

Week 2 Third Grade Decodables

Foundational Skill 3c- Decode Multisyllabic Words

schwa words and High Frequency Words:

*the, was, of, into, could, have, would, said, coming, been,
they, were, everywhere, water*

Fiction: *The Circus Life for Ben*

Nonfiction: *New York's Chinatown*

A Circus Life for Ben

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Decodable
Practice
Reader

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Schwa

ago	family	Benjamin	around	travel
seven	mountain	afraid	circus	about
famous	marble	juggled	moment	breakfast

High-Frequency Words

a	of	there
was	you	wanted
to	the	would
water	one	coming
some	have	been
said	into	they
everywhere	what	were

Long ago a family of bears lived in Berry Woods. There was Mama Bear, Papa Bear, and little Harry Benjamin Bear. It was a big name for a tiny bear. But Ben, as everybody called him, had big dreams.

Life was quiet in Berry Woods. It was way too quiet, if you asked Ben!



Ben wanted to travel around the world. He dreamed about sailing the seven seas. He would zip over bright blue water and see huge whales spout. He dreamed of climbing Earth's tallest mountain. He would plant his family's flag on it. He dreamed of exploring the darkest jungle. All wild animals would be afraid of him.



Then one day, Ben saw a poster. “A circus!” cried Ben. The Flying Bear Circus was coming to Berry Woods!

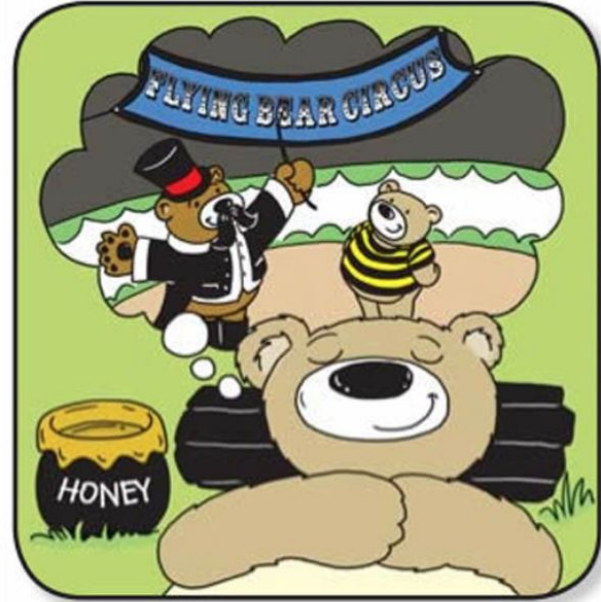
Ben liked everything about circuses. Now he dreamed about being a high-wire performer or a trapeze artist. He also dreamed about being a famous clown. A circus life was the life for Ben.



Ben thought, "I must join the circus!"

Ben packed his lucky marble and some honey. He tiptoed out of his house so Mama and Papa Bear would not wake up. He walked until he was tired. After a little rest, he reached the circus.

"We have been waiting for you," said the Circus Master.



Ben was a hit at the circus. He balanced on his head and juggled balls with his feet.

He swung gracefully on a trapeze. He let go, and the crowd gasped. At just the right moment, he grabbed his swing. Ben was safe!

He climbed into a tiny truck with a clown, and they drove around, honking the horn. Everybody cheered wildly. "Hurray for Ben!"



Ben traveled everywhere with the circus. Its train chugged over mountains and into valleys. The circus went around the world. Ben was a hot item! Tickets sold out in Paris and Rome and Calcutta.

But Ben missed Mama and Papa Bear. He felt sad. "I must go home," he cried. And that is what he did.



Mama and Papa were happy to see Ben. While they fixed breakfast, he told them all about life in the circus. Mama and Papa smiled happily and didn't seem surprised at all.

"Now will you stay home with us, Ben?" they asked.

"Yes," said Ben. "Home is the place for me!"





New York's Chinatown

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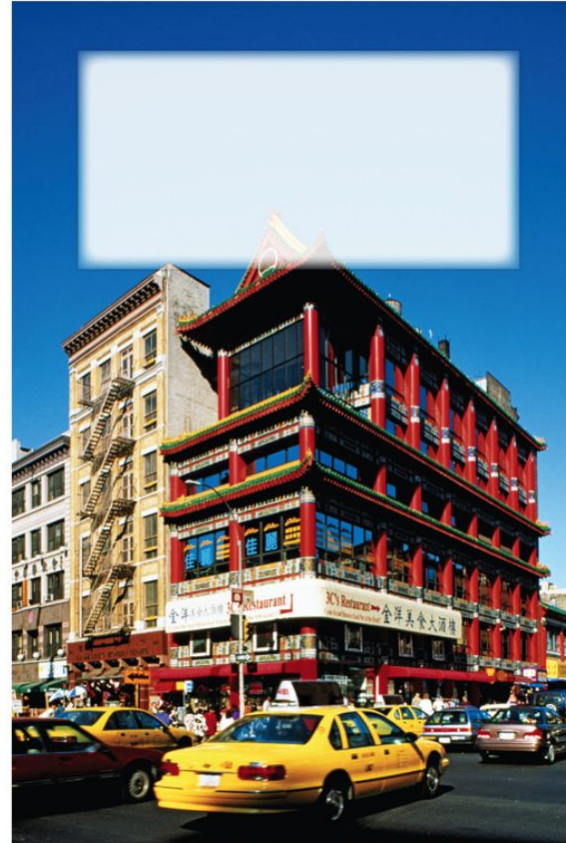
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Have you ever
been to China?
You won't have to
travel to Asia to
see what it's like
there. If you visit
New York City's
Chinatown, you
will see the sights
and hear the
sounds of China.



Where Is New York City's Chinatown?

In a tiny area in lower Manhattan, you will find many Chinese Americans. Their ancestors came to the United States from China. Their neighborhood in New York City is known as Chinatown. The sights and sounds of Chinatown make many people forget they are in an American city.



Chinatown takes up more than two square miles in New York City. Chinatown's streets are short, crooked, and **narrow**. They are usually crowded with people who live there and people who are just visiting.



Who Are the People Who Live There?

Some of the people who live in Chinatown came to the United States from China. But others were born here in the United States. Either way, people in Chinatown keep Chinese history and culture alive.



What Sounds Will You Hear in Chinatown?

The sounds of people speaking Chinese can be heard throughout Chinatown. Some people in Chinatown do not speak English. English is a **foreign** language to them. Often, younger family members who know both English and Chinese help their older relatives.



How Are Chinese Traditions Kept Alive?

Cooking traditional Chinese dishes is one way to keep the history and culture of China alive. In New York City's Chinatown, the street markets are filled with many choices. It is the same as in China.



Another Chinese tradition is celebrating the Chinese New Year. This holiday comes in January or February, depending on the year. No matter which month it comes in, the weather is sure to be **chilly!**



Chinatown is full of the colorful sounds, sights, and smells that make it like no other neighborhood in New York City and like no other place in the world!

