

The Bad Crab

This is Zack Chang.

Zack is six.



This is Ann Chang.

Ann is ten.



Zack and Ann sit in the sun.

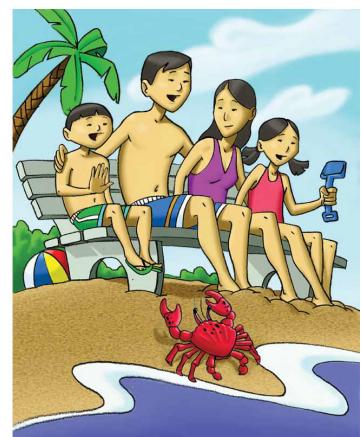
Mom and Dad sit with them.

Zack spots a crab on the sand.

The crab runs up.

Then it snaps at Zack's leg.

Zack jumps up on the bench.



The bad crab snaps at Dad.

Dad lifts up his legs.

The bad crab snaps at Mom.

Mom kicks sand at the crab.

The bad crab runs off.

Ann jumps up and yells
at the kids on the next bench,

“Bad crab on the sand!

Pass the word!”

The kids on the next bench
spot the crab and jump up.

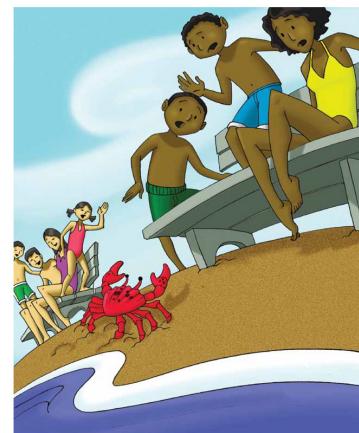
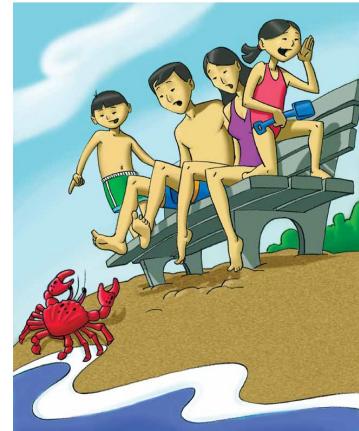
The bad crab snaps at them.

Then it runs past them.

When it is past them, the kids yell,

“Bad crab on the sand!

Pass the word!”



Ann's Dress

Ann went to Gwen's Dress Shop.

The shop had a red dress.

Ann got the dress.

Ann got in a cab with the dress.

The cab man sped off.

His cab went fast.

Then the cab hit a big bump.

Thump!

Ann's dress fell from the cab.

Ann had the cab man stop the cab.

Then Ann ran back to get the dress.

Ann had to run ten blocks.

Ann's dress was in a trash can.

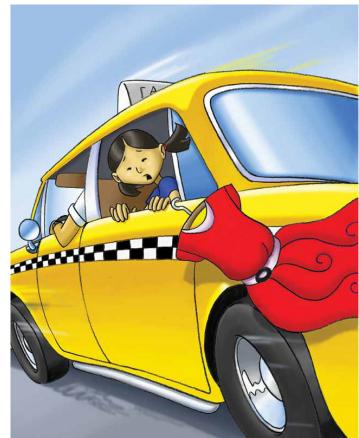
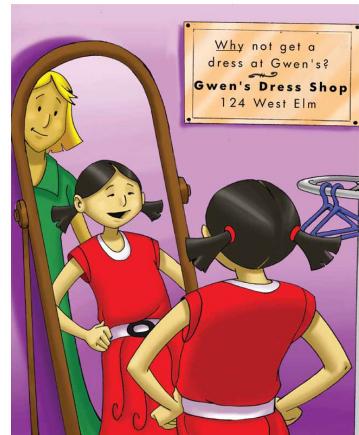
A bus had hit it.

A dog bit it.

The dress had mud on it.

The dress had rips and missing bits.

Ann's dress was a mess!

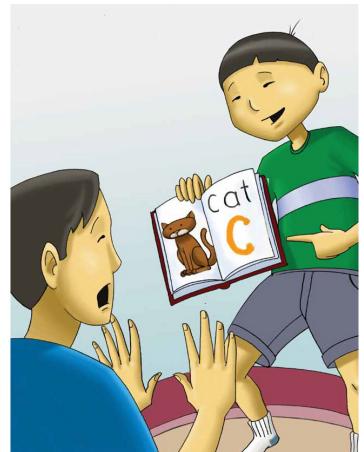


Zack Gets a Pet

"Can I get a cat?" Zack asks.

Dad tells Zack, "No cats!"

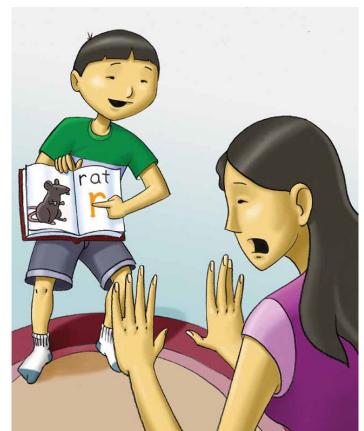
Cats run up trees and can't get back."



"Can I get a rat?" Zack asks.

Mom adds, "No, no! No rats!"

Rats smell bad."



"Can I get a bug?" Zack asks.

Ann tells Zack, "No, no!"

A bug is not a pet!"



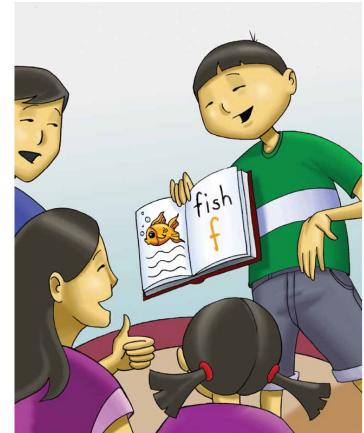
"Can I get a fish?" Zack asks.

"A fish?" his mom asks.

"A fish is not so bad.

Can a fish be a fun pet?"

Dad nods and Ann shrugs.



"Can I get one, then?" Zack asks.

Mom nods.

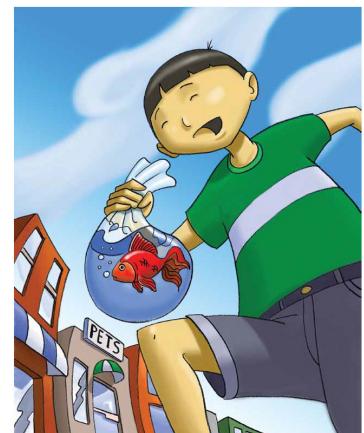
"Yes!" yells Zack.

Zack runs to the pet shop.

"Can I get that fish?" Zack asks.

"This one?" the pet shop man asks.

Zack nods.



"This one costs six bucks."

Zack hands the man the cash.

Then Zack runs to Mom and Dad with his pet fish.

On the Mat

Zack and Ann had fun on a mat.

Zack got on the mat.

Then Ann got on next to Zack.

Then Quinn got on next to Ann.

Nell got up on top of Zack and Ann.

Rod got up on top of Ann and Quinn.

Then Ed got up on the tip top.

It was so much fun!

Then, buzz, buzz!

What was that?

It was a bug.

The bug was on Zack's chin.

Zack went to smack the bug.

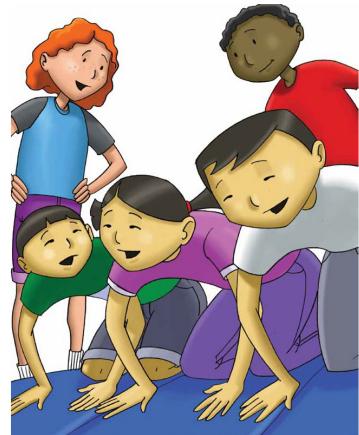
Flop!

Zack fell flat on the mat.

Nell fell on top of Zack.

Then all the rest of the kids fell.

It was a big mess.



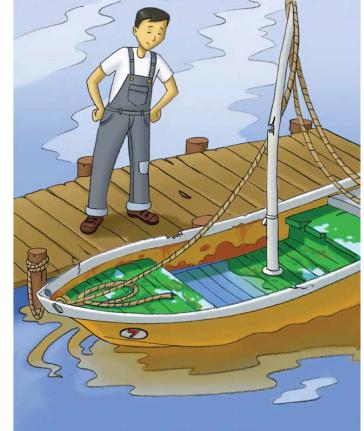
Fix That Ship

Zack's dad, Dan, has a ship.

It's fun to fish on the ship.

But Dan can't fish on the ship yet.

Dan must fix up his ship.



The ship has a big crack in its mast.

It has dents which Dan must fix.

It has rust which Dan must sand.

Dan gets the ship up on the land.

Then Dan gets a mask.

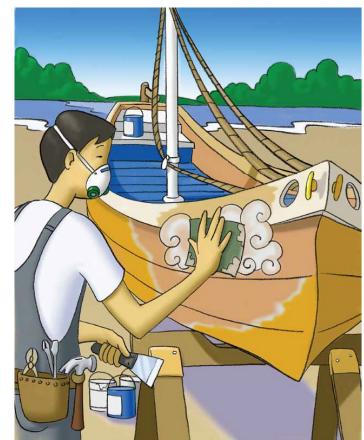
The mask will help block the dust.

Dan sands the deck.

Dan rubs and scrubs.

Dan drills and bangs.

At last, Dan's ship is all set.



The Tent

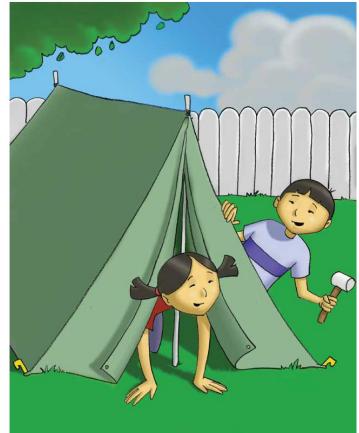
Once, Zack's dad got the kids a tent.

Zack and Ann set up the tent.

Then the kids sang a song:

"This big tent, it is the best,

is the best, is the best!



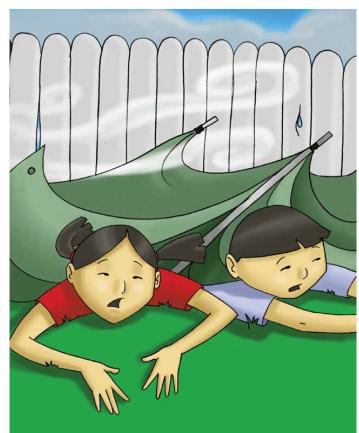
This big tent, it is the best.

Yes, it's the best!"

The kids had fun in the tent.

But then a big wind hit the tent.

Flop!



The tent fell on Zack and Ann.

Then Zack felt a drip.



Drip, drop, drip, drop.

Splish, splash, splish, splash.

Zack and Ann got wet.

The kids set the tent back up.

Red ants got in and bit Zack.

A slug got on Ann.

Once the ants and slug got in,

that was it.



Zack and Ann ran from the tent.

A Gift from Mom

Once Mom got the kids a gift.

The gift was in a big black box.

Mom set the box on the rug.

"Is it a truck?" Zack said.

"No," Mom said. "It's not a truck."

"I bet it's a hat," Ann said.

"No," Mom said. "It's not a hat."

Then the box said, "Ruff, ruff!"

Zack slid the lid off the box.

A dog sat up.

"It's a dog!" said Ann.

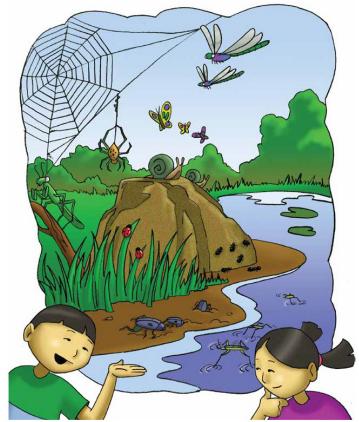
"Yes!" said Zack.

"Mom's the best!"



Bug and Frog

Zack and Ann sit next to the pond.



Zack says, "The pond is a lot of fun!"

I wish I were a bug."

"Why?" says Ann. "Bugs are no fun."

"Bugs zip and hum" says Zack.

"Frogs hop and splash and

munch on bugs," says Ann.

"I will not wish

I was a bug." Zack quips.



Zack and Ann had fun at the pond.

They will tell Mom and Dad.

Swing That Net

Zack is at the pond.

There are lots of frogs in the pond.

Zack runs in to get one.

But the frogs are so quick!

The frogs are so slick!

When Zack runs in, the frogs hop off.

Zack gets a net and runs in.

The frogs all jump.

Zack swings his net and yells,

"Get in here, frogs!"

Swish!

Zack gets a frog in his net!

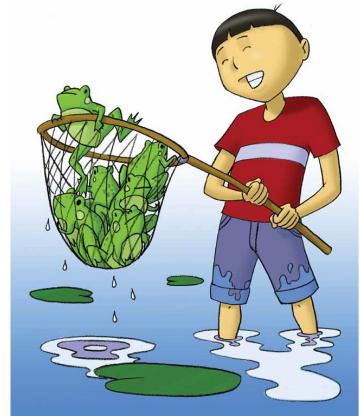
Zack yells and swings the net.

Swish, swish, swish!

Swish, swish, swish!

Zack gets lots of frogs.

There are six big ones in his net!



Spot's Bath

Spot is in his bathtub.

Spot and his dog pals went
in a mud pit.

The kids must get the mud off.

Spot is one sad dog.

His dog pals are still in the mud pit.

But Spot is stuck in the tub.

Zack grips Spot with his hands.

Then his hands slip.

Spot runs off.

The kids run to the mud pit.

There's Spot, back in the mud
with the rest of his dog pals.

"Spot!" Zack yells. "Bad dog!"

"Spot!" Ann yells.

"Get back in that tub!"



The Pots and Pans Band

Zack and Ann are in a band.

It's a pots and pans band.

Zack and Quinn bang on pots.

Ann and Nell bang on pans.

Bang, bang! Ding, ding!

Mom wants to sing songs.

"Stop!" Mom says.

Mom asks the band to sing not bang.

Mom sets up snacks and says,

"Snacks!"

The kids drop the pots and pans
and run to get the snacks.

Mom grabs the pots and pans
and sets them on a shelf.

And that is the end of the
pots and pans band!



When It's Hot

When it's hot, it's fun to golf.

Zack's dad swings his golf club.

Thwack!

Zack runs up the hill.

"Where did it land?" his dad asks.

"It's up here!" Zack yells back.

When it's hot, it's fun to fish.

Zack sits on a rock and casts.

His dad sits next to him.

"Where are all the fish?" Zack asks.

"I can't tell," says his dad,

"but it's fun just to sit in the sun."

When it's hot, it's fun to grill.

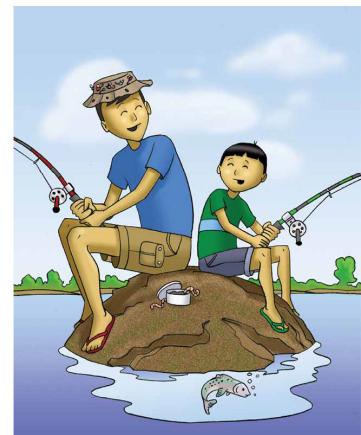
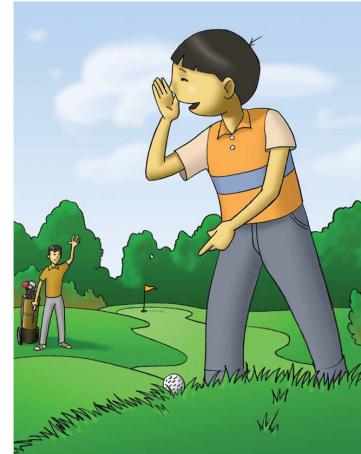
Zack's dad gets the hot dogs.

Zack gets the buns.

Zack's dad flips the hot dogs.

Zack sets a hot dog on a bun.

Yum, yum!



Ann's Hat Box

Ann sets a box of hats on the bed.

"Which hat is the best?" Ann asks.

"Is this black top hat the best?"

"No!" Zack says.

"That one has a big dent!"

"Is this one the best?" asks Ann.

"No," says Zack.

"That's a nap cap!"

"Is this one the best?" asks Ann.

"No," says Zack.

"This one?" Ann asks.

"Yuck!" says Zack.

Ann picks lots of hats.

Zack says no to all of them.

Then Ann picks a red hat.

"Is this one the best?" Ann asks.

"Yes!" Zack says.

"That red hat is the best!"



Dan the Cab Man

Zack's dad, Dan, has a cab.

A man jumps in the cab.

"Where to?" Dan asks.

"Tenth and Hill," says the man.

"And step on it!" the man adds.

"I'm in a big rush!"

Dan nods and steps on the gas.

Dan zips past a van.

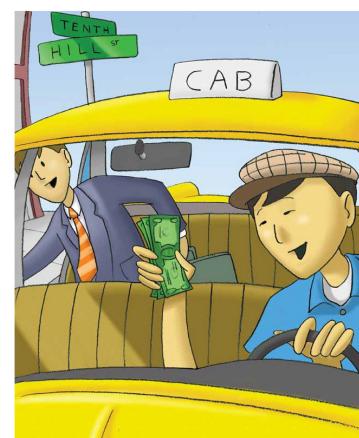
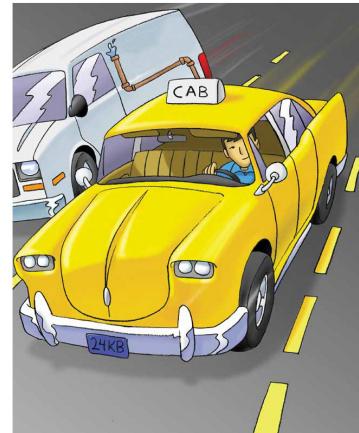
Dan zips past a bus.

In a flash, the cab is there.

"This is the spot!" says Dan.

The man grabs a bunch of cash

and hands it to Dan.



Help from Pals

Ann has a lot of tasks.

"Cut the grass!" says Dad.

"Scrub the pots!" says Mom.

"Trim the shrubs," says Dad.

"Brush the dog!" says Mom.

"Ug!" says Ann.

"What a lot of tasks!"

Ann asks Zack to help with the tasks.

Zack runs and gets Rod and Ed.

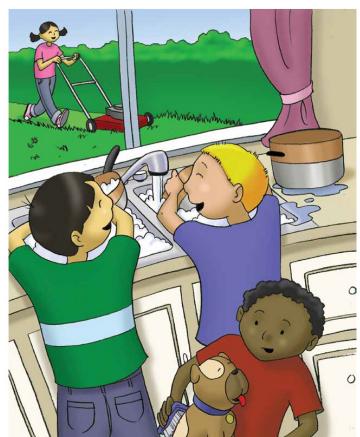
Ann cuts the grass.

Zack and Ed scrub the pots.

Ann trims the shrubs.

Rod scrubs the dog.

Then there are no tasks left!



Ann's Cut

Ann has a cut on one leg.

It's not just a cut.

It's a red gash.

"Mom!" Ann yells. "Dad!"

Mom and Dad run up.



Mom gets a pad to pat the cut.

"No!" yells Ann. "That will sting!"

"It will sting," says Dad,

"but it will help."

Mom pats the cut with the pad.

"It stings! It stings!" yells Ann.

"There!" Mom says. "All set!"

Ann gets a kiss from Dad

and a big hug from Mom.



Book 4: Zack and Ann

1: The Bad Crab

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng ch ck wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC CVCCC

Tricky Words: **the a word is his**

Word Count: 140

5: Fix That Ship

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ch ck wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC CVCCC CCCVCC

Tricky Words: **the a to all his has**

Word Count: 92

2: Ann's Dress

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ck**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC multi-syllable

Tricky Words: **the a to was from his**

Word Count: 105

6: The Tent

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ck**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCCVC

Tricky Words: **the a once was from is**

Word Count: 124

3: Zack Gets a Pet

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ck**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC VCCC CVCCC

Tricky Words: **the a I one to be no so
trees is**

Word Count: 144

7: A Gift from Mom

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ck**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the a said no I once was
from is**

Word Count: 81

4: On the Mat

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ch ck qu wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC

Tricky Words: **the a of to so all was what**

Word Count: 109

8: Bug and Frog

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ch ck wh qu**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC CCCVC

Tricky Words: **the a of I to no why was are
were says they is**

Word Count: 73

9: Swing That Net

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ck qu wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC

Tricky Words: **the a of so one to all there
here is his**

Word Count: 95

10: Spot's Bath

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ck**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC CVCCC multi-syllable

Tricky Words: **the a of one to are there is
his**

Word Count: 99

11: The Pots and Pans Band

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ck qu**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC VCCC

Tricky Words: **the a of are to wants says**

Word Count: 93

12: When It's Hot

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ng sh ck wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC CVCCC

Tricky Words: **the a I are all to where here
says his**

Word Count: 110

13: Ann's Hat Box

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th ch ck wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC VCCC

Tricky Words: **the a of to no all says one
has**

Word Count: 100

14: Dan the Cab Man

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ch ck wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CVCCC

Tricky Words: **the a of says I'm where
there is has**

Word Count: 80

15: Help from Pals

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh ck wh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC VCCC CVCCC

Tricky Words: **the a of says no are to what
from there has**

Word Count: 76

16: Ann's Cut

All Short Vowels and Basic Consonants included

Digraphs, etc.: **th sh**

Word Types: VC CVC VCC CVCC CCVC
CCVCC

Tricky Words: **the a says no one to all
from there has**

Word Count: 80

What are Tricky Words?

These are high-frequency words that have at least one phonics element that hasn't been introduced. For example, "from" uses the letter "o" for the sound /ü/. The tricky part of each word is listed in bold.

As students learn new phonics elements, words that are counted as "tricky" will change.

What are Word Types?

This refers to the pattern of consonants and vowels in a word. For example, CVCC refers to a consonant-vowel-consonant-consonant word like "sand".

Multisyllable words are words that contain more than one vowel sound, such as the word "missing".

Double consonants and digraphs are counted as a single consonant because they each represent a single sound. The word "ship" and the word "kiss" are both CVC.

What are Digraphs?

Digraphs are when a single sound is spelled using two letters. For example, the "th" in the word "them" is a digraph, so is the "ck" in the word "back".

How do I teach Consonant Blends?

In consonant blends, such as the "n" and "ch" in the word "bench", each letter or digraph represents a different sound. There is not a separate "nch" sound that needs to be taught.