

Jen's Chalk Trick



A Sounds of A — ALL, ALK, WA Decodable Book • Level 3 • 1st Grade



Jen and Pam stood at the gate
of a big maze. Its walls were
made of tall green stalks.



A red flag stood in the maze, far from the gate, and Jen wanted to find it. "I will be here," said Pam.



Jen walked in. She went one way, then the other, then back again. But all the paths looked the same.



Soon she walked past a small black rock. Then she walked past it again! "Oh no," said Jen. "I am lost."



Then Jen thought of the chalk in her bag. She took it out and drew a white cross on a tall stalk.



At every path she tried, she drew one more cross. Now she could always pick a new path. At last, Jen saw the red flag!



She grabbed it and walked back out, from cross to cross. She could hear Pam calling at the gate.



"You found it!" said Pam. "I had a little help," said Jen, and she held up her chalk.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

A says /aw/ in -all and -alk, and /o/ after w (ball, walk, wash)

Sounds of A — ALL, ALK, WA words

walls, tall, stalks, wanted, walked, all, small, chalk, stalk, calling

High-frequency words

and, the, a, to, it, said, she

Other story words

Jen, Pam, stood, at, gate, of, big, maze, its, were, made, green, red, flag, in, far, from, find, I, will, be, here, went, one, way, then, other, back, again, but, paths, looked, same, soon, past, black, rock, oh, no, am, lost, thought, her, bag, took, out, drew, white, cross, on, every, path, tried, more, now, could, always, pick, new, last, saw, grabbed, hear, you, found, had, little, help, held, up

Talk About It

1. What did Jen want to find in the maze?
2. What did Jen draw on the stalks with her chalk?
3. What did Jen hold up at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Sounds of A — ALL, ALK, WA list. How many can you find? © printablescholar.com • free to print for classroom & home use