

# Story Based Learning

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Be Spellbound!

## Stuck in the Mud

Learn 6 Ways to Spell the Short U Sound



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# Bring Spelling to Life

# Picturebook Story

- Short U letters printed in green
- 6 Ways to spell Short U
- 114 Short U words
- 18 story pages



One muggy Monday  
Doug and his brother,  
built a cubby near the  
creek with each other.



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Cousins came running  
to help shovel lumps,  
but the ground was very



Doug was really hungry,  
there was nothing in his tummy.  
So Mum bought double



It was wonderful to jump  
and in all the fluffy bubbles,  
but he soon realised  
he was in much trouble.

'o', 'oe', 'oo', 'ou', 'o\_e' and 'u'

# Teaching Resources

- Word family chart
- Word list
- Sight words
- Homonyms
- Teaching tips
- Story on one page

### Stuck in the Mud

One muggy Monday Doug and his brother built a cubby near the creek with each other. They made a little dam in a puddle near the stump and fetched water in their buckets from the pump.

They were bumbling around having such a lot of fun, until suddenly it rained and the clouds blocked the sun.

There was a rumble of thunder, the creek began to flood, and the dirt they were playing in turned into mud.

They paid some money for a digger and a truck and tried a number of others, but none with any luck.

Uncle wondered why his sons were all huddled in a bunch.

Then everyone said, 'Let's think about it over lunch.'

Doug was really hungry there was nothing in his tummy, so Mum bought double honey buns, mmm yummy. She put up her umbrella and scuffed away the scum, and wrapped him in a rug as he was feeling very glum.

Then Mother had a hunch and said, 'Don't worry love! Trust us, we'll get you out with a heave and a shove!'

Once she'd gathered enough buddies for a tug o'war scum, they all huffed and puffed until the color of a plum.

They tumbled and stumbled and slipped on the slugs and then Dougie popped out like a bathroom plug. He shot through the air in just his undies, upside down like a bungee jumper!

They dug another through a funnel. n all the n all the h trouble. quickly! Run! done. slucky duck. d lumps. d they fell over t down in the the grumps.

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### Tricky Sight Words

'u' suddenly under unless until upside	'o_e' comes done everyone no-one none some someone something	'o' another nothing once other others
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### Short U Word Families

'u' List 1 buns but dug fun mud rug run sun tug up us	'u' List 2 duck just luck much muck must such stuck truck trust yuck	'u' List 3 bumps dumps glum grumps jump lumps plug plum pump scrum slugs stump	'u' List 4 bubbles buddies bunch clubhouse Ruffy funny hunch hungry jumpy lunch muggy tummy yummy	'u' List 5 funnel huffed	'u' List 6 buckets bumbling
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### Congratulations!

You are Learning to Spell the Short U Sound in 6 Different Ways!

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 food	 cousins	

### Homonyms

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### Homographs

Same spelling  
Same sound  
Different meaning

run	run
duck	duck
honey	honey
just	just

### Heteronyms

Same spelling  
Different sound  
Different meaning

does does
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### Helping with Learning Difficulties

For students with Dyslexia and Learning Difficulties:

- spelling is confusing and doesn't make sense
- words seem to run together
- reading is hard work and not fun

This is because of difficulties with:

- hearing sounds in words
- learning letter sound associations
- blending sounds together
- identifying beginning, middle and end sounds in words
- learning tricky sight words
- reading fluency
- retrieving words from vocabulary

### Learning to Spell

1. Read Stuck in the Mud and listen for words with a Short U sound
2. Break words into sounds, eg s-o-n, or s-u-n
3. Spell the Short U sound words by saying each individual sound of the word and then the whole word, eg s-o-n son, or s-u-n sun
4. The green letters show 6 different ways to spell the Short U sound

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# Systematic Phonics

# Activities

- Spelling activities
- Theme activities
- Reading comprehension
- Colouring page



## Spelling Activities



Make a Word Wall	Use Chalk to write Short U words on a path or wall	Make a Memory Game	Make a Short U Mobile	Write Short U words 3 times in your Spelling Book
Write a Short U Story	Make a Short U Rap or Song	Write a Short U Poem	Find all the Short U words in the story	Make a Mini Book of Short U words
Cut out Short U words from Newspapers or Magazines	Find a New Short U word every day for a week	Make a Short U Wordsearch	Decorate Short U words with patterns	Make a Short U Poster
Change the First Letter to make new words	Sort the words into Alphabetical Order	Write sentences to show the Meaning of the Short U words	Write the Room How many objects can you find with a Short U sound	Make a Short U Mural
Make Short U Bookmarks	Draw a Scene with Short U words	Make a set of Flash Cards	Use Playdough to make Short U words	Find More Ways to spell the Short U sound

## Reading Comprehension Quiz



### Literal Comprehension

- 1 Where did Dougie and his brother build a cubby?
- 2 What happened to the sun?
- 3 What happened to the creek?
- 4 What did Dougie jump around in?
- 5 What did Dougie ask Duncan to do?
- 6 What did the cousins fall over?
- 7 What did the cousins pay money for?
- 8 What did Mom bring for Dougie to eat?
- 9 What did they slip on?
- 10 What was Dougie wearing when he shot through the air?



### Inferential Comprehension

- 1 Why did Dougie go to fetch water from the pump?
- 2 What problem did he have?
- 3 How do you think he felt?
- 4 Why were the cousins worried?
- 5 What else did Dougie do?
- 6 What did Dougie do to get help?
- 7 What did Dougie do to get help?
- 8 Why were the cousins worried?
- 9 Why did Dougie go to fetch water from the pump?
- 10 Why did Dougie go to fetch water from the pump?

## Quiz Answers



### Literal Comprehension

- 1 Near the creek
- 2 The clouds blocked it
- 3 It began to flood
- 4 He jumped around in all the fluffy bubbles
- 5 To get help
- 6 Bumps
- 7 A digger and a truck
- 8 Double honey buns
- 9 Slugs
- 10 Just his undies



### Inferential Comprehension

- 1 To make a dam
- 2 The creek is flooding and he might get stuck
- 3 Worried, anxious, etc. (open to interpretation)
- 4 Because it was hard to get Dougie out, (or similar)
- 5 Open to ideas
- 6 Think of a way to get Dougie out of the mud, (or similar)
- 7 An idea or thought
- 8 Because they were working hard
- 9 Because it had been raining and the ground was wet
- 10 Because his clothes were still wet



## Story Based Learning Activities



### Literacy

Write a transcript of the lunch conversation  
Write a commentary of a tug o war  
Interview the characters

### History

Research famous catastrophes



### Numeracy 23

Measurement: design a clubhouse with specific area, length and perimeter measurements  
Statistics and Data: record rainfall data and display with graphs  
Number and Money: create a lunch menu and calculate the costs for different numbers of people  
Calculate the costs to hire various diggers

### Science

Weather  
Seasons



### Music

Make a chant for the tug o war

### Digital Technology

Create a flow chart for getting Dougie out of the mud

### Drama

Use the story for Readers Theater



### Art

Design an umbrella for Dougie and his Mom  
Design posters for the shop selling buns

### Technology

Build a clubhouse



### LOTE

Translate a conversation between the characters

### Geography

Tunnels and bridges



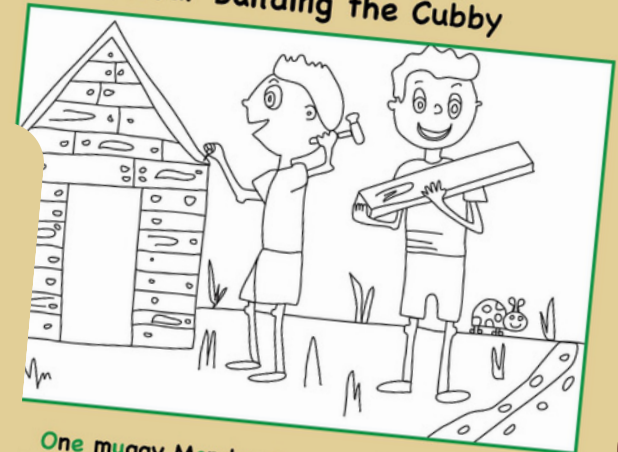
### Health

Strategies to use when in an unsafe situation

### Computing

Make a Thank You card for everyone who helped rescue Dougie

## Colour Building the Cubby



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# Connected Learning