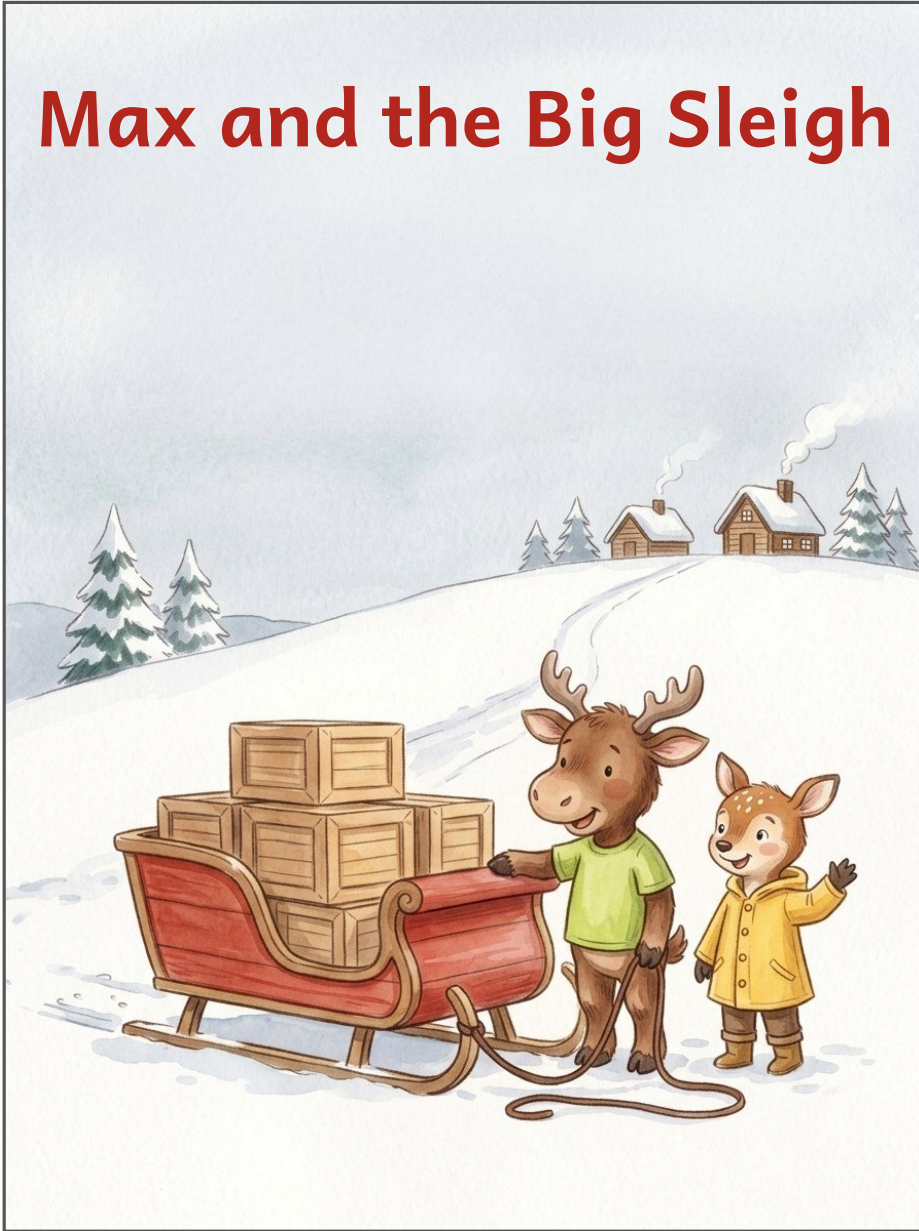


Max and the Big Sleigh



A Vowel Teams — EI and EIGH Decodable Book • Level 4 • 1st-2nd Grade



It was a cold, white day on the hill. Max had a big job to do. He had to pull a sleigh full of freight up to his neighbors at the top.



Eight crates sat in the back, and each crate was packed to the brim. Max held the reins and gave a big tug.



The sleigh did not go. He pulled again. The sleigh slid one inch, then stopped. "The weight is too much for me," Max said with a huff.



Just then, his neighbor Glen came up the path. "Do you weigh more than that sleigh?" Glen asked with a grin. "No, I do not," said Max.



"Neither do I," said Glen. "But together we might." Glen found two more reins in the sleigh and clipped them on. Then Max and Glen stood side by side.



"One, two, three, pull!" yelled Max. The sleigh gave a shake, and then it slid up the hill. Step by step, they pulled it all the way to the top.



The neighbors were so glad to receive the freight. They took the crates off one by one. When the eighth crate was off, they said, "Thank you both!"



Now hop in." Max and Glen sat in the back of the sleigh. The neighbors gave it a push, and the two pals went zipping down the hill, laughing all the way.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

EIGH and EI vowel teams (eight, weigh, vein, ceiling)

Vowel Teams — EI and EIGH words

sleigh, freight, neighbors, eight, reins, weight, neighbor, weigh, neither, receive, eighth

High-frequency words

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

Other story words

cold, white, day, on, hill, Max, had, big, job, do, pull, full, of, up, his, at, top, crates, sat, in, back, each, crate, packed, brim, held, gave, tug, did, not, go, pulled, again, slid, one, inch, then, stopped, too, much, for, me, huff, just, Glen, came, path, more, than, that, asked, grin, no, I, but, together, we, might, found, two, clipped, them, stood, side, by, three, yelled, shake, step, all, way, were, so, glad, took, off, when, Thank, both, now, hop, push, pals, went, zipping, down, laughing

Talk About It

1. What did Max have to pull up the hill?
2. Why couldn't Max pull the sleigh by himself?
3. How did Max and Glen get down the hill?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Vowel Teams — EI and EIGH list. How many can you find?