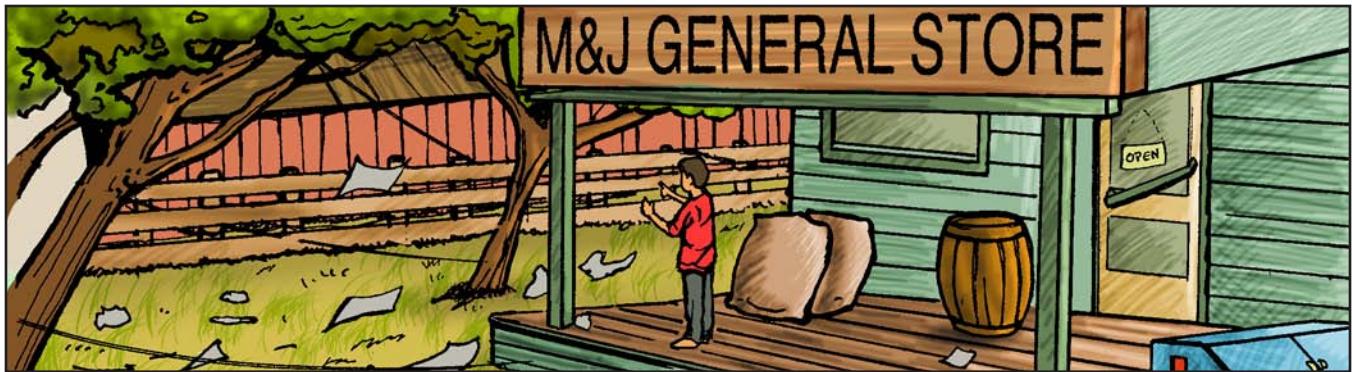
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Then the storm warning horn sounded.
I looked up and saw the storm coming.
I went to the back of the house to do chores.

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I waited on the porch of the store
next to our house.

I saw big, black clouds soaring over my head.
The wind began to roar.
I ran for cover.

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and it scorched the tree.
It was like a torch,
It hit a tree near the store.
shot from a cloud.
Then a bolt of lightning

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It poured and poured big raindrops.
The water poured into the river.
The river rose and soon reached the corn.

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"We have to leave!" yelled my mom.
It spilled over the floor.
I could see water rushing through the door.
I ran to my house.





The rain kept pouring down.
It rained for more than four days.
Rushing water tore the store
and a house off the ground.

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The water stopped roaring.
Then one morning it stopped pouring.
The store rested on the shore.





The rain had worn away a lot of soil.
It had torn up trees and homes.
It was all more of a mess than we thought.

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He handed me a mop so I could mop the floor.
"We will have to work until we are all sore."
"No sports for now," my dad said.
We had to clean up the mess.
Now we all had a big chore.

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