

LEVEL
4

Deb's Short Corn



or words

A R-Controlled — OR Decodable Book • Level 4 • 1st-2nd Grade

Printable Scholar Readers



Deb the skunk was always glad to dig. One day she got a bag of corn from the store.



She dug a short line of little holes on the north side of her home and put the corn in. A tall stone wall stood there, and its shade fell on that spot.



Her pal Jade had corn on the south side of the same wall, where the sun was hot. Deb checked her corn each day, but it was still thin and small.



Jade's corn grew tall and green. Soon it was as tall as Jade! Deb let out a sad snort. "Why is my corn so short?" she said.



Jade looked at the wall, then up at the sun. "Your corn is in the shade," said Jade. "Corn needs a lot of sun to grow."



Deb grabbed her old, worn fork. She dug up her corn and carried it to the south side. She set it in the sun by Jade's corn.



Jade was a good sport and helped her. Now the sun was warm on Deb's corn all day. It grew and grew. One day Deb stood by it and had to look up.



"Look, Jade!" said Deb with a big grin. "My corn is tall, and I am small!" "Now you know where corn likes to grow," said Jade.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

OR r-controlled vowel

R-Controlled — OR words

corn, store, short, north, snort, worn, fork, sport

High-frequency words

the, was, to, she, a, and, it, is, said, with, you

Other story words

Deb, skunk, always, glad, dig, one, day, got, bag, of, from, dug, line, little, holes, on, side, her, home, put, in, tall, stone, wall, stood, there, its, shade, fell, that, spot, pal, Jade, had, south, same, where, sun, hot, checked, each, but, still, thin, small, grew, green, soon, as, let, out, sad, why, my, so, looked, at, then, up, your, needs, lot, grow, grabbed, old, carried, set, by, good, helped, now, warm, all, look, big, grin, I, am, know, likes

Talk About It

1. What did Deb get from the store?
2. Why was Deb's corn so short?
3. Where did Deb move her corn at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the R-Controlled — OR list. How many can you find?