

Jane's Purple Fern



Jane had a big fern. Its green stem did not perk up.



“It needs water,” said her mother. Jane got a big pot from under the sink.



She filled it with water. But the pot was too much for her to hold up!



Her big sister, Kim, saw her. “I can help you with that,” said Kim.



Together, they carried the super big pot of water over to the fern.



Jane held one side and her
sister held the other.



After they gave it a drink, the
fern looked better.



“Thank you, sister,” Jane
whispered to Kim.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

ER r-controlled vowel

R-Controlled — ER words

fern, perk, water, her, mother, under, sister, together,
super, over, other, after, better, whispered

High-frequency words

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

Other story words

Jane, had, big, its, green, stem, did, not, up, needs,
got, pot, from, sink, filled, but, too, much, for, hold,
Kim, saw, I, can, help, that, carried, of, held, one, side,
gave, drink, looked, thank

Talk About It

1. Where did Jane get the big pot from?
2. Why did Kim help Jane with the pot?
3. How did Jane’s fern look after getting water?

Read It Again

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