Progressive PHONICS[™]





Short Vowel "U"

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Letters & words used in this book

Alphabet letters introduced in this book: Alphabet letters introduced in earlier books:			u			
			actsmndhr ebglvwy iIkfxpz oj			
Letters not yet introduced:			q (no short-vowel, 3-letter words start with a 'q')			
up cup	us fur bus rur sui	n cut	tub	mud	gum yum	bug hug jug rug
Ι	it hit sit	in	if	big		
bed	leg	red	wet			
at cat	can ran	had sad				
on	dog	got hot				

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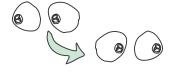
Quick Start Guide



Read the book WITH your child. You read the "regular" text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.



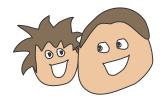


Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

Don't rush it. Bodybuilders don't train in a day — neither does a child.



And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



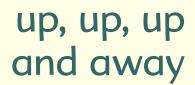


(Read this page TO your child.)

Today we are going to practice the "uh" sound.

Can you say, "uh"?

The "uh" sound is in lots of words, like --



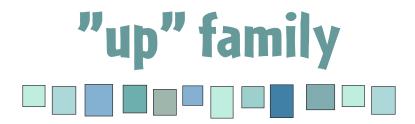




Uncle Dunkle's underwear

under an ugly umbrella

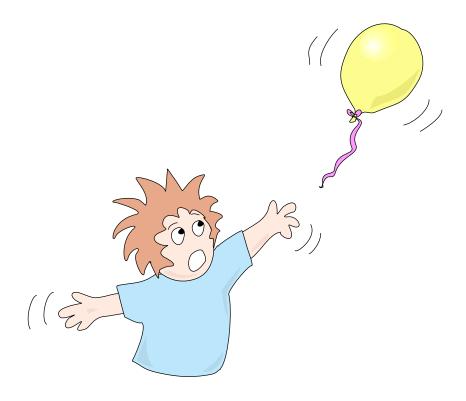




up cup

(Other "up" words not taught here: pup, sup, syrup, ketchup, hiccup, etc.)

Balloon



I lost my balloon

Up in the sky.

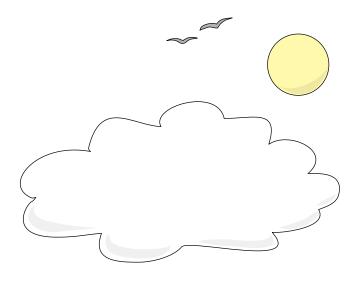
Up, up it went

without saying bye-bye.

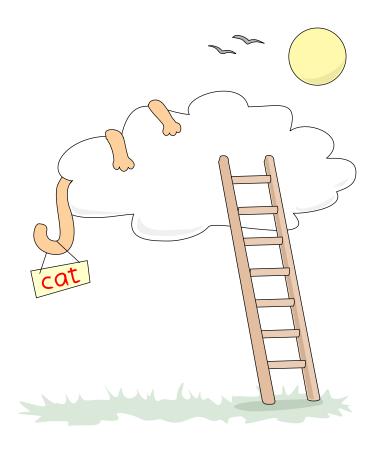


My next balloon will never be lost — it can't go Up if it is full of rocks.

Cat Cloud



There's a cloud UP there, UP in the sky, white and fluffy and UP really high.



I think my Cat
goes UP to sleep.
If you look UP, you
Can see her feet.

Cup Of Water



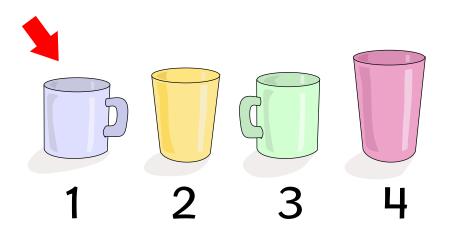
I drank a CUP of water – in a CUP of course.



I drank a second

CUP, and then a

third and a fourth.



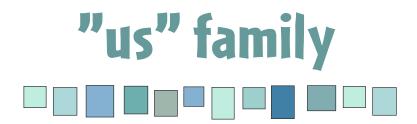
Maybe one CUP would have been enough...



I think four

CUPS was a

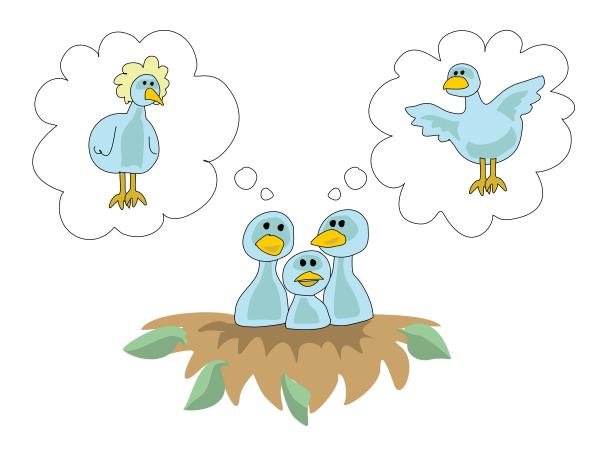
little too much.



us bus

(Other "us" words not taught here: pus, plus, minus, walrus, focus, fungus, virus, etc.)

Eat With Us



Our Mamma and Pappa take care of US.



They bring US

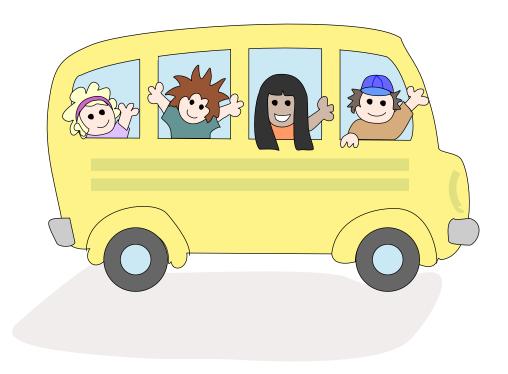
food, and they give

US lots of love.

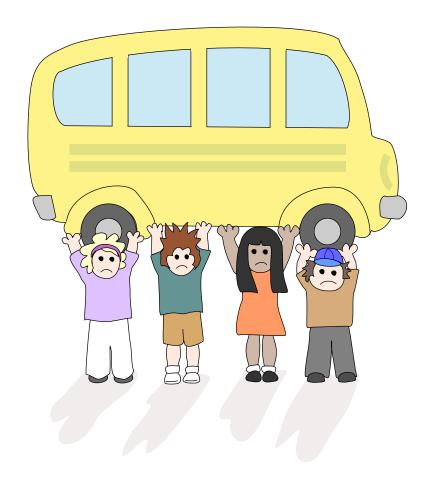


If you like, you could eat with US — wiggly worms and jiggly bugs!

The Bus



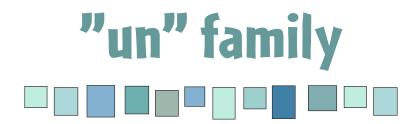
Look at us.
We are On a bus...



...which is much,

much better than a

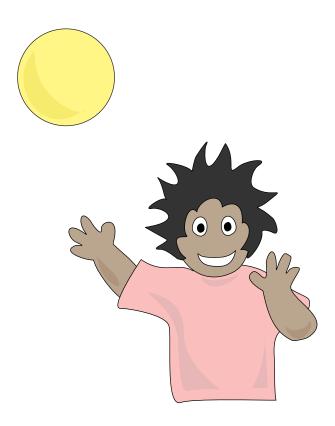
bus on us!



fun run sun

(Other "un" words not taught here: pun, gun, spun, shun, begun, rerun, etc.)



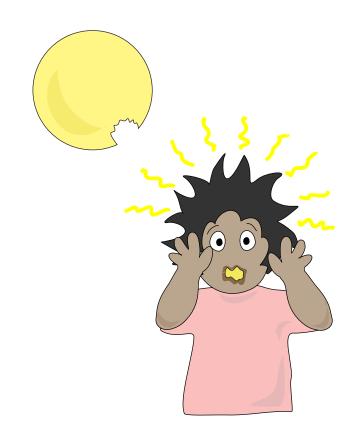


The SUN is big. The SUN is yellow.



The **SUN** is like

my lemon Jell-o.

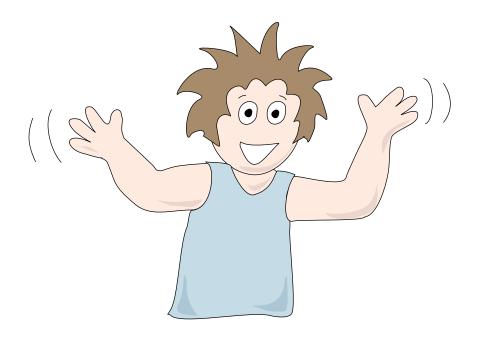


I thought the SUN

would taste good too, but

the **SUN** was much too **hOt** to chew.

Run



I run so quickly.
I run so fast.

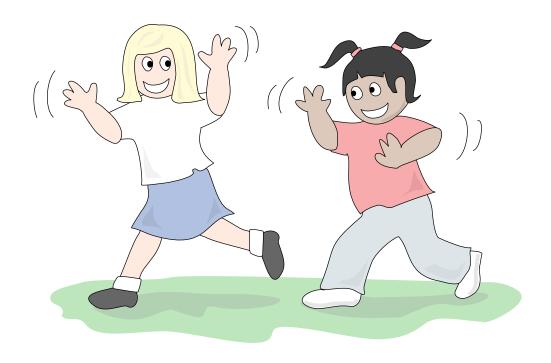
No one catches me

as I run past.

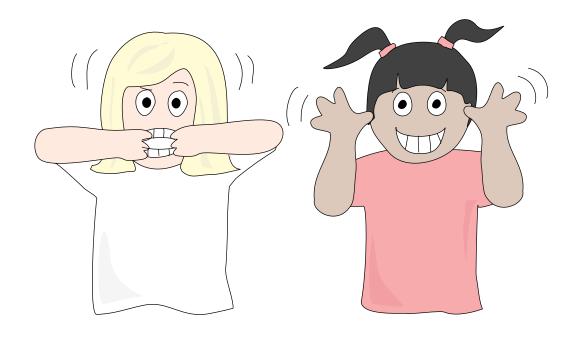


If you want to run as fast as me, you need another leg – I run with three.

Fun

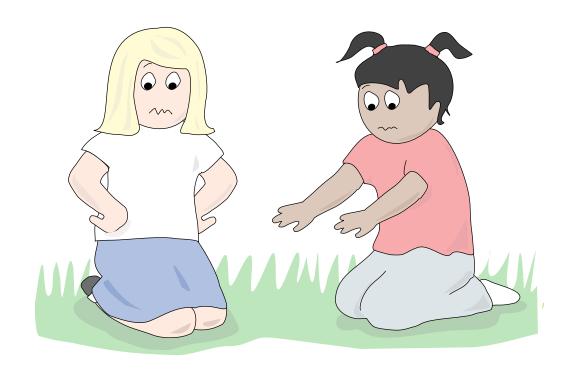


It is fun to run a race.



It is fun

to make a face.

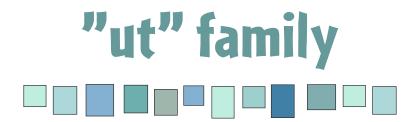


But is it fun to

watch grass grow?



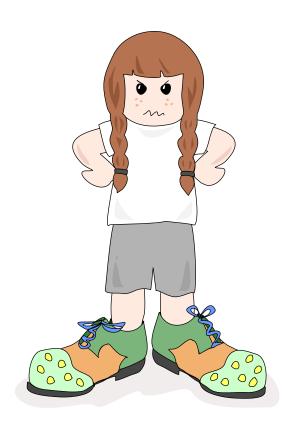
We fell asleep, so we don't know.



but cut nut

(Other "ut" words not taught here: gut, jut, abut, shut, strut, donut, etc.)

My Shoes



My shoes are silly, but what Can I do?



I want to take them off, but I put them ON with glue.

Nut



I tried to eat a nut, but I couldn't chew it.



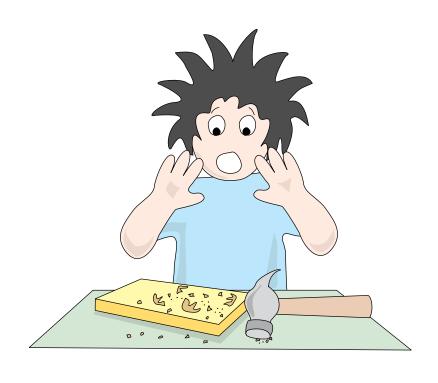
 $I \; \text{cut it with a} \\ \text{knife, but I couldn't} \\ \text{cut through it.} \\$



so I hit it

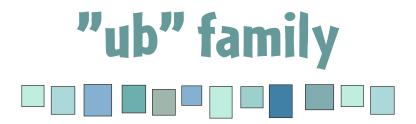
with a hammer,

bang, bang, crash...



$\begin{array}{c} ...but \ I \ couldn't \ eat \\ the \ nut-it \ was \end{array}$

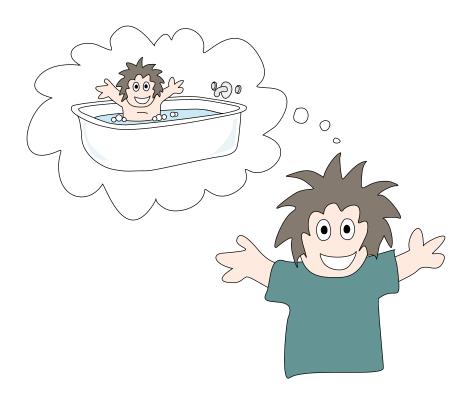
bang, bang, smashed!



tub

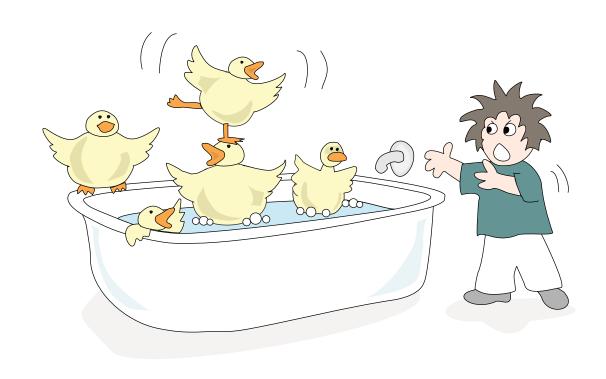
(Other "ub" words not taught here: cub, pub, sub, rub, club, grub, stub, scrub, etc.)

Bath Tub



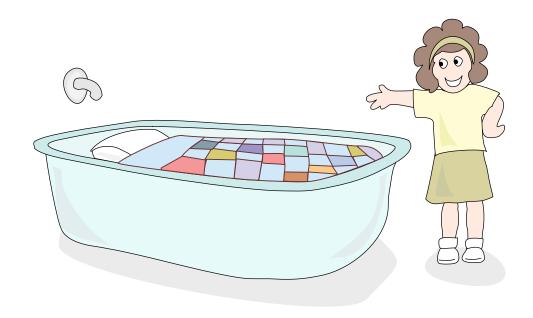
I like to Sit in a tub. I can sit in a tub

all day.



But how Can I sit in a tub if these ducks won't go away?

Bed In The Bath



I turned my tub
into a bed with a
blanket for my feet and
a pillow for my head.



But the tub didn't make a very good bed...



...every time I take a bath, my bed gets Wet.



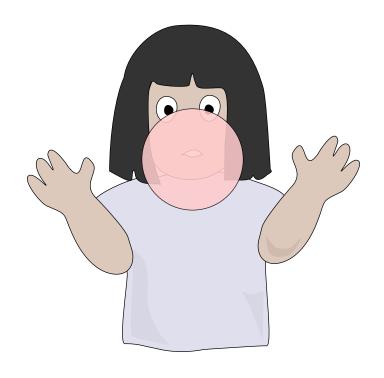
gum yum

(Other "um" words not taught here: hum, mum, sum, drum, plum, etc.)

Gum



Chewing **GUM** is **YUM**, **YUM**...

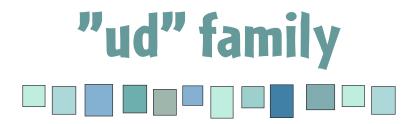


...but bubble gum...



...is trouble

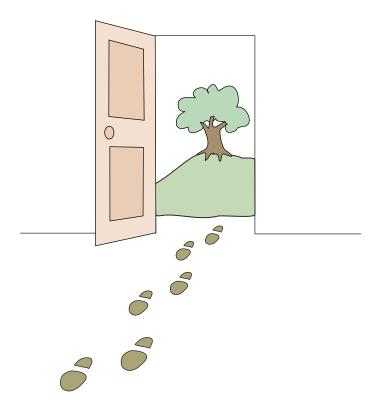
gum.



mud

(Other "ud" words not taught here: bud, dud, spud, thud, etc.)

Mud



How does MUC

walk through a door and

leave **mud** footprints

On the floor?



Does Mud

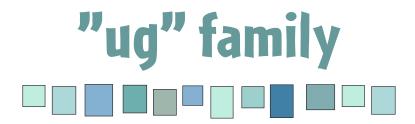
wear shoes?

Does Mud

wear socks?



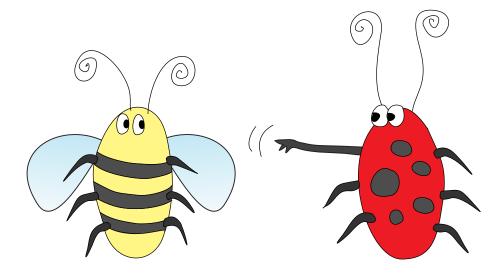
How do you make the Dad mud stop?



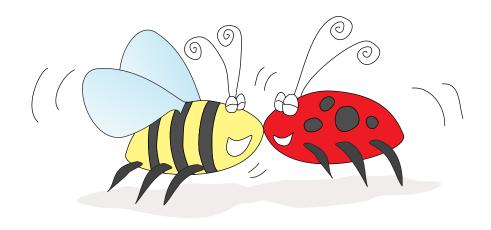
bug hug jug rug

(Other "ug" words not taught here: dug, mug, tug, snug, drug, plug, shrug, etc.)

Bug Hug

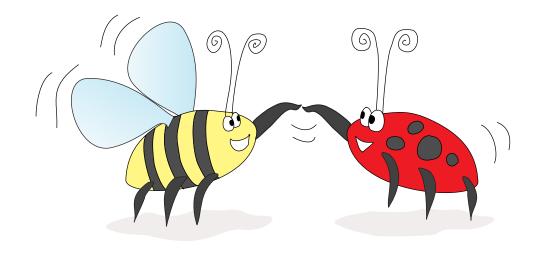


How does a bug give another bug a hug?

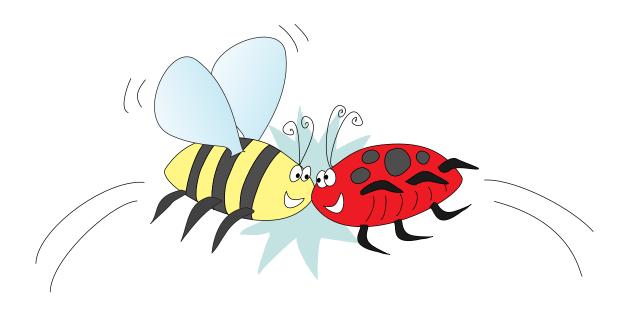


Does a bug give a hug with a bump

of its head?



Does a bug give a hug with an arm and a leg?



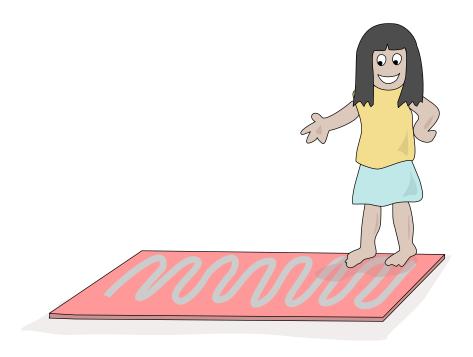
Or maybe a bug jumps

Up in the air to give

another bug a

hug-a-bug there.

Red Rug



I had a red rug. My red rug was so nice...



...but my red rug ran away

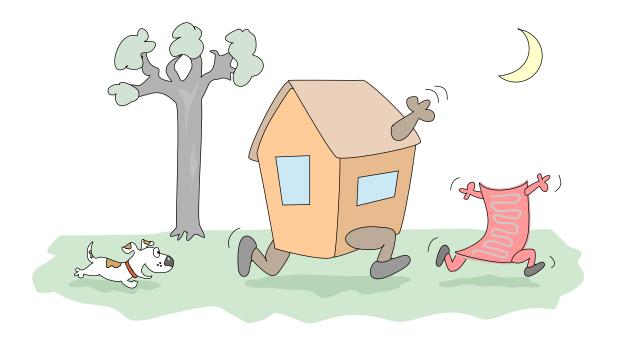
last night.



I wouldn't be so

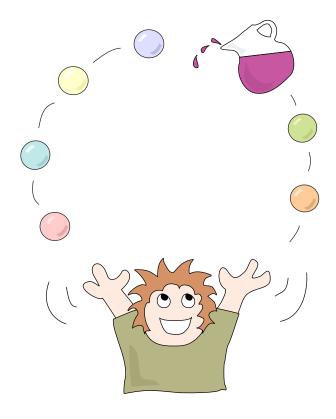
sad if my rug

ran off alone,



but my rug
ran off with my
dog and my home.

Jack Jones Juggled

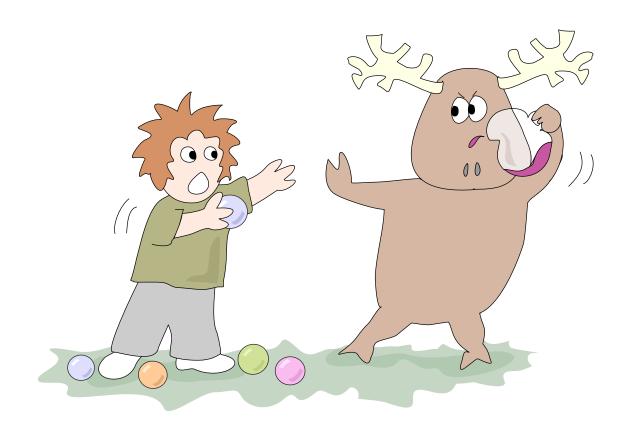


Jack Jones juggled with a jug full of juice.



Then Jack juggled with a jug and

a moose.

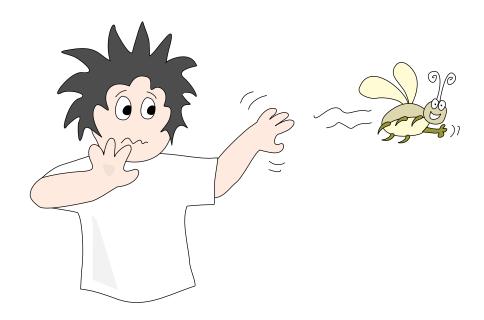


The moose GOT loose and drank the jug of juice.



So now Jack juggles with an empty jug of juice.

Bye, Bye, Bug



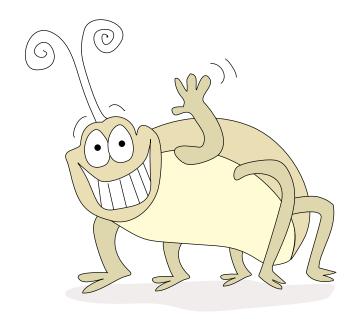
What is the right way to get rid of a $\frac{\text{bug}}{\text{Do I}}$ say goodbye and give it a $\frac{\text{hug}}{\text{o}}$?



what if the bug
is in a Cup? Do
I give it a ladder to
help it climb up?



And what if the bug is ON my toe? Do I holler and scream or just say no?



I wish I knew the right thing to do... because... the bug isn't On me; the bug is On you.

The End

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