

Chip and the Hoot



Chip and Len set up camp by the brook. The moon was up over the pine tops, and it was cool out.



They sat snug in the tent with a good book and a bag of nuts. Chip wanted to read the whole book before bed.



"Read one more page," said Len. Chip held up the light and read. Then, from out in the gloom, they heard it. "Hoot! Hoot!" Chip shook.



Len pulled his hood down over his face. "What was that?" whispered Len. "I do not know," said Chip, "but we must go and look." Chip took the light.



They stepped out of the tent, one foot at a time. They looked all around the tent. No one was there. They looked in the wood pile. It was just wood.



They looked up at the moon.
"Hoot! Hoot!" The hoot was
very close now. Chip turned the
light to an old pine log. There
sat Ron, hiding his face from the
light.



"It is just me!" said Ron. "I
heard you read, and I like that
book too. Please do not stop at
the best bit!" Len laughed and
pushed back his hood.



"Come in, Ron," he said. "There is room for three." Soon they were all snug in the tent. Chip read, Len held the light, and Ron ate most of the nuts.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

OO vowel team (two sounds: moon and book)

Vowel Team — OO words

brook, moon, cool, good, book, gloom, hoot, shook, hood, look, took, foot, looked, wood, too, room, soon

High-frequency words

and, the, was, it, they, with, a, to, said, is, you, he

Other story words

Chip, Len, set, up, camp, by, over, pine, tops, out, sat, snug, in, tent, bag, of, nuts, wanted, read, whole, before, bed, one, more, page, held, light, then, from, heard, pulled, his, down, face, what, that, whispered, I, do, not, know, but, we, must, go, stepped, at, time, all, around, no, there, pile, just, very, close, now, turned, an, old, log, Ron, hiding, me, like, please, stop, best, bit, laughed, pushed, back, come, for, three, were, ate, most

Talk About It

1. Where did Chip and Len set up camp?
2. What sound did Chip and Len hear from the gloom?
3. Who ate most of the nuts at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Vowel Team — OO list. How many can you find?

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