

Word Reading 31 Decodable Text

It Isn't My Fault!

Dawn and Paul are making dinner.
They're fixing meatloaf and coleslaw.
But their plan has a few flaws.

First, the meat is still frozen.
Dawn and Paul have to wait for it to thaw.
Next, Paul doesn't turn on the oven.
When the meatloaf comes out, it is still raw.
Dawn has to carry it back to the oven.
Then the coleslaw is bland.
Dawn forgot to add oil and spices.

Paul yells at Dawn, "This isn't my fault!"
Dawn yells back, "This isn't my fault!"

Dawn crawls on the couch to sulk.
Paul sprawls on the rug to pout.
They need to think for a while.
Later, Paul and Dawn clean up the mess.
Then they call Saul's Salad Bar for takeout!

Vowel Sound in *ball*: *aw*

Dawn, coleslaw, flaws, thaw, raw, crawls, sprawls

Vowel Sound in *ball*: *au*

fault, Paul, Saul's

High-Frequency Words

are, they, their, a, the, have, to, does, come, carry



The Ball

It was a windy day in August.
It felt more like fall than summer.
Kids, moms, and dads still played baseball.
They played at a ball field in Fawn Park.

Early in the game, Paul's dad came up to bat.
Paul's dad was a big man.
In his boyhood, he had played football.

Paul yelled, "Dad, this wind will carry a ball far.
If you hit the ball hard, it will go over the outfield wall."

Dad knew that Hawk River lay behind that wall.
He said, "I will not try to hit the ball that far, Paul.
The ball might land in the river."
"Yes, and be a home run!" Paul shouted.

"But then this game will end," Dad said.
"Why is that?" Paul asked.
Dad rubbed his jaw and grinned.
"We have just one ball," he said.

Vowel Sound in *ball*: *aw*

Fawn, Hawk, jaw

Vowel Sound in *ball*: *au*

August, Paul('s)

High-Frequency Words

the, was, a, they, early, to, carry, you, behind, said, have, one



Untie and Rewrap

Saul turns four today. It is his birthday.
Three of his pals will come over for cake.
Mom and I will play games with them.

Saul puffs his cheeks to blow out the candles.
He likes that, so he asks Mom to relight them.
Saul blows out the candles again.

Next, Saul unwraps all of his gifts.
He likes that too, so he starts to rewrap them.
Then he wants to unwrap them again.

Saul and his pals play Pin the Tail on the Dog.
Saul makes them replay the game again and again.
Mom tells Saul, "No more Pin the Tail."
That is unwise because Saul starts to cry.
His sobs are unending.

Mom reties ribbons on boxes.
Saul can untie them many times.
I read birthday cards to Saul.
I reread them many times.

At last, this day is over.
Saul sleeps soundly in his bed.
Mom and I can relax.

Prefix *un-*

untie, unwrap(s), unwise, unending

Prefix *re-*

rewrap, relight, replay, reties, reread

High-Frequency Words

four, today, three, of, come, to, the, again, because, are, many



In the Woods

Kenny's family likes to go camping in the woods.
They sleep in tents, fish in the lake, and hike on trails.

Kenny and his mom pack and repack the car.
Then Kenny's dad drives them to the campsite.
They unload the tents, backpacks, and food.

Kenny unties the tents and sets them up.
Meanwhile, his mom collects wood for a campfire.
His dad unpacks the food and makes lunch.

After lunch, Kenny and his dad go fishing.
Kenny has no luck, but his dad hooks a small sunfish.
Because the fish is so little, he unhooks it and lets it go.

Later, Kenny goes hiking with his mom.
But, first, she tosses water on the campfire.
"It is unsafe to let it burn," she tells Kenny.
"We can relight it later today."

That night, Kenny is glad to slip into his sleeping bag.
Sleep will feel good after his fun day in the woods.

Prefix *un-*

unload, unties, unpacks, unhooks, unsafe

Prefix *re-*

repack, relight

High-Frequency Words

the, family, to, they, a, because, goes, water, today, into

