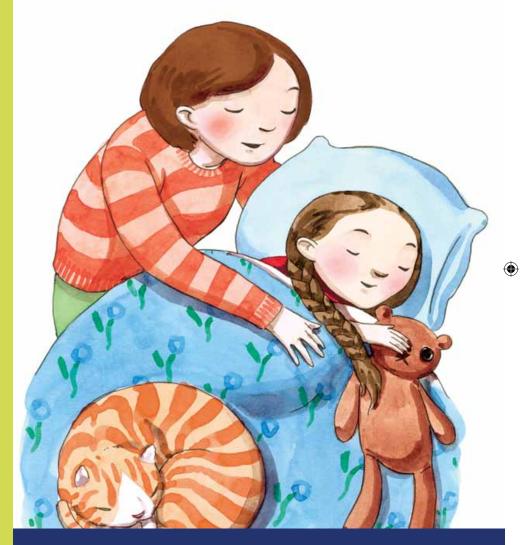
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Kit's Things 4-Story Booklet





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Hi Tennessee Families,

In Tennessee, we care about our kindergartners and helping them become the best readers they can be! That is why we are excited to provide this At-Home Reading booklet especially for you and your child.

This kindergarten reading booklet was designed for you and your child to read and read together multiple times. On the next page, you will find some ideas of how to practice reading with your child. Each of these ideas might take about 10 minutes to complete. You could even do one right before supper or when you are reading at bedtime. In just a few minutes each day, you can use daily routines with your child to have fun and practice reading!

Each story has an emphasis on specific sounds, phonics, a few new words to practice while reading, and is designed to increase your child's fluency.

Helping all kids in Tennessee become strong readers is so important. We are grateful for the opportunity to support the work you do with your child every day.

Enjoy,

Governor Bill Lee

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Commissioner Penny Schwinn

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STEP-BY-STEP READING TIPS

Acquiring new skills requires lots of practice. Consider these tips as your child practices reading these stories with you:

- 1. Read the story to your child. Your child should follow along, pointing to each word as you read.
- 2. Try reading a page to your child as they follow you, pointing to each word. They can reread that same page to you.
- 3. Your child might then be ready to read the story to you, pointing to each word. Help your child sound out the words using what they know about sounds and letters. Avoid using pictures to help your child read the words.
- 4. To help your child with reading fluency, or reading with the appropriate rate and inflection, you and your child can read the story out loud at the same time while pointing to each word as you read. Your child will mimic your reading fluency, so try to read the story like you would speak.
- 5. After reading each story, you can help your child go back and review the practice words or words they missed. Then ask your child to reread the sentences with those words.

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READING SKILLS IN THIS BOOKLET

Specific sounds, practice words, and fluency skills for these stories are listed below and in the gray Reading Skills boxes throughout this booklet. Help your child practice new sounds and words that have bold or underlined letters. Below you will see some of the most important *sounds* your child will read in this booklet. We use this symbol "//" to highlight important sounds within words. For example, /ee/ is the middle sound of the word "sheep".



SOUNDS

/e/ as in bed /u/ as in up

/o/ as in flop



PRACTICE WORDS

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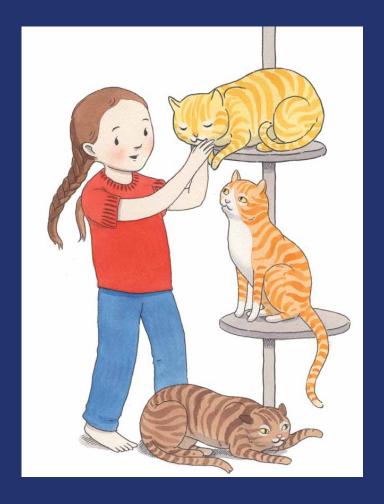


FLUENCY

Practice reading the stories more than once with a focus on how the sounds blend to make words.



Kit's Cats



Story 1

Kit has cats.











Kit's cats run fast.





Read this page again. There are two words with the /a/ sound in the middle. Can you

find them?









Kit's cats lap up milk.







Kit's cats jump up on Kit's bed.





Let's play a sounds game!

Let's change the first letter in the word **cat** to make new words!



What word do you get when you change the **c** to an **h**?

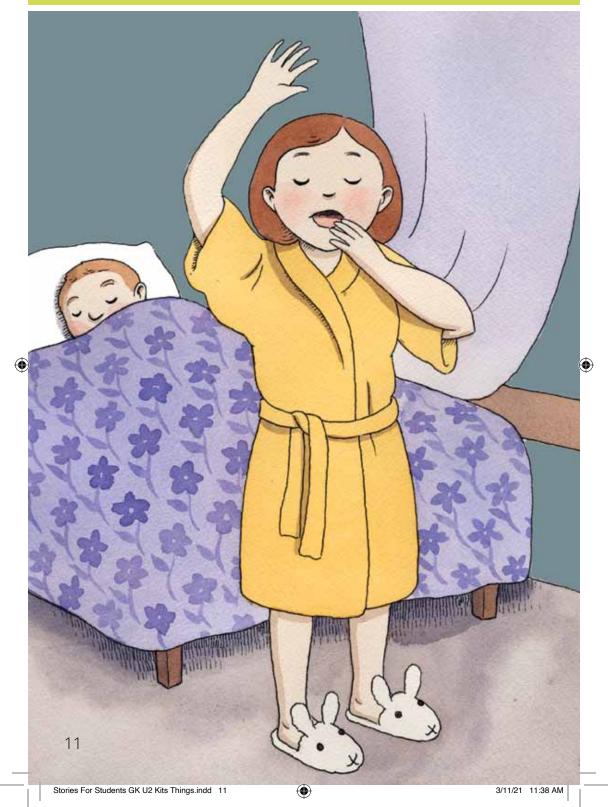
What word do you get when you change the **c** to a **b**?

Kit's Mom



Story 2

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Kit's mom gets up at six.



Let's break apart the sounds in *mom*. How many do you hear?
/m/ /o/ /m/

Three!







Kit's mom gets dad up.

Kit's mom gets Kit up.







Kit's mom gets dad fed.

Kit's mom gets Kit fed.

Kit's mom gets Kit's pets fed.

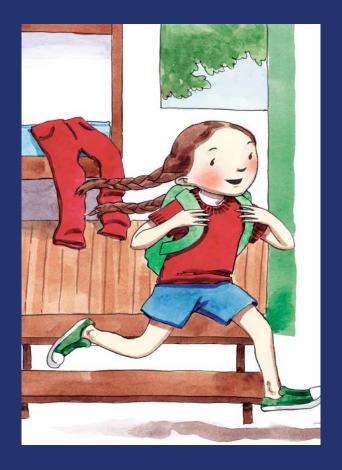


Fluency:

The author wrote this page in a pattern to help us read it fluently. Each sentence starts and ends the same way!



Kit's Pants



Story 3

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Kit had red pants.

Kit's pants got lost at camp.

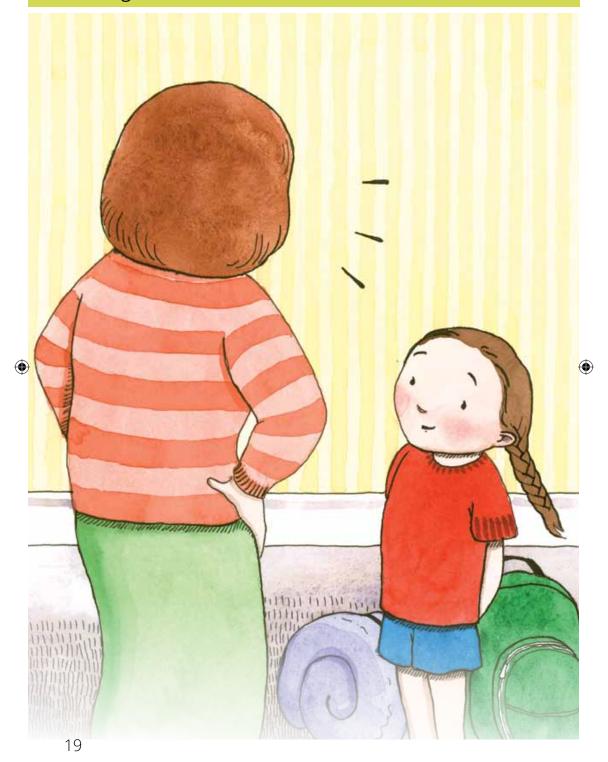
READING SKILLS! Sounds:

Let's break apart the sounds in *got*.

/g/ /o/ /t/

Can you find another word on this page with the /o/ sound?





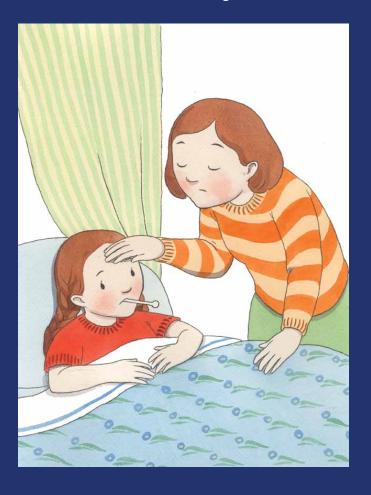
Kit's mom got mad at Kit.

Kit's mom can't stand lost pants.





Mumps



Story 4

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Kit has mumps.

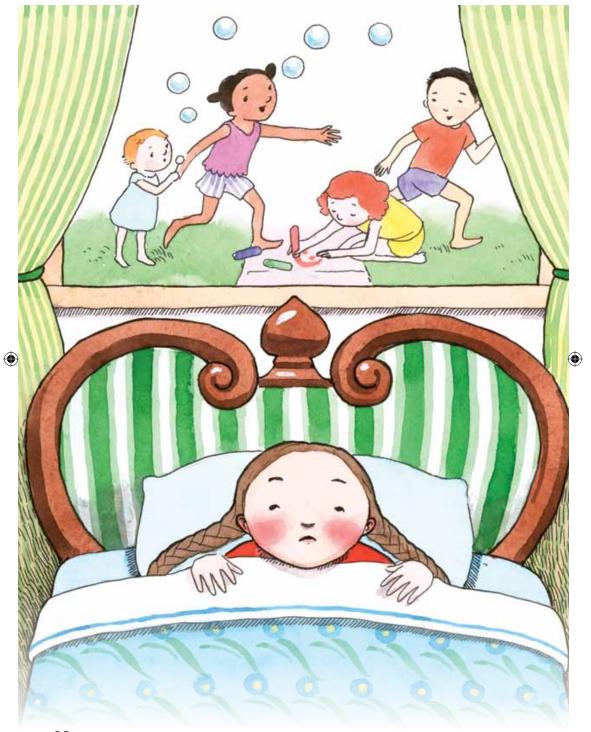
Kit is in bed.

Kit can't get up.





Find the word *is*.
Sometimes the letter *s* can make the /z/ sound like a *z*. Can you find another word on this page with an *s* that sounds like a *z*?



Kit can't run and jump.

Kit can't skip and hop.

Kit is sad.





Let's go on a sounds hunt!





We are hunting the /u/ sound as in **mud**.

Can you find at least one word with the /u/ sound on each page of the story, Mumps?











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Remember, each time your child reads these stories, they are practicing their reading skills. Also, they are increasing their reading fluency, or their ability to read the words quickly and easily.

When they read fluently, your child's reading will sound more like they speak.



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