

Week 1 Second Grade Decodables

Foundational Skill 3f- *Recognize and read irregularly spelled words and inflected endings.*

High frequency words: *trip, but, might*

Nonfiction: Zoo Fun

Realistic Fiction: *The Camping Trip*

Zoo Fun

Decodable Practice Passage

26B

Inflected Endings

handed

biggest	printed	words	bigger
added	animals	exclaimed	smiled
tallest	papers	matches	taller
slimy	faster	fastest	shouted
smellier	slimier	slimiest	smelly
smiling	smelliest	called	looked

High-Frequency Words

trip but might

Miss Bowden's class had a trip to the zoo. Miss Bowden handed each child a sheet of paper. She said, "Each paper has something different printed on it. This paper has the words big, bigger, and biggest animals."

“A rhino is the biggest,”
exclaimed Karen.

Miss Bowden smiled and added,
“In the zoo, find animals that best
match words on these papers.
A rhino is almost the biggest, Karen,
but there might be other matches.
Write them all on this paper.”

The kids read their papers. “Mine
has *tall*, *taller*, and *tallest!*” said
Willie.

“Fast, faster, and fastest,”
shouted Eva.

“Slimy, slimier, and slimiest,”
said Ellen with surprise.

“Smelly, smellier, and smelliest!”
called Walt.

The class looked at Miss Bowden with surprise. “You’re going to enjoy this day,” she said smiling.



The Camping Trip

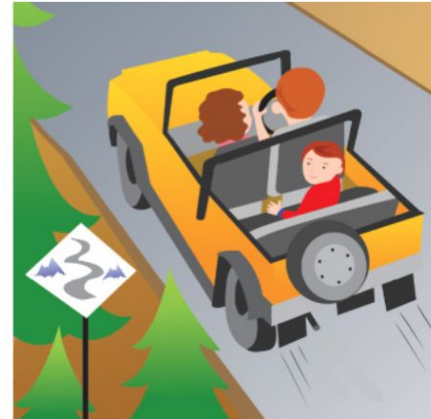


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Josh, Mom, and Dad were packing for a camping trip. They went camping every year.

Josh loved camping, but this year wasn't the same. His older brother Troy was away at college.



Josh missed his brother. Troy had helped Josh with soccer, with computer games, and with homework. And Troy always led the way on the hiking trails.

Before Troy left, he patted Josh on the back.

“You’re in charge now, buddy,” he said.



Josh and his parents drove up the mountains. They traveled past many tall trees. The winding road led them to their campsite.

“It’s as perfect as I remember it,” said Mom.



The campsite was in a clearing near a small pond. A large lake was on the other side of the pond.

“Let’s go swimming,” Josh said.

“We must set up camp first,” said Dad.



Josh helped Mom and Dad set up the tent. Nearby, he could hear the water as it crashed down a cliff, spilling into the lake. He remembered swimming in the lake and splashing Troy with water.



Later in the afternoon, Josh and his parents walked to the stable to see the horses.

Josh got on a horse and sat in the saddle. He was able to gallop with his horse this year.

“Great job, Josh!” Mom said.

“You’ve really come a long way,” said Dad.



After their ride, Josh and his parents walked back to their tent.

“Tomorrow we’ll go hiking,” said Dad.

Josh remembered their hike last year. Troy had led it. He knew about all the plants and animals they saw.



That night Josh helped Mom and Dad build a fire. The weather turned cool, so Josh put on his jacket. He felt something in the pocket. He took it out. It was a compass.

Josh smiled. Troy had given Josh his compass before he left for college.



Josh turned the compass. The arrow inside moved. When Josh held the compass, Troy didn't seem so far away.

"Hey, Dad," Josh said. "I have something for our hike tomorrow." He held up the compass. "This year, I'll lead the way!"

