

Deb Does Not Stink



A S-Blends Decodable Book • Level 2 • Kindergarten–1st Grade



Deb the skunk was on the hill by the mint patch. "Can I play tag with you?" said Deb. "Scram!" said Stan. "Skunks stink!" Jill hopped back. Deb sat still. She was sad.



Scott had his pen and his pad.
"I will not just trust that," he
said. "I must check." Scott
stepped up to Deb. "Can I smell
you?" he said. Deb nodded.
Scott sniffed.



Then he grinned. "You smell like
fresh mint!" "I dig in the mint
patch," said Deb. On his pad,
Scott printed, "Deb does not
stink." He let Stan and Jill see
it.



Stan and Jill stepped up and sniffed. "Mint!" said Jill. "We were bad pals." "Will you still play tag with us?" said Stan. "Yes!" said Deb. They all skipped off to play.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Consonant S-blends (sc, sk, sm, sn, sp, st, sw)

S-Blends words

skunk, scram, Stan, skunks, stink, still, Scott, just, trust, must, stepped, smell, sniffed, skipped

High-frequency words

the, was, she, and, he, to, it, they

Other story words

Deb, on, hill, by, mint, patch, can, I, play, tag, with, you, said, Jill, hopped, back, sat, sad, had, his, pen, pad, will, not, that, check, up, nodded, then, grinned, like, fresh, dig, in, printed, does, let, see, we, were, bad, pals, us, yes, all, off

Talk About It

1. Where was Deb the skunk at the start?
2. What did Deb smell like when Scott sniffed her?
3. What did Deb and her pals do at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the S-Blends list. How many can you find?