

Shelly's Big Pitch



A Endings -TCH and -DGE Decodable Book • Level 2 • Kindergarten–1st Grade



Shelly had the ball. It was her first pitch in the big match. Ben sat on the bench with his crutch. "You can do it, Shelly!" he said.



Judge Ron checked the edge of the pitch. "Go!" said Ron. Shelly let the ball fly. Oh no! It was a bad pitch. The ball went up, up, and over the hedge.



"Stretch and try again," said Ben. Shelly did a big stretch. Then she pitched the ball fast. Smack! The bat hit it. Dot the dog ran and ran. She jumped.



Dot had the ball in her mouth!
 "Dot's catch wins the match!"
 said Judge Ron. Ron handed
 Shelly a red badge. Shelly
 pinned it on Ben. "You helped
 me win," she said.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Final -tch and -dge after a short vowel (catch, bridge)

Endings -TCH and -DGE words

pitch, match, crutch, Judge, edge, hedge, stretch,
 pitched, catch, badge

High-frequency words

the, it, was, he, a, and, she

Other story words

Shelly, had, ball, her, first, in, big, Ben, sat, on, bench,
 with, his, you, can, do, said, Ron, checked, of, go, let,
 fly, oh, no, bad, went, up, over, try, again, did, then,
 fast, smack, bat, hit, Dot, dog, ran, jumped, mouth,
 wins, handed, red, pinned, helped, me, win

Talk About It

1. Who sat on the bench with his crutch?
2. Where did the ball go on Shelly's bad pitch?
3. Who did Shelly pin the red badge on?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the
 Endings -TCH and -DGE list. How many can you find?