

Ned's Red Vest



A Three-Letter Blends Decodable Book • Level 2 • Kindergarten–1st Grade



Ned got a red vest at the thrift shop. It had a strap on the back and a black spot. "I will scrub it clean," said Ned. He filled the tub.



It was hot, hot, hot. Ned scrubbed and scrubbed. Splash! The spot was off at last. But when Ned put on the vest, it did not fit. It was much too small!



"Oh no," said Ned. "A hot bath can make a vest shrink!" Ned tugged the vest to stretch it. Snap! The strap split in two. Ned shrugged. Then he had a plan.



He ran to see little Jim. Jim put on the red vest. It was not too big and not too small. "It is the best fit yet!" said Jim with a grin.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Three-letter blends (str, spr, spl, scr, shr, thr)

Three-Letter Blends words

thrift, strap, scrub, scrubbed, splash, shrink, stretch, split, shrugged

High-frequency words

a, the, it, and, he, was, to, is

Other story words

Ned, got, red, vest, at, shop, had, on, back, black, spot, I, will, clean, said, filled, tub, hot, off, last, but, when, put, did, not, fit, much, too, small, oh, no, bath, can, make, tugged, snap, in, two, then, plan, ran, see, little, Jim, big, best, yet, with, grin

Talk About It

1. Where did Ned get the red vest?
2. Why did Ned's vest not fit after the bath?
3. Who did the red vest fit at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Three-Letter Blends list. How many can you find?