

Tom's Shell Ride



A Short vs Long Vowels Decodable Book • Level 3 • 1st Grade



It was Tom's first time at the ice rink. A man at the gate gave him skates in his size.



Shelly could skate fast, and Tom wanted to skate just like her. "I hope I do not fall," said Tom.



"Hold the wall and take little steps," said Shelly. Tom took one step. Slip! He fell on his chin. He hopped up and tried again.



Slip! Down he went. Tom sat on the ice and felt as cold as an ice cube. "I am not good at this," he said.



He got up one more time. Slip! This time Tom flipped over on his shell. But he did not stop!



His shell spun round and round
like a top. Then he slid all the
way to the other side of the
rink.



Tom laughed. "This is a fun
ride!" he yelled. Shelly skated
over and took his hand. "Hold
on!" she said.



She pulled, and they glided around the rink together, Tom on his shell and Shelly on her skates. "Who needs skates?" said Tom.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Short vowel vs long vowel with silent e (cap / cape, kit / kite)

Short vs Long Vowels words

Tom, time, ice, man, gate, gave, him, skates, his, size, skate, like, hope, not, take, step, fell, chin, up, sat, cube, got, did, stop, spun, top, slid, side, fun, ride

High-frequency words

it, was, the, a, and, to, said, he, is, she, they

Other story words

first, at, rink, in, Shelly, could, fast, wanted, just, her, I, do, fall, Hold, wall, little, steps, took, one, Slip, on, hopped, tried, again, down, went, felt, as, cold, an, am, good, this, more, flipped, over, shell, but, round, then, all, way, other, of, laughed, yelled, skated, hand, pulled, glided, around, together, who, needs

Talk About It

1. Where did Tom go for the first time?
2. What happened when Tom flipped over on his shell?
3. How did Tom and Shelly glide around the rink together?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Short vs Long Vowels list. How many can you find?