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Note to Teachers and Parents

Focus Concept

Previously Taught Skills



Sam had fun in the hot sun.



Sam got hot.



Sam sat on a log.



The log had gum on it.



Sam sat on the gum.
The gum got on Sam's pants.



Sam ran fast.



Sam's mom got the gum off.



Sam is glad.

Note to Teachers and Parents

All children should have the opportunity to experience success when reading. The decodable ebooks in this engaging series begin with simple words and sentences and increase in difficulty from level to level. Children may begin reading anywhere in the series, depending on their reading ability. The focus concept and sight words for this title, as well as a list of phonics skills children may already be familiar with, can be found at the end of this book.

This decodable ebook is perfect for independent reading. Encourage children to find a quiet spot to read, away from distractions. Help children build confidence by having them read aloud to you or to a friend or sibling.

Before beginning, you may wish to have children read the list of focus concept and sight words. When children have finished the story, encourage them to find these words on each page. To extend children's experience with these phonics concepts, encourage them to name or write down other words that follow the same phonics pattern. For example, if the focus concept is short o, they might write *log*, *pot*, and *frog*.

The presentation of phonics concepts in this series of ebooks was developed for the S.P.I.R.E.® reading program, a product of Educators Publishing Service.

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Focus Concept: Vowel Sounds

u (up)

fun

gum

sun

Previously Taught Skills

Consonant Sounds

all consonants

Vowel Sounds

a (ax)

i (hit)

o (ox)

Sight Words*

a, is, the, The

*Sight words are nonpatterned or very low-patterned words of high frequency.



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The Pig and the Ant

Short a (ax) and i (hit)

The Lost Dog

Short o (ox)

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Short u (up)

The Pet Hen

Short e (bed)

The Fish Wish

sh (ship)

At Lunch

ch (chin)

Dash on the Path

th (this, thin)

A Whiz Kid

wh (whisk)

The Lost Ring

ng (sang, ring, strong, stung)

Hank's Fish Tank

nk (bank, wink, honk, trunk)