

Ned's Red Patch



Ned the bear cub was going to the fair today. He wanted to wear his best vest, the blue one with the brass snaps.



He put it on and ran down the stairs. But the vest got stuck on a peg. Rip! Now there was a long split down the side.



Ned sat on a chair and stared at the rip. "I can not go to the fair like this," he said. "I do not have a spare."



Jane came by to walk with him.
She saw his sad face. "Let me
take a look," said Jane. "I think
I can repair it."



Jane found an old red cloth in
her bag. She cut a square patch
with care. Then she put the
patch over the rip.



Ned held up the vest. The red square looked like a little flag.
"I like it even more than before!" said Ned.



At the fair, Ned and Jane shared a pear and played games. Lots of kids stopped to stare at the vest.



"Where did you get it?" asked a fox. "I adore that red patch!" Ned grinned at Jane. His best vest was even better now.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

R-controlled vowel teams air, are, ear and ore (chair, care, bear, more)

R-Controlled — AIR, EAR, ORE words

bear, fair, wear, stairs, chair, stared, spare, repair, square, care, more, before, shared, pear, stare, adore

High-frequency words

the, was, to, he, with, it, and, a, said, have, she, you

Other story words

Ned, cub, going, today, wanted, his, best, vest, blue, one, brass, snaps, put, on, ran, down, but, got, stuck, peg, rip, now, there, long, split, side, sat, at, I, can, not, go, like, this, do, Jane, came, by, walk, him, saw, sad, face, let, me, take, look, think, found, an, old, red, cloth, in, her, bag, cut, patch, then, over, held, up, looked, little, flag, even, than, played, games, lots, of, kids, stopped, where, did, get, asked, fox, that, grinned, better

Talk About It

1. Where was Ned going today?
2. What happened to Ned's vest on the stairs?
3. What did Ned and Jane share at the fair?

Read It Again

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