

Shelly Rows to Ben



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A Vowel Team — OW (long O) Decodable Book • Level 4 • 1st–2nd Grade

Printable Scholar Readers



Shelly sat in a little red ship on
the lake. Her yellow vest was
snug. Ben stood on the dock on
the far side.



"Row over to me!" he yelled.
"Then I will show you the frog
pond!" Shelly gave a big tug.
She pulled fast with one hand
and slow with the other.



The ship did not go to Ben. It
spun round and round! She tried
once more and pulled one hand
as fast as she could. The ship
spun again.



A black crow sat on a post and looked at her. Shelly felt her face get red. "Let me think," she said. She sat still, and the ship rocked on the lake.



One hand had pulled fast, and the other had pulled slow. "That is why I spin!" she said. "The fast side pushes the ship around."



This time she bent her elbows and pulled both hands back at the same slow pace. "Row, row," she said with each stroke. "Row, row." The ship did not spin.



It slid over the lake as small waves flowed past. Fish swam below her. Ben's dock grew big and then huge. At last the ship bumped the dock.



Ben grabbed the rope. "You did it!" said Ben. "Now follow me to the frog pond." Shelly grinned and hopped out. "Slow and together," she said. "That is the trick!"

Words in This Book

Focus skill

OW vowel team — long O sound (as in "snow", not "cow")

Vowel Team — OW (long O) words

yellow, row, show, slow, crow, elbows, flowed, below, follow

High-frequency words

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

Other story words

Shelly, sat, in, little, red, ship, on, lake, her, vest, snug, Ben, stood, dock, far, side, over, me, yelled, then, I, will, frog, pond, gave, big, tug, pulled, fast, one, hand, other, did, not, go, spun, round, tried, once, more, as, could, again, black, post, looked, at, felt, face, get, let, think, still, rocked, had, that, why, spin, pushes, around, this, time, bent, both, hands, back, same, pace, each, stroke, slid, small, waves, past, fish, swam, grew, huge, last, bumped, grabbed, rope, now, grinned, hopped, out, together, trick

Talk About It

1. What did Ben say he would show Shelly?
2. Why did Shelly's ship spin round and round?
3. What did Shelly say was the trick at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Vowel Team — OW (long O) list. How many can you