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**FIRST GRADE DECODABLE STORIES
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Decodable 5

Sam, Sam, Sam

3 I am Sam.

6 I am Sam.

9 I am Sam.

10 Sam?

13 Sam, Sam, Sam.

16 I am Sam.

Decodable 6

Matt and Sam

- 1 Matt
- 3 Matt sat.
- 7 Matt sat on Sam.
- 8 Sam
- 10 Sam sat.
- 15 Sam sat on a mat.

Decodable 7

A Hat

- 4 Matt has a hat.
- 10 In a hat is a rabbit.
- 16 In a hat is a bird.
- 21 In a hat is a ham.
- 26 A ham in a hat?
- 28 A ham!

Decodable 8

The Map

- 6 Pam's map is on the mat.
- 10 Pam taps the map.
- 15 Sam stamps on Pam's map.
- 19 Sam taps Pam's map.
- 23 Sam pats Pam's map.
- 25 Pam's map!

Decodable 9

Hip

- 4 Hip has a hat.
- 8 Hip tips his hat.
- 10 Hip taps.
- 12 Hip stamps.
- 16 Hip hits his hat.
- 18 Hip sits.

Decodable 10

Snap the Ant

- 4 Snap is an ant.
- 9 Snap is on Pam's pan.
- 13 Snap has Pam's ham.
- 15 Snap sips.
- 20 Snap is by the pants.
- 22 Snap naps.

Decodable 11

Lil's Hat

- 5 Hal has a slim hat.
- 8 Lil is Hal's pal.
- 11 Lil's hat tilts.
- 13 It slips.
- 18 Lil slips down, down, down!
- 24 Hal sits and makes a list.
- 28 Slam! Lil hits Hal.
- 33 Lil's hat is on Hal.
- 38 Hal's hat is on Lil.

Decodable 12

A Mill on a Hill

- 7 A tall mill sits on a hill.
- 18 A tall man sits in a hall in a tall mill.
- 25 A small plant sits on a sill.
- 37 A small man taps a tall man who sits in a mill.
- 41 A tall man tilts.
- 45 A tall man tips.
- 55 A small plant on a sill tilts and tips, too.
- 60 A tall mill is still.

Decodable 13

Nan's Family

On the Mat

5 Sam sits on his mat.

8 "I am Sam."

12 Pat sits on Sam.

16 Tim sits on Pat.

20 Nan sits on Tim.

24 Tip sits on Nan.

25 "Tip!"

Decodable _____

The Pans

- 5 Sam has a tin pan.
- 9 Sam spins his pan.
- 14 Pat spins a tin pan.
- 19 Tim spins his tin pan.
- 26 Nan hits and tips the tin pan.
- 32 Can Nan spin a tin pan?

Decodable 14

Dan Spins

- 2 Dan spins.
- 4 Dan dips.
- 8 Dan has a hat.
- 12 Dan spins his hat.
- 18 Dan hits a pit . . . and sits.
- 21 Dan is sad.

Decodable 15

The Spot

- 4 Mom has a pot.
- 8 Mom's pot is hot.
- 12 Mom has a spot.
- 16 Dad has his mop.
- 20 Dad mops the spot.
- 27 Dad mops and Mom pats the spot.

Decodable 16

Bob at Bat

- 4 Bob is at bat.
- 6 Bob stamps.
- 8 Bob taps.
- 12 Bob stands and nods.
- 14 Bob bats.
- 16 Bob pants.

Decodable 17

The Cab

- 2 Dan stands.
- 7 The cab spins past Dan.
- 9 Dan snaps.
- 15 The cab scats, and Dan taps.
- 17 Dan nods.
- 24 The cab stops, and in hops Dan.

Decodable 18

Sis the Cat

- 10 There is Sis. Sis spins and stops on the mat.
- 16 Sis can sit. Sis can nap.
- 22 Sis can bat. Sis can tap.
- 30 Sis bats the pans. Sis hits the hats.
- 35 Dad is mad. Bad cat!

Decodable 18

Where Is Sis?

- 5 Sis scats. Where is Sis?
- 16 Is Sis on the mat? Sis is not on the mat.
- 27 Is Sis in the hat? Sis is not in the hat.
- 40 Is Sis in a tin pan? Sis is not in a tin pan.
- 46 Is Sis with Pam and Bob?
- 54 No, Sis is not with Pam and Bob.
- 60 I miss Sis. Where is Sis?
- 67 Dad has Sis. Sis sits on him.
- 76 Dad is not mad. And Sis is not sad.
- 83 I can sit with Sis and Dad.

Decodable 19

Picnic

- 4 Dad can pick snacks.
- 8 Nick can pack maps.
- 13 Pam is in the back.
- 17 Nick stands in sand.
- 22 Pam has the picnic sack.
- 27 Dad, Nick, and Pam picnic.

Decodable 20

Nat's Nap

- 2 Nap, Nat!
- 7 Nap in the crib, Nat!
- 10 Crabs can't nap!
- 13 Crabs can tap!
- 16 Crabs can snap!
- 21 Crabs can spin and spin!
- 26 Crabs can sit a bit!
- 31 Nat naps in his crib!

Decodable 21

Ron on the Run

- 4 The sun is up.
9 Ron is on the run.
15 Ron mops and dusts his hut.
- 22 Ron hums as he dusts and mops
28 With his cup and his bun,
34 Ron is back on the run.
- 39 A dump truck hits mud.
42 Mud hits Ron.
46 Ron runs and runs.
- 51 Ron runs for the bus.
55 The bus hits mud.
59 Ron sits in muck.
- 63 The bus runs on,
70 but Ron sits and does not run.

Decodable 22

The Bug

- 5 What is in the bag?
7 A bug.
- 10 Is it big?
15 The bug bag is big.
- 20 No! Is he bug big?
24 In the big bag?
- 32 Yes. Is the bug in the bag big?
38 It is a big bug bag.
- 49 Not the bag? Is a big bug in the big bag?
56 A big bag has the big bug.
- 61 But is the bug big?
67 Big bugs bump in big bags.

Decodable 23

Sinbad the Pig

2 Sinbad Scats

9 Gramps and Ann have a big pig.

17 The pig is Sinbad. Sinbad has bad habits.

20 Sinbad bumps Gramps.

26 Gramps grabs at Sinbad. Sinbad scats!

3 Sinbad and Ann

8 “Grab Sinbad, Ann!” says Gramps.

14 Sinbad runs. He spins past Ann.

20 Ann grabs at Sinbad. Gramps grins.

25 “I got him!” says Ann.

30 Sinbad stops and sits back.

34 Ann trips on Sinbad.

40 Ann stamps. Gramps grins. Sinbad naps.

46 “Sinbad has bad habits! says Ann

Decodable 24

Jan and Jack

- 4 Jan packs Jack's snack.
11 Jan puts his snack in a jug.
- 18 Jan tosses the jug in Jack's backpack.
22 Jan jogs up hills.
28 She jogs in grass and mud.
- 34 Jan runs and jumps a plant.
- 36 Jack naps.
- 41 Jan jabs and jiggles Jack.
50 "Jan, I had to sit and nap." said Jack.
- 59 "Jan, I am glad for snacks and a nap."
65 Jack sits and has his snacks.

Decodable 25

A Badge

- 4 Midge wants a badge.
7 So does Madge.
- 10 Nudge, nudge, nudge.
13 Nudge, nudge, nudge.
17 Who gets a badge?
- 22 Can Midge get a badge?
- 27 Can Madge get a badge?
- 31 Mom is a judge.
34 Mom can judge.
- 40 Midge and Madge get a badge.
46 Midge and Madge hug a judge.

Decodable 26

Brad's Ram

- 5 Brad is a trim man.
10 Brad's trim hat fits him.
14 Brad has a fat ram.
- 22 Brad's ram spins fast and nabs his hat.
25 Brad is mad.
29 Brad nabs his hat.
- 34 Brad pulls, stamps, and pants.
39 Brad's ram tugs and tugs.
44 Snap! Brad's hat flips up!
- 49 Brad is a trim man.
54 He has a fat ram.
60 The ram has a fat hat.

Decodable 27

Boris, Doris, and Norm

- 6 Boris, Doris, and Norm are triplets.
15 Boris, Doris, and Norm were born in a storm.
- 19 Boris was born first.
24 After Boris, Doris was born.
29 After Doris, Norm was born.
- 38 Mom and Dad put Boris in Dad's old crib.
45 Dad's old crib was worn and torn.
- 54 Mom and Dad put Doris in Mom's old crib.
61 Mom's old crib was worn and torn.
- 71 Mom and Dad did not have a crib for Norm.
- 77 Norm got a brand new crib.
83 It was not worn and torn.

Decodable 28

Jen's Pen

- 7 Ted has his hen in a pen.
11 Ted's hen is Jen.
16 Jen's pen is a mess.
- 22 Ted promises to mend Jen's pen.
- 27 "I'm fed up!" Jen says.
34 "Ted said he would mend my pen,
40 but Ted did not mend it."
- 48 "Jen is upset and is on the move!"
55 snort the pigs as Jen runs past.
- 62 Jen hops on top of the pen.
68 Jen trips and drops the bucket.
75 "Jen is stuck and can't get up!"
78 laugh the horses.
- 82 Ted pull Jen out.
88 Ted pets Jen and feeds her.
95 "I will mend Jen's pen!" Ted says.
100 And Ted does mend Jen's pen.

Decodable 29

Best Mom

- 2 Tom slipped.
5 Mom helped him.
- 8 Pam spilled it.
11 Mom mopped it.
- 14 Mom patted Pam.
16 Pam napped.
- 18 Tom acted.
20 Mom clapped.
- 22 Dad landed.
26 Mom picked him up.
- 31 Dad handed Tom a pin.
36 Tom pinned it on Mom.
41 The pin said BEST MOM.

Decodable 30

Jeff's Job

- 5 Jeff is on the job.
- 11 Jeff's job is on a cliff.
- 15 Jeff's job is fun.
22 Jeff's job is a lot of work.
26 Jeff huffs and puffs.
- 30 Jeff has a staff.
34 The staff helps Jeff.
- 42 Jeff and his staff are on the job.
- 48 Jeff and his staff have fun!

Decodable 31

A Fox and His Box

8 Rabbit and Fox sat on Fox's big box.
15 "You have a big box," said Rabbit.
22 "Yes!" said Fox. "It is a trap!"

28 "Can it trap dogs?" said Rabbit.
33 "It can trap dogs," said Fox.

39 "Can it trap cats?" said Rabbit.
45 "It can trap cats," said Fox.

52 "Can it trap an ox?" said Rabbit.
59 "It cannot trap an ox," said Fox.
64 "but it can trap rabbits."

70 "It can trap rabbits?" said Rabbit.
80 "But I am a rabbit! It cannot trap fast rabbits!"

83 "Yes," said Fox,
89 "and it did not trap you!"

Decodable 32

Zack the One-Man Band

6 Gus and Cass sat on rocks.
9 ZAP! POP! SNAP!
14 “What is it?” said Cass.

24 “A big red bus has zipped up. It has a
32 man and a big brass band,” said Gus.

39 The man on the red bus blasted,
46 “I am Zack the One-Man Band,
53 and here is my big brass band!”

56 BAM! BUZZ! BOP!
60 Zack’s band started up.
68 “Zack, you are a grand band!” said Cass.

72 Zack huffed and puffed.
77 “I must stop,” he panted.

82 “Do not fuss,” said Zack.
88 “Grab tin pots! Grab small sticks!
92 Start a grand band!”
96 Zack and his band
102 got back on his red bus.

Decodable 33

Bizz Buzz

- 4 Is it a buzz?
9 It is a big buzz.
- 13 Is it a fizz?
15 Buzz, fizz.
18 What is it?
- 20 Bizz, bizz.
22 Buzz, fizz.
24 Bop! Bam!
- 28 Can it be Dad?
32 It is not Dad.
- 33 Yes!
- 36 It is jazz!
41 It is a jazz band.
46 A jazz band is fun!

Decodable 34

Dogs and Cats

- 3 Sam has dogs.
9 His dogs are Bigs and Figs.
- 12 Sam has cats.
18 His cats are Bugs and Mugs.
- 23 Bigs does not like Bugs.
28 Bugs does not like Bigs.
- 33 Mugs does not like Figs.
38 Figs does not like Mugs.
- 45 Sam hugs Figs, Mugs, Bugs, and Bigs.
- 52 Figs, Mugs, and Bigs all like Sam.

Decodable 35

Jen Dreamt

- 7 Jen had bread and went to bed.
15 Jen dreamt her bed was made of bread.
- 21 Can I dab bread in milk?
29 Or can I spread jam on it instead?
- 37 Jen dreamt she spread jam on her bed.
44 Jen dreamt her bed was good bread.
- 53 Jen lifted her head and leapt from her bed.
60 "Mom, can I get bread at breakfast?
67 Can I spread jam on my bread?"

Decodable 36

Run and Pass

- 5 Bob can pass a ball.
10 The ball crosses the grass.
- 17 Bob can toss the ball to Greg.
23 Greg runs and crosses the grass.
- 29 Bob and Greg run and pass.
- 33 Ted is not impressed.
38 Ted is dressed to play.
47 Ted will cross the grass and run at Bob.
- 52 But Bob is not stressed.
57 Bob can run and pass.
- 62 Greg runs, and Ted misses.
65 Ted is impressed.

Decodable 37

Trash

- 4 Mick had trash stacks:
9 dented and bent tin cans,
- 13 cut and split logs,
16 two smashed beds,
- 19 three cracked dishes,
24 small bits of crashed ships,
- 27 four fishnet strips,
30 torn flag scraps,
- 34 five old comic books,
39 a crushed red drum set,
44 and half a smashed sled.
- 53 Mick put his trash stack in the small shed.

Decodable 38

Seth's bath

- 5 Seth stepped into his bathtub.
10 "Must get to the ship!"
- 14 "Cast off!" called Seth.
18 "All hands on deck!"
- 26 "Rocks in the water! Man the ship's masts!"
- 34 "The ship has thumped and hit big rocks.
37 Get the rafts!"
- 41 "Thick fog! Jump ship!"
- 46 "All finished, Seth?" said Dad.
52 "Yes, Dad," said Seth. "All finished!"

Decodable 39

The Children Get a Rabbit

- 8 Dad and the children get in the truck.
18 This will be a fun trip for Ellen and Dillon!
- 25 The children think the animals are fun.
30 That animal has a banana.
- 36 The children see the big panda.
42 “Dad, is that animal an opossum?”
- 48 Ellen and Dillon pet the rabbit.
53 “Dad, can I adopt him?”
- 62 Dad and the children get melon for a snack.
67 The rabbit has a carrot.
- 77 The children and the rabbit get back in the truck.
84 Ellen and Dillon had fun with Dad!

Decodable 40

Panda Band

Amanda's Sax

- 8 Amanda Panda mops at Tom Cat's Jazz Club.
14 She pushes a damp mop.
- 22 Amanda stops. "I can't stand this," she thunders.
- 34 "I am hot and a mess. I think this job must stop!"
- 42 Amanda sees Tom Cat and his brass sax.
46 She has a wish.
- 50 "Tom Cat," Amanda grumbles,
58 "you do not have to push a mop.
70 You have a brass sax, a big band, and lots of fans."
- 77 Tom cat tosses Amanda his brass sax.
82 "Hush," he tells Amanda Panda.
92 "I can fix things for you. Have this brass sax!"
- 99 "This brass sax?" "Yes, this brass sax!"
- 105 "I got Tom Cat's brass sax!
114 "I can drop the damp mop and be tops!"

Decodable 40

Panda Band

Amanda's Band

- 4 "Mom! Pop!" calls Amanda.
10 "I got Tom Cat's brass sax!"
- 14 "Sax racket!" mumbles Mom.
- 18 "Sax racket!" grumbles Pop.
- 23 Both Zack and Max drop in.
31 "Let's be a big band!" says Amanda Panda.
- 39 "Oh, no! More racket!" think Mom and Pop.
- 46 Amanda Panda has Tom Cat's brass sax,
53 a big band, and lots of fans.
61 "You are tops!" Mom and Pop tell Amanda.

Decodable 41

Chuck's Chest

- 3 That is Chuck.
7 This is his chest.
- 12 I cannot lift this chest.
17 What is in this chest?
- 23 Is it a bunch of cash?
- 28 What is in this chest?
31 Is Chuck rich?
- 36 "Chad, check in the chest.
40 There is not much."
- 44 It is a lunch.
50 Chuck's lunch is in the chest.

Decodable 42

Patch Gets the Ball

5 Lil, Midge, and Chuck met
10 at Chestnut Ridge Ball Park.
18 Midge pitched the ball, and Lil hit it.
24 Midge ran after the ball and
28 tossed it to Chuck.

32 “Let’s switch,” said Chuck.
38 Chuck can pitch, Midge can hit,
42 and Lil can catch.
47 Midge hit the pitched ball.
52 “I’ll catch it!” called Chuck.

58 But the ball went past Chuck,
63 past tall grass, past plants,
68 and landed in a ditch.

74 “Patch!” Midge called for her dog.
78 “Fetch the ball, Patch!”

83 Patch ran past tall grass.
91 He ran past plants and into the ditch.
95 Patch fetched the ball.

98 “Let’s do this.
104 Chuck can hit. I will pitch.
111 Lil can catch, and Patch can fetch!”

Decodable 43

Grab a Star

- 7 “Mom, are stars far off?” asked Max.
11 “Yes, Max,” said Mom.
16 “Stars are far, far away.”
- 25 “Mom, can I grab stars for fun?” asked Max.
32 “Hmmm...grab stars for fun...,” said Mom.
- 37 “Sit here, Max,” added Mom.
43 “You can catch stars for fun.”
- 53 Max said, “Stars are so far. I can’t have stars.”
- 56 “Max,” called Mom.
63 “This is a star you can catch!”
- 69 “I can catch stars!” said Max.
73 “Mom, you are smart!”

Decodable 44

A Lamb on a Limb

- 6 Is that a lamb up there?
- 14 How did that lamb get on the limb?
- 25 How can the children get the lamb off the limb?
34 Will a thumb get the lamb off the limb?
- 44 The thumb did not get the lamb off the limb.
52 Will crumbs get the lamb off the limb?
- 61 Crumbs will not get the lamb off the limb.
67 The lamb is a stuffed lamb!
- 75 Dad will get the lamb off the limb.

Decodable 45

Wendell's Pets

- 5 Wendell had lots of pets.
12 Wendell had his cat and his duck.
- 19 Wendell had his rabbit and his lizard.
28 Wendell had frogs and a tub for his bugs.
- 39 Wendell's pets went to his class, and his class was
45 glad. But Mr. Webb was not glad.
- 51 Wendell's pet hopped, scratched, and wiggled.
60 "Wendell, you will have to put your pets away,"
63 said Mr. Webb.
- 66 "Here!" said Wendell.
68 "With me!"
74 And Wendell's pets sat with him!

Decodable 46

The Whiz

- 4 This is the Whiz.
- 13 When the Whiz starts, it chugs up and up.
- 21 When it is at the top, the Whiz stops.
- 30 When it starts, the Whiz drops fast and far.
- 35 Wham! The whiz whips left.
- 40 Wham! The Whiz whips back.
- 47 The Whiz whips up a big hill.
- 53 Then it whips past a bridge.
- 60 Wham! When the Whiz stops, it stops fast.
- 64 Will you ride the Whiz?

Decodable 47

Garden Sisters

7 This is Jennifer and her sister Amber.
13 Jennifer and Amber have a garden.
19 Jennifer and Amber are garden partners.

23 The sisters like plants.
27 Mom is a gardener.
34 Jennifer and Amber are Mom's garden helpers.

44 "I wonder, can we plant big ferns in the garden?"
52 asked Jennifer. Mom said, "Yes, in the summer."

62 "It is winter and the garden is white," said Mom.

70 "I want to plant big ferns," Amber said.
78 "In the summer, I will plant big ferns."

86 "In the summer, amber can plant big ferns,"
88 Mom said.
96 "Jennifer can plant big ferns in the garden."
101 Jennifer and Amber felt better.
104 They like summer.

Decodable 48

Whir and Stir

- 5 Dad picked up his mixer.
11 “Pass the butter, Irwin,” said Dad,
17 “and let’s stir in fresh milk.”
- 26 Dad put butter and milk in his mixer. WHIR!
31 “What is it?” wondered Irwin.
37 “Hand me eggs, Irwin,” Dad said,
44 “and let’s stir in a little salt.”
- 53 Dad put eggs and salt in his mixer. WHIR!
58 “What is it?” wondered Irwin.
64 “Pass the carrots, Irwin,” said Dad.
70 “We will stir in nuts, too.”
- 79 Dad put carrots and nuts in his mixer. WHIR!
84 “What is it?” wondered Irwin.
90 “Pass the pan, Irwin,” said Dad.
97 “We can put this batter in it.”
- 107 “It was eggs and butter and nuts and carrots.
115 What is it now, Dad? Is it finished?”
- 122 “Have a glass of fresh milk, Irwin.
130 Now it is carrot bread,” said Dad.
133 “Carrot bread! Good!”

Decodable 49

A Blur with Fur

- 7 A blur with fur crossed the carpet.
16 A blur with fur ran and crossed the curb.
- 29 A blur with fur ran so fast, it turned a corner and
34 left tracks in the grass.
- 41 The blur with fur dashed and crashed.
45 It curled and twirled.
- 53 “What is that blur with fur?” asked Arthur.
- 56 It is Burt.
62 The blur with fur is Burt.

Decodable 50

Chirp and Scat

Scat Moves In

- 4 Chirp is a bird.
8 Scat is a cat.
17 Chirp and Scat live with Robert and Barbara Platt.
- 23 The wind whipped fast and hard
31 when Scat turned up on Platt's big branch.
- 38 Scat was such an impish little cat.
44 Robert and Barbara called him Scat.
- 52 Scat turned fast for such an impish cat.
61 Robert and Barbara loved Scat's purr when they sat.
- 67 Robert and Barbara could not tell
75 that Chirp did not like Scat very well.
- 83 Did Barbara and Robert forget Chirp at last?
91 Chirp felt that Scat must exit rather fast!

Decodable 50

Chirp and Scat

Chirp's Plan

- 8 Chirp started his plan and lifted his latch.
17 Chirp went to Barbara's chair and scratched at the
18 patch.
- 28 Chirp flipped his latch back and sat on his perch.
37 Chirp laughed at Scat left there in a lurch.
- 45 Robert hollered at Scat for the scratch on
47 Barbara's chair.
56 Scat was sad and felt this was not fair.
- 63 Chirp was glad his plan had worked.
68 Chirp jumped, fluttered, and chirped.
- 76 Next Chirp tugged and scratched at Platt's rug.
85 The Platts stepped in and spotted Scat, all snug.
- 92 "Scat, that's it. Get out!" Robert said.
96 The Chirp felt bad.
101 In fact Chirp felt sad.
110 Scat whimpered and got up from his soft bed.
- 118 Chirp admitted that he'd not been fair, and
127 Chirp felt bad that Scat was put out there.
- 133 Chirp missed that impish little cat.
142 Now Chirp spends time with his best pal, Scat.

Decodable 51

Little Pat

- 3 Pat is little.
9 Big men cannot stop little Pat.
- 14 Little Pat can wiggle past.
21 Big purple men cannot tackle little Pat.
- 29 Little Pat can scramble over big purple men.
36 Big purple men cannot tackle little Pat.
- 40 Big purple men tumble.
44 Big purple men stumble.
- 51 Big purple men cannot tackle little Pat.
- 59 Big purple men did not stop little Pat.
64 Little Pat is a big star.

Decodable 52

Just a Nickel

- 8 It is just a nickel to have fun.
16 The children can have fun for a nickel.
- 26 It is just a nickel to go in a tunnel.
36 The children can go in a tunnel for a nickel.
- 46 It is just a nickel to hop on a camel.
56 The children can hop on a camel for a nickel.
- 66 It is just a nickel to see "Hansel and Gretel."
73 The children can see "Hansel and Gretel"
76 for a nickel.
- 86 It is just a nickel to hop on a jet.
96 The children can hop on a jet for a nickel.
- 105 It is just a nickel for a nap.
113 Dad can get a nap for a nickel.

Decodable 53

Kim's Trip

7 For the trip, Kim packed park maps,
11 snacks, and a jacket.
19 Kim tramped on grass and trudged up hills.

27 Kim picked a flat spot in Birch Park.
33 Kim fixed her bag and rested.

39 Kim heard clicks and sharp snaps.
45 Kim sat up and kept watch.

47 Her backpack!
53 It had no picnic or snack.

58 Kim tracked that dark skunk.
66 It sat and munched on her picnic lunch!

74 Kim tramped on grass and trudged up hills.
82 But that fat skunk had a picnic lunch!

Decodable 54

Hank the Crank

- 5 Hank was such a crank.
15 Hank was honking and hissing as much as he could.
20 Hank honked at Farmer Ann.
- 30 “Hank, I am going to sell you,” said Farmer Ann.
41 Hank started honking and hissing at Farmer Ann.
54 Farmer Ann put Hank in a box and put it in her bus.
- 64 On her way to Mark’s Market, she stopped
67 at a bank.
77 A robber ran out of the bank and jumped into
80 Farmer Ann’s bus!
- 89 Hank banged on his box and tipped it over.
95 Hank honked and sprung from his box.
104 Hank started banging his head on the robber’s long 105 leg.
- 117 Hank flung pebbles at the robber and ran him up a lamp.
126 Sheriff Long got the robber. Farmer Ann got Hank.
134 Sheriff Long thanked Hank, but the robber thanked
136 Farmer Ann!

Decodable 55

Quinn's Pond

- 7 Lots of animals swim in Quinn's Pond.
13 Lots of ducks quack and quack.
21 Ducks do not quit and quack until dark.
- 29 Fish squirt liquid at bugs to catch them.
38 This bug is quick, but this fish is quicker.
- 42 Kids plan a picnic.
49 Mom puts her quilt on the grass.
- 54 Kids sit by Quinn's Pond,
60 but cannot catch the quick fish.
- 67 Kids can swim in Quinn's Pond, too!

Decodable 56

The Stand

- 8 Tess has a help stand in her yard!
15 No problem is too big or small. Tess can help.
- 19 T. Rex wants snacks.
25 "You are in luck!" says Tess.
32 "Yum, this snack will fill you up."
- 38 Greg yanked his neck, and it hurts.
45 "You are in luck!" Tess tells Greg.
52 "This scarf of red yarn will help."
- 56 Carl has no pocket.
63 "You are in luck!" Tess tells Carl.
70 "This belt will fit around your middle."
76 The belt fits, and Carl giggles.
- 82 Deb can't paddle in the pond.
88 "You are in luck!" says Tess.
94 "This rubber raft is for you."
- 100 Tess has to rest and nap.
109 "No problems in my yard at all!" yawns Tess

Decodable 57

The King of Purple

- 4 King Purple liked purple.
8 His clothes were purple.
14 His purple bed had purple quilts.
19 His pets were purple, too.
- 26 King Purple liked walking in his garden.
36 He had purple yams and a purple melon in his
37 garden.
- 45 King Purple liked hunting on his purple yak.
54 He hunted purple birds, purple squirrels, and a purple bear.
65 King Purple liked sitting in his yard and eating purple plums.
- 72 King Purple liked sitting by his pond.
77 Quacking purple ducks and squirming
83 purple squid were in his pond.
- 92 All things in King Purple's Kingdom were purple.
95 Purple, purple, purple!
101 King Purple had too much purple.
- 111 "I will get some things that are black," he said.
121 King purple got a black mask and a black stamp.
131 He liked stamping his black stamp and would not quit!

Decodable 57

The Purple King

141 Then King Purple asked, "Can you tell me what
152 color this is? It is not purple. It is not black.
157 I think it is pink!"

165 King Purple got pink yarn and pink pants.
174 The sun was setting when King Purple got back.
184 "Can you tell me what color this is?" he asked.
196 "It is not purple, black, or pink. I think is red."

208 "We will go to the red hills and look for red things,"
211 said King Purple.
219 King Purple saw a red harp with strings
226 and a red bell that went "ding!"

233 Back in his kingdom King Purple asked,
240 "What color do you like the best?"
247 His friends said, "We like all colors!
252 All colors are the best!"

Decodable 58

Mason's Big Hat

- 3 Mason is big.
10 The label in the hat says BIG.
- 17 Mason can get it on his head.
27 But Mason is not able to get the hat off.
- 35 Mason hits the cable and then the ladle.
39 Mason spills the punch.
- 47 Mason trips on Mabel and hits the table.
51 Mason dumps the lunch.
- 55 Mason rips the label.
59 Mabel gets a hat.

Decodable 59

Gull and Crane

- 5 Gull and Crane are pals.
12 Gull and Crane waded in Lake Cape.
- 20 Gull and Crane fished together in Lake Cape.
- 27 Snake had a nest across Lake Cape.
34 He was mad at Crane and Gull.
38 They ate Snake's fish!
- 43 Snake swam across Lake Cape.
51 Gull saw Snake, and she yelled to Crane.
60 "Snake is in Lake Cape! Snake in Lake Cape!"
- 66 Snake swam back across Lake Cape.

Decodable 60

Lance's Dragon

- 5 "Wake up!" yelled Lance's mom.
14 "Cedric the Dragon has taken my bracelet and scarf!"
- 17 Lance was brave.
24 "Cedric is a bad dragon," he said.
29 Lance raced out after Cedric.
- 34 Lance walked into a cave.
39 He saw Cedric and saw
44 hot flames by Cedric's face.
52 "I do not like this place," said Lance.
- 56 But Lance was brave.
61 He grabbed the lace scarf,
66 and flames licked his face.
- 70 Then Cedric felt bad.
76 "I will give back the scarf
81 and the bracelet," Cedric said.
- 87 Cedric helped Lance and his mom
92 bake apple tarts and bread.
100 Cedric ate a tart and stopped being bad.

Decodable 61

A Stencil and a Pencil

- 4 This is a stencil.
- 12 Tom can use a pencil with the stencil.
16 Tom can make shapes.
- 24 Tom can use a pencil with the stencil.
29 Tom can make a circle.
- 37 Tom can use a stencil to make letters.
45 Tom can use a stencil to print CIRCUS.
- 50 Cinnamon can use the stencil.
59 Cinnamon did not use a pencil with the stencil.

Decodable 62

The Pilot

- 7 I put ten cents in the slots.
11 I am the pilot.
17 At first, the trip is quiet.
21 The pilot has fun.
- 28 But then the trip has little bumps.
32 It has bigger bumps.
36 It has giant bumps.
42 Still the pilot does not mind.
- 47 The pilot makes little turns.
52 The pilot makes bigger turns.
57 The pilots makes giant turns.
60 The plane climbs.
- 66 The plane chugs. The plane grinds.
71 But then the plane stops.
75 The plane is silent.
80 What can the pilot do?
- 90 The pilot can ask Mom for an extra ten cents.
92 "Please, Mom?"

Decodable 63

Spice Cake

- 3 What is this?
5 Spice cake?
13 I can make a nice spice cake, too.
- 25 I'll add a shake of this, and a little pinch of that.
- 33 Next I'll add a plate of diced nuts
37 and nine chopped dates.
- 50 Then I'll mix in a slice or two of a nice ripe apple.
- 53 Stir a while.
57 And then bake it...
- 63 and cut a slice for me!

Decodable 64

Bo and Mo

- 5 Bo has a yo-yo.
10 Mo likes the yo-yo.
19 Bo makes the yo-yo go up and down.
24 Mo jumps up and down.
- 26 Bo stops.
30 Bo wants a snack.
32 Mo stops.
36 Mo wants a snack.
- 37 Look!
43 Bo has no snack for Mo.
44 So....
51 Bo will go to the pet shop.
57 Bo will get Mo a snack.
- 63 Mo wants to go with Bo.
67 Mo barks and begs.
75 Will Bo take Mo to the pet shop?
79 Bo tells Mo no.
- 82 Bo has left.
87 Mo takes Bo's yo-yo.
95 What will Mo do with Bo's yo-yo?
103 Mo drops Bo's yo-yo into his dish.
- 106 Bo is back!
110 Mo barks and begs.
121 Bo gets his yo-yo so Mo can have a snack.
126 Mo is so much fun.

Decodable 65

The Cold Troll

- 6 Jake Troll's old home felt cold.
16 It was so cold that ice formed on his nose.
24 It was so cold that his stove froze.
- 33 Jake troll poked his broken stove with a stick.
40 "This is no joke," Jake Troll said.
50 "This cold is too much. I have one last hope.
58 I will go drop a note for Mole."
- 64 Mole had a nice snug hole.
70 Cold Jake Troll left a note.
77 He slipped the note into Mole's hole.
- 79 "Hello, Mole.
84 Help! I am so cold!
93 My stove has frozen. Ice is on my nose!"
- 98 Mole read Jake Troll's note.
104 "Do not mope, Troll," Mole scolded.
108 "Take home this robe."
- 117 Jake Troll went home and put on his robe.
127 For once Jake Troll had no ice on his nose.
134 "I am not cold," yelled Jake Troll.
137 "Thank you, Mole!"

Decodable 66

Rose Takes a Hike

6 Mike and Jane like riding bikes
10 and hiking for exercise.
18 Jane has a dog. Her name is Rose.
26 Rose likes hiking with them in the park.

35 Jane and Mike hold a rope and climb rocks.
38 Rose slides off.
43 Racing bikes makes them tired.
50 Mike and Jane doze in the shade.

56 Rose rolls in a nice place.
64 She is poking her nose in a hole.
70 A spider runs from the hole.
75 Rose goes after the spider.

81 Rose hikes past some wild mice.
87 Rose is tasting a pine cone.
95 Don't go in the cold lake, Rose! Splash!

98 Rose hikes more.
105 Rose is lost, and she whines.

111 Later, Mike and Jane wake up.
117 Jane tells Mike, "Rose is missing!
125 I hope I am able to find her."

Decodable 66

Rose Takes a Hike

- 130 "I will help," says Mike.
137 Mike and Jane ride for a while.
- 145 At the lake, Mike finds wet dog prints.
153 Jane finds Rose under a pile of crates!
- 161 "Rose is safe!" yell Jane. "Let's go home."
- 166 Jane makes space for Rose.
177 Rose thinks a ride is nice after such a long hike.

Decodable 67

At the Vet

- 5 Val has two pet cats.
10 Velvet is a black cat.
15 Vic is a gold cat.
- 21 Velvet and Vic are sick today.
29 Val must take her cats to a vet.
33 Val tells her cats,
40 "I will put on a red vest.
47 Then we will go in the van."
- 52 They ride in Val's van.
56 Velvet likes the vet.
62 Vic does not like the vet.
70 He hides in the back of Val's van.
- 77 Dr. Kim looks at Velvet and Vic.
85 She states, "The cats ate a bad vine.
89 It made them sick."
96 She gives them some big white pills.
- 103 Val thanks Dr. Kim and says,
108 "I am glad I came.
114 Velvet and Vic will get well."
- 122 Val, Velvet, and Vic get in Val's van.
130 The vet helped Velvet and Vic get better.
138 Val can have fun with her cats again!

Decodable 68

Music

- 3 Don likes music.
8 Don's mom also likes music.
- 15 Mom says humans can make nice music.
22 Mom drops Don off for music class.
- 26 Don plays the bugle.
32 Don makes music with his bugle.
- 39 Don is a pupil in music class.
43 Don likes music class.
- 51 Mr. Cupid is starting a new music unit.
58 It is a unit of new music.
- 65 Don is a human who makes music.
71 He makes music with his bugle.

Decodable 69

Muse the Mule

- 5 Muse is a cute mule.
15 Muse lives in a forest close to the Maze River.
- 23 Muse likes the forest and the Maze River.
29 But Muse likes music the most.
- 33 Alfonso is a trader.
42 He cuts branches and trades them at the river.
47 After Alfonso cuts big branches,
53 he puts them on Muse's back.
- 61 Muse does not like branches on his back.
68 Muse stands still and does not budge.
- 75 At last Alfonso plays music for Muse.
79 Alfonso plays nice music.
- 88 Muse does not like big branches on his back.
93 But Muse likes Alfonso's music!

Decodable 70

Gem gets a Bath

- 5 Gerald has a large German
8 shepherd named Gem.
13 Gem is nice and gentle.
19 Gem likes to run and play.
- 26 Gerald tells Gem to run and play.
30 Gem runs and plays.
35 Gem also sniffs and digs.
- 41 Look! Gem has made a mess.
- 48 Gerald sees the mess Gem has made.
54 Gerald must pick up the mess.
- 59 Gerald thinks he is finished,
65 but Gem is still a mess!
71 What will Gerald do with Gem?
77 Gerald will give Gem a bath.
- 86 Gerald rubs bath gel on Gem with a rag.
93 Gem is glad to have a bath.
99 What would Gem do without Gerald?

Decodable 71

Magic Pages

- 5 When I read magic pages,
10 I can take a trip.
- 16 I can travel to distant places
20 and hunt for gems.
- 25 I can swim with sharks.
32 I can ride on the back of
35 a charging whale.
- 41 I can hunt for giant shells
46 that whisper in my ear.
- 51 I can watch camels run
57 and giraffes stand in the sun.
- 61 When the pages end,
66 my magic trip is done.
73 I am back home in my bed!

Decodable 72

A Gift for Me

- 5 The cat can be cute.
9 We like the cat.
- 16 Mom and dad gave me the cat.
21 It was a recent gift.
- 25 The cat is female.
29 She is named Sheba.
- 34 I tell Sheba my secrets.
37 Sheba kisses me.
- 40 Dad likes cats.
43 He pets Sheba.
- 47 Even mom likes Sheba.
53 We all like Sheba a lot.

Decodable 73

Pete and Steve Compete

- 4 Pete and Steve compete.
8 Steve competes with Pete.
12 Pete competes with Steve.
- 17 Here is where they compete.
22 They compete in the evening.
- 25 Pete runs fast.
28 Steve runs fast.
- 31 Pete is winning.
34 Steve is winning.
38 Pete, Steve. Steve, Pete.
- 42 The race is complete.
46 Who is the winner?
49 Is it Steve?
52 Is it Pete?
- 57 Pete and Steve are even.
61 The race is complete.
65 The race was even.

Decodable 74

Steve Sells Vans

- 6 I am Steve. I sell vans.
13 This is Pete. Pete is a vet.
18 He likes the huge van.
- 24 Pete can use the huge van
29 to carry a giant panda.
- 35 Pete can use the huge van
39 to carry cute pups.
45 Pete the vet likes the van.
- 52 This is Val. Val is a ranger.
57 She likes the tan van.
- 64 Ranger Val can use the tan van
68 to drive over huge rocks.
- 75 Ranger Val can use the tan van
80 to drive to Gem Cave
- 87 This is Zeke. Zeke sells ginger ale.
91 He likes this van.
96 Zeke can drive the van
100 and sell ginger ale.
106 The van can make ice cubes.

Decodable 74

Steve Sells Vans

- 111 Zeke drives to Gem Cave.
116 Zeke waves to Ranger Val.
- 122 This is Eve. Eve likes music.
126 She likes this van.
- 135 Eve can put pages of music in the van.
143 Eve can put five children in the van.
- 151 Eve and the five children like the van.
158 Pete, Zeke, and Val like the music.
- 164 I am Steve. I sell vans.
170 Can I sell you a van?

Decodable 75

The Bee and the Deer

- 6 The queen bee buzzed with glee.
13 The queen bee buzzed down the street.
- 20 The little deer left the green trees.
27 The little deer walked down the street.
- 34 The queen bee peered down the street.
43 Was that a deer she was about to meet?
- 49 The little deer stopped his feet.
55 Did he just see a bee?
62 The little deer felt timid and meek.
- 68 The deer did see a bee.
74 The deer peered at the bee.
80 The bee peered at the deer.
- 83 The bee sneezed!
89 The little deer turned to flee
97 from the bee back to the green trees.
105 The queen bee buzzed back down the street.

Decodable 76

Dragons Don't Get Cold

- 5 Dean the dragon felt terrible.
10 "I feel weak," grumbled Dean.
17 "My nose hurts, and I can't breathe.
23 I can't speak. I just creak!"
- 28 Dean's dad felt his face.
34 "Your face feels hot," he said.
42 "You must have a fever and a cold."
- 48 "Dragons don't get colds," creaked Dean.
52 "Dragons breathe hot flames."
- 58 "Can you breathe flames?" asked Dad
61 "No," creaked Dean.
67 Dad made a pot of tea.
76 "This tea's heat will help you breathe," he said.
- 82 "Dragons don't like tea," creaked Dean.
89 "Sip it," said Dad. "We will see."
93 Steam tickled Dean's nose.
97 "Dragons don't...AH!...get...
100 AH!...colds!...ACHOOOO!"
- 106 "Oh! I can breathe!" said Dean.
110 "My cold is gone!"
118 "I am glad," Dad said with a smile,
123 "since dragons don't get colds."

Decodable 77

The City Bus

- 2 Hurry, hurry!
- 6 Catch a city bus.
- 17 A red city bus takes happy fans to a game.
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- 27 A green city bus takes a puppy to the vet.
- 38 A purple city bus takes this funny man to his job.
- 47 This city bus takes twenty children to a park.
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- 49 Hurry, hurry!
- 53 Catch a city bus.
- 58 Where will it take you?

Decodable 78

Nellie and Charlie

- 7 Nellie and Charlie like to have parties.
11 They invite Nellie's babies.
15 They invite Nellie's teddies.
20 They invite Charlie's puppies, too.
- 28 Nellie sets up a table in her yard.
36 Charlie puts napkins and plates on the table.
39 Charlie's puppies help.
- 43 Nellie makes party hats.
49 Charlie tapes ribbons onto each hat.
52 Charlie's puppies help.
- 59 Nellie has red berries from her garden.
67 Charlie puts a big berry on every plate.
70 Charlie's puppies help.
- 77 Nellie gets out candy and ice cream.
86 Charlie begins to put ice cream on each plate.
90 "No more help, please!"
94 Nellie tells Charlie's puppies.
- 98 The party is over.
104 Nellie's babies and teddies are muddy.
114 The candy is dirty, and the party hats are torn.
121 Happy puppies lap up melted ice cream.
129 "Thank for the help," Charlie tells his puppies.

Decodable 79

Craig Sails

- 2 "Gail! Gail!"
8 Today I am going to sail!"
- 16 "Hi Craig. It looks like it will rain.
22 We should wait and sail later."
- 28 "Oh, I'm not afraid of rain.
35 We can sail in a little rain!"
- 45 "We can sail, but we must be safe," explained Gail.
52 "Wait here, Craig. I'll check the main."
- 56 "A main?" asked Craig.
64 "Each sail has a name," Gail told Craig.
71 "This little one is called a jib."
- 81 "A main? A jib? I just want to sail, Gail."
- 87 "Yes," said Gail. "But for sailing,
94 you should keep out of the water!
99 Here comes the rain, Craig.
108 Grab a pail! It's time for us to bail!"

Decodable 80

No Way

- 7 "I am in this play," said Ray.
11 "I am a tree."
- 20 "What do you say in the play?" asked Kay.
- 28 "I do not say a thing," said Ray.
36 "A tree may not speak in this play."
- 44 "Maybe you can play a trick," said Kay.
50 "Maybe you can say, Bark, bark!"
- 60 "A tree may not speak in this play," said Ray.
67 "But a tree has bark," said Kay.
- 71 "No way!" said Ray.
79 "A tree may not speak in this play."

Decodable 81

The Opossum at Night

7 The opossum does not like the light.
16 It is too bright. She sees better at night.

22 When it is night, she wakes.
30 She hunts for insects to feed her babies.

35 A dog frightens the opossum.
38 The opossum freezes.
44 She stays still and plays dead.
47 She “plays opossum.”

55 Night is over. It begins to get light.

61 The opossum returns to her tree.
65 Her babies are waiting.

74 “It is time for sleep,” she tells her babies.
79 “We might play again tonight.”

Decodable 82

The King Who Was Late

2 The Message

6 King Ray was late.
12 “My dear wife might be angry
19 if I make her wait,” he said.
28 “I must tell her that I will be late.”

34 So King Ray told his page:
39 “Please tell dear Queen Fay
47 that I may be late for dinner tonight.”

52 His page told Sir Dwight:
57 “Please tell dear Queen Fay
63 that King Ray may put on
69 a bright leaf for dinner tonight.”

74 Sir Dwight told Lord Jay:
80 “Please tell dear Queen Fay that
87 King Ray may sail a fancy kite
91 before dinner tonight.”

96 Lord Jay told the mayor:
101 ”Please tell dear Queen Fay
107 that King Ray may eat berries
112 on ice for dinner tonight.”

117 The mayor told Lady Grieves:
122 “Please tell dear Queen Fay
128 that King Ray may heat some
134 really nice rice for dinner tonight.”

Decodable 82

The King Who Was Late

136 The Answer

141 Lady Grieves told the maid:

148 “Please tell dear Queen Fay that King Ray
156 may invite five greedy mice to dinner tonight.”

161 The maid told Prince Henry:

170 “Please tell dear Queen Fay that King Ray might
178 fight thieves in the field before dinner tonight.”

183 Prince Henry told Princess Paige:

192 “Please tell dear Queen Fay that King Ray may
202 add the right spice and make a fine dinner tonight.”

208 Princess Paige told dear Queen Fay:

217 “Dear Queen Fay, King Ray may be late to
226 dinner tonight. He does not want you to wait.”

229 Queen Fay answered:

235 “Dear King Ray is always late.
243 I will save him a piece of dinner.”

Decodable 83

Why, Bly?

- 9 Bly is an ostrich. She has a small head.
18 She likes to stick her head in dry sand.
27 Most animals feel that Bly is an odd bird.
- 34 “Bly, why do you stick your head
39 in dry sand?” asks Snake.
48 “Why not rest in the hot sun like me?”
- 60 “I do not like to rest in the hot sun,” Bly says.
68 “I like myself just the way I am.”
- 75 “Bly, why do you stick your head
80 in dry sand?” asks Chimp.
87 “Why not climb a tree like me?”
- 96 “I do not want to climb trees,” Bly says.
105 “I like myself just the way I am.”
- 112 “Bly, why do you stick your head
117 in dry sand?” asks Eagle.
125 “Why not fly in the sky like me?”
- 134 “I can’t fly. I am too big,” says Bly.
141 “I like myself just the way I am.”
- 148 “Bly, why do you stick your head
157 in dry sand?” asks a child. “Are you shy?”
- 163 “I am not shy,” Bly says.
172 “It is hot and dry out there,” Bly says.
182 “I feel better with my head stuck in the sand.
190 I will stay just the way I am.”

Decodable 84

Dean's Pies

- 5 On Thursday, there will be
9 a pie-eating contest.
15 Dean likes pies, lots of pies.
21 Dean is ready for this contest.
- 25 Dean lies in bed.
29 He dreams of pies.
36 He dreams of apple pies, peach pies,
39 and cherry pies.
- 44 Dean still lies in bed.
51 He dreams of cream pies, custard pies,
54 and lemon pies.
61 He dreams of pickle pies, carrot pies,
64 and bean pies.
- 69 Dean still lies in bed.
76 He dreams of red pies, green pies,
79 and pink pies.
87 He dreams of dirt pies and grass pies
90 and fried pies.
- 95 On Thursday, Dean wakes up.
100 He is sick of pie.
103 Dean dislikes pies.
- 113 At the contest Dean tries, but he still dislikes pies.
119 Dean will not win the contest.
126 Dean will not even tie the winner.
129 Dean dislikes pie.

Decodable 85

The Farmer and the Doe

5 Farmer Joe checks his crops.
8 They are ripe!
14 It is time to pick tomatoes!
19 Farmer Joe gets his hoe.

25 A doe gets his tomatoes first.
31 The doe like Farmer Joe's tomatoes.
39 But Framer Joe does not like this doe.
47 This doe is his foe, not his friend.

54 The doe spots Farmer Joe. Oh, no!
60 She runs away with some tomatoes!
65 Farmer Joe runs after her.
69 He waves his hoe.

73 He stubs his toe!
80 That doe brings woe to Farmer Joe.
84 There goes that doe!
95 Farmer Joe did not want that doe to eat his tomatoes!

98 Farmer Joe stops.
109 He does not see a doe, but he sees his tomatoes.
113 Where is that doe?

119 This doe is not a foe!
124 Farmer Joe drops his hoe.
131 He cannot be mad at this doe.
140 He and the doe can both have tomatoes now.

Decodable 86

Load the Boat

- 5 We will load the boat.
- 12 We will load soap on the boat.
16 The boat will float.
- 23 We will load coats on the boat.
27 The boat will float.
- 34 We will load coal on the boat.
39 The boat will still float.
- 47 We will load the oats on the boat.
51 Will the boat float?
- 56 The boat will not float!
61 The load is too big.

Decodable 87

It Will Not Snow

- 3 We like summer.
10 In summer, green parks grow, grow, grow.
16 Pretty gardens put on a show.
- 22 In summer, it will not snow.
- 29 In summer, little creeks flow, flow, flow.
34 Happy children row, row, row.
- 40 In summer, it will not snow.
- 47 In summer, easy breezes blow, blow, blow.
52 Shiny stars glow, glow, glow.
- 60 In summer, it will not snow, snow, snow.
63 We like summer.

Decodable 88

Mew, Mew

- 6 My kitten is named Mew Mew.
- 14 Few kittens are as smart as Mew Mew.
- 19 Say your name, Mew Mew.
- 21 “Mew, mew.”
- 30 See? Few kittens are as smart as Mew Mew.
- 32 “Few, few.”

Decodable 89

Who Will Rescue the Cat?

- 5 Who will rescue the cat?
- 10 I will rescue the cat.
- 16 No, I will rescue the cat.
- 19 Let's not argue.
- 24 We all value the cat.
- 29 You can rescue the cat.
- 33 Yes, let's not argue.
- 38 We all value the cat.
- 43 You can rescue the cat.
- 46 Do not argue.
- 51 We all value the cat.
- 56 She will rescue the cat.

Decodable 90

I Will Be a Firefighter

5 My dad is a firefighter.
15 He goes all over the city and puts out fires.
22 Come with me while I visit him.

29 Here are the rows of beds where
35 the firefighters lie down and sleep.

41 Dad and the firefighters eat here.
47 I sit with them and eat
51 barbecued chicken and pie.

57 The firefighters keep the trucks clean.
63 The hoses are dried and stowed.
68 One firefighter feeds stray cats.
76 The cats mew and rub against his legs.

81 Dad shows me his coat.
87 The stripes on his coat glow.
96 The stripes show up in the smoke and dark.

103 Dad lets me try on his helmet.
110 He says I will grow into it.

118 We take the truck out for a ride.
125 It goes up and down the roads.
130 We fuel up the truck.

136 Dad came to visit my class.
140 Some children were shy.

Decodable 90

I Will Be a Firefighter

144 Dad made them smile.
151 Then we made maps of our homes.
157 The maps showed doors and windows.

163 Dad showed us how to tie
169 sheets together and make a rope.
178 It is good to have few a different ways
184 to get out of your home.

190 Dad has us get down low.
198 That is how to get away from smoke.

207 After that, dad let us try out the truck.
215 A few different firefighters ride in each truck.
223 Each truck is loaded with hoses and ladders.

227 Then the dispatcher called.
233 That was Dad's cue to go.
238 He and the other firefighters
243 had to go rescue someone.

247 When I grow up,
255 I will be a firefighter like my dad.

Decodable 91

Leo the Lion

- 7 When Leo is in a goofy mood,
13 he pretends he is a lion.
- 18 He zooms around the room.
24 He hunts a loop of string.
- 29 He snoops in Mom's thread.
34 He scoots across her bed.
- 39 He shoots through Dad's tools.
44 They fall and go BOOM!
- 49 Leo the lion gets tired.
54 His eyelids start to droop.
59 His goofy mood is gone.
- 63 Mom is not fooled.
69 She sees her spool of thread
75 and the tools that went BOOM!!
82 "Leo was a lion today," she says.
88 Then she cleans up the room.

Decodable 92

Sue's Clues

- 3 Here is Sue.
8 Sue is making a gift.
- 12 “Hi, Dad,” said Sue.
20 “I made a gift for you and Mom.”
- 26 “I see a clue,” said Dad.
31 “You made it with glue.”
- 36 “It is true,” said Sue.
41 “I made it with glue.”
- 46 “I see a clue,” said Dad.
50 “You painted it blue.”
- 55 “It is true,” said Sue.
58 “I painted it blue.
64 It is for you and Mom.”

Decodable 93

Flute Music

- 11 On a quiet night, June plays a tune on her flute.
22 The tune rises like a plume of smoke from a fire.
- 29 The tune floats past the spruce forest.
38 The tune goes over sand dunes at the sea.
- 47 The music from the flute wakes up the duke.
54 The duke rules in the spruce forest.
60 He thinks, "How can I sleep
64 with this flute music.
68 This tune must stop."
- 75 The duke walks in the spruce forest.
81 The tune gets closer and closer.
88 He thinks, "This tune is not bad.
95 This tune is not bad at all."
- 100 Then the duke sees June.
105 She stops playing the flute.
111 The duke states, "Who are you?
116 Your tune woke me up."
121 June says, "I am June,
128 I did not mean to be rude.
137 May I play a tune to help you sleep?"
- 141 "Yes," says the duke.
146 "Play that nice tune for me."
151 The duke smiles at June
159 then goes home and sleeps to flute music.

Decodable 94

The TV Crew

- 7 On this TV show, the wind blew.
- 13 The TV crew used big fans.
18 The fans big and new.
25 The fans are why the wind blew.
- 32 On this TV show, the plane flew.
- 42 The TV crew drew clouds and used thin wires.
48 That is why the plane flew.
- 56 On this TV show, the man's arm grew.
- 62 The TV crew used a pump.
69 That is why the man's arm grew.

Decodable 95

Ruby Tell, the Truth

3 I am Ruby.
10 On Sunday, I had a tuna sandwich.
16 That tuna sandwich was super duper.

24 The next day, I had a tuna sandwich.
29 That tuna sandwich was super.

37 The next day, I had a tuna sandwich.
42 That tuna sandwich was fine.

50 The next day, I had a tuna sandwich.
56 That tuna sandwich was all right.

59 It is Thursday.
64 I have a tuna sandwich.
71 I am truly sick of tuna sandwiches.

74 I am Ruby.
78 I tell the truth.

Decodable 96

Who Took My Book?

- 5 Bunny got home from school.
10 He shook out his backpack.
17 “Where is my joke book?” he asked.
- 26 “Oh, no! Where is your joke book?” asked Mom.
33 “I will help you look for it.”
- 39 Mom and Bunny took a walk.
45 They hoped to find Bunny’s book.
53 Mom and Bunny looked by the babbling brook.
55 No book!
- 65 “I heard a laugh. Should we look here?” Mom asked.
73 Mom and Bunny looked behind a wood pile.
- 83 “This book makes me laugh. It is funny!” said Bird.
93 “This joke book was on the path home from school.
99 But I will give it back.”
- 107 Bunny took his joke book and told Bird,
114 “Thank you for returning my joke book.
119 I will read it today.”
126 “You are a good friend,” Bunny added.

Decodable 97

A Clown Comes to Town

6 The Browns stayed inside that day.
11 It was supposed to rain.
18 Rain showers would be good for flowers
23 but not for the Browns.

32 “What are you looking at now?” Howie asked his
33 dad.

42 “A lady in a gown has a gold crown
47 on her head,” said Dad.
53 “Now she is taking a bow.”

63 “Did you know the circus is in town?” asked Howie.
71 “The circus is in town! At the circus
77 there are clowns!” said Howie’s dad.

83 The Browns ran down the stairs
89 and rode the bus into town.
94 Everyone in town was there.

continued:

Decodable 97

A Clown Comes to Town

99 It was hot and crowded,
106 but that did not bother the Browns.
111 The circus was in town!

117 Chowder the clown did magic tricks.
127 He made a cat bark and made a dog meow.
134 He changed a fish into an owl.

142 Chowder tossed flowers to the crowd then said,
147 “The show is over now!”
153 On the way home Howie said,

159 “Wow, today was a super day.
165 Chowder the Clown came to town
169 instead of rain showers.”

Decodable 98

Max the Grouch

6 Pat loved her hound named Max.
11 But Max was a grouch.

19 “Maybe Max needs a new doghouse,” said Mom.
25 But Max was still a grouch.

35 “Does he want a pound of dog bones?” asked Dad.
43 Dad put a large bone on the ground.

50 Max put a bone in his mouth.
60 Then he spit it out and made a loud sound!
65 Dog bones did not help.
70 Max was still a grouch.

77 “How about a long walk?” asked Pat.
84 She and Max walked for an hour.
90 Now Max was a tired grouch.

95 Pat went to feed Max.
99 “Look, Mom!” Pat whispered.
103 “Max found a friend!”
110 Max and the mouse were very happy.

Decodable 99

Our Town Garden

Planting Time

- 8 Our town has a garden that we share.
15 Our garden is in the town's park.
- 21 We plow and rake the ground.
28 We take out large sticks and stones.
33 Then we plan the garden.
- 37 In spring, flowers bloom.
42 Around these flowers we plant
47 seed that will grow food.
52 We plant seeds for tomatoes,
56 beans, cucumbers, and peas.
- 61 If we could look underground,
67 we could see how seeds sprout.
73 Sprouts drink water from the ground.
- 80 Worms and ants dig holes that make
86 the ground better for the plants.
93 These holes let air into the ground.
- 98 Sunflowers are gold and brown.
105 Sunflowers tower over the fence in summer.
112 Butterflies and bees swoop around the garden.

Decodable 99

Our Town Garden

The Harvest

3 Everyone visits the
7 town square in summer.
11 Children play all around.
16 We work in the garden.
21 But no dogs are allowed!

24 Sometimes in June,
28 the clouds get dark.
32 We hear loud thunder.
38 Then the garden gets a shower!

45 We take good care of the ground
48 around the plants.
53 We take out the weeds.
57 Plants are stronger when
63 they are not crowded by weeds.

68 At the end of summer,
72 we harvest the food
77 that we planted and grew.

82 Our crew works for hours!
86 Then we are surrounded
90 by pounds and pounds
94 of super cucumbers, beans,
97 peas, and tomatoes.

Decodable 99

Our Town Garden

The Harvest

- 105 We have a picnic at the town park.
110 We play tag and shout.
117 We play until the sun goes down.
- 123 When fall comes, the leaves fall.
130 The vegetables we took from the garden
136 have all been cooked and eaten.
- 143 It's time to take the old plants
147 out of the ground.
154 Then we hang bird feeders on hooks.
- 160 In winter the garden is frozen.
166 Flowers are waiting under the ground.
170 Next spring, the garden
176 will bloom and be new again.

Decodable 100

Paul and the Crab

- 6 Paul hauled in fish after fish,
13 but he never hauled in a crab.
24 "I am going to haul in a crab today," said Paul.
34 Soon something in his net caused it to become taut.
40 Paul hauled it up on deck.
- 43 "Silly squid!" said Paul.
55 "I do not haul in crab today, it will be your fault!"
63 Then once again something in Paul's net caused
73 it to become taut. Paul hauled it up on deck.
77 "Silly sharks!" said Paul.
86 "If I do not haul in a crab today,
91 it will be your fault!"
- 99 "I will haul in a crab if it's
106 the last thing I do," said Paul.
116 Rain could not stop him. Cold could not stop him.
122 Then finally something in Paul's net
127 caused it to become taut.
137 Paul pulled and pulled but could not haul it in.
- 144 The Paul hauled in a giant crab!
152 "My friends Squid and Shark said you were
159 looking for me," said the giant crab.
162 "No," said Paul.
172 "I did not mean to haul you in at all."

Decodable 101

Gramps Likes to Draw

- 4 Gramps likes to draw.
8 Dennis likes to paint.
14 Gramps draws hawks in the sky.
- 19 Dennis paints the hawks brown.
25 Gramps draws a home and lawn.
- 30 Dennis paints the lawn green.
36 Gramps draws the sun at dawn.
- 41 Dennis paints the dawn red.
47 Gramps draws a pumpkin and straw.
- 52 Dennis paints the straw yellow.
58 Gramps draws Mom in a shawl.
- 63 Dennis paints the shawl blue.
68 Mom likes what Gramps draws.
73 Mom likes what Dennis paints.

Decodable 102

The Knight Who Did Not Know

11 Long ago, King Knox had a knight that lived with him.
20 King Knox asked his knight to do many things.
28 “Can you tie this knot?” asked King Knox.
35 “I don’t know how,” replied his knight.

43 “Can you sharpen this knife?” asked King Knox.
50 “I don’t know how,” replied his knight,
60 “but this knife would be good to butter my roll.”

70 “Can you knit some socks for me?” asked King Knox.
78 “No, I don’t know how,” replied his knight,
87 “but this wool would make a nice, soft bed.”

92 King Knox was getting mad.
98 He knocked on the knight’s door.
105 “When I asked you to do something,
115 you say you don’t know how. What do you know?”

122 His knight got down on his knee.
132 “I know one thing,” he replied.
141 “I don’t want to be a knight any more!”

147 King Knox’s knight packed a knapsack.
154 He left and lived on a farm.
161 He was happy from that day on.

Decodable 103

The Choice

- 4 You have a choice.
9 Which box will you pick?
17 The box with the coils of silver ribbon?
21 The box in foil?
- 24 Do not point.
27 Use your voice.
- 35 The box with the coil of silver ribbon?
39 Is that your choice?
42 Don't be disappointed.
- 44 Nice choice!
51 You get a box of silver coins!
52 Rejoice!
58 Let's all join in and rejoice.
- 67 The foil box has a moist cake in it.
71 The cake has spoiled.
76 You made the right choice.

Decodable 104

Roy and Big Boy

10 Roy was a pig who lived on a big farm.
20 He enjoyed eating and rolling in mud all day long.
31 But Big Boy the cat loved to annoy Roy by howling.

37 “Just ignore him,” Cow told Roy.
40 “He annoys everyone.”
49 “We should teach Big Boy a lesson,” said Dog.

56 “You are my loyal friends,” said Roy.
63 “You can help me with my plan.”

71 Next morning, Rooster woke all the farm animals.
76 Big Boy was still sleeping.
82 All of the animals started howling.
86 Big Boy was annoyed.

92 “Stop the noise!” yelled Big Boy.
96 “I want to sleep!”
101 Big Boy learned his lesson.
107 He never howled at Roy again.

Decodable 105

Little Wren's Surprise

- 11 A wren family lived in a nest in an oak tree.
21 One day they found a strange thing on the ground.
- 27 "What could it be?" asked Dad.
37 He tried wriggling under it, but it was too big.
- 44 "Can you write with it?" asked Mom.
51 Tom rubbed the side with a leaf.
57 But it didn't make a mark.
- 64 "Will it hurt us?" asked Little Wren.
68 "Let's wrap it up."
79 But the paper had a big wrinkle. It did not fit.
- 88 Little Wren saw a girl come into the yard.
95 "Here's that missing wrench, Ben," she yelled.
101 "Now we can fix my bike."
- 107 "We were wrong," said Little Wren.
114 "It is a tool to fix things."
123 "You are a smart bird," Dad told Little Wren.

Decodable 106

Bookworm

- 4 Trevor likes to read.
8 He is a bookworm.
- 14 Trevor likes to read out loud.
20 Mom asks Trevor for a favor.
- 25 “Don’t worry, Mom,” says Trevor.
31 “I will do you the favor.
40 I will read you the word in the paper.”
- 48 Trevor is a narrator in his class play.
56 His teacher thinks Trevor could be an actor.
- 62 Trevor wants to be an artist.
66 He likes to color.
- 72 Trevor will always be a bookworm.

Decodable 107

Oscar the Bear

- 3 This is Oscar.
8 Oscar is a polar bear.
- 15 Oscar is not a normal polar bear.
19 He has a collar.
- 25 He stays in a nice cellar.
29 Oscar likes cheddar cheese.
- 34 Oscar looks at the calendar.
39 Monday is a work day.
- 45 Oscar takes the bus to work.
53 It costs a dollar to ride the bus.
- 57 He is a dentist.
62 Oscar the dentist cleans molars.

Decodable 108

A Photo for Fred

- 8 Phil got a puppy and named him Ralph.
17 Phil wanted to show Ralph to his friend Fred.
26 Phil wanted to send Fred a photo of Ralph.
- 33 Phil took Ralph to a photo shop.
39 But Ralph would not sit still.
47 He barked and wagged and zigged and zagged.
- 52 Ralph's photo was a blur.
55 "Ralph!" muttered Phil.
63 "This is a bad photo of Ralph. Ralph
68 looks like a funny pheasant!"
- 76 "I will take his photo myself!" said Phil.
82 But Ralph would not sit still.
90 He barked and wagged and zigged and zagged.
- 93 "Ralph!" grumbled Phil.
103 "No photo for Fred Ralph will not sit still!
113 A photo is not the best way to see him!"
- 116 Phil phoned Fred.
123 "Please come to my place!" he said.
132 "I have a surprise for you! And it barks!"

Decodable 109

The Secret Sauce

- 6 In the morning, Grandma's phone rang.
12 Grandma yawned and answered the phone.
- 19 The voice on the phone was Joy's.
22 "Grandma," said Joy.
29 "Can I come over today?" Grandma smiled.
36 She always enjoyed spending time with Joy.
- 42 "Your voice sounds excited today, Joy,"
44 Grandma said.
52 "You can join me in the kitchen today.
60 We will cook instead of play with toys."
- 64 Joy woke up Mom.
73 "Mom, can you take me to see Grandma today?
82 Grandma asked me to join her in the kitchen."
- 87 Mom smiled. She always enjoyed
93 taking Joy to see her grandma.
98 Mom pointed at the clock.
106 "I will take you to see Grandma later."
- 111 Grandma had plans for Joy.
120 She took some chicken from her freezer to thaw.
127 She knew how to make it thaw
131 without letting it spoil.
- 138 Grandma saw Joy running across her lawn.
145 It seemed to Grandma that just yesterday
148 Joy was crawling.

Decodable 109

The Secret Sauce

- 152 Grandma had a shawl.
158 Her eyes wrinkled when she smiled.
165 “You are a big girl now, Joy.
176 I will show you how to make a secret sauce today.”
- 185 Grandma had won a trophy for her secret sauce.
191 Grandma opened her box of recipes.
196 They were in alphabetical order.
- 205 “My own mother used to keep her secret recipes
211 in a vault in the cellar.
216 The cellar smelled like cedar.
224 My secret sauce is one of her recipes.”
- 235 “Being a good cook is like being a good person, Joy.
240 You must make good choices.
248 Here is the first choice we must make.
254 How much sugar will we use?”
- 261 “A secret sauce has many secret spices.
273 I will write them all down so you will not forget them.
283 You must protect this recipe like my own mother did.”
- 290 Vapors curled up out of the pot.
298 The odor was so nice, Joy was sure
304 the flavor would be nice, too.
- 315 The secret sauce was the best sauce Joy had ever had.
325 She took the recipe home and put in her drawer.
336 Someday she would be a grandma and would pass it on.

Decodable 110

The Everybody Club

The Girls Club

- 5 Abby and Rose went over
10 to Nancy's yard to play.
- 14 "Hurry up!" called Nancy.
21 "We can play in my tree house!"
- 28 "Wow! What a neat place!" said Abby.
34 "Let's make a club!" said Rose.
42 "We can call it the Three Girls Club."
- 48 Rose got out paints and paper.
53 Abby painted THREE GIRLS CLUB
59 and three faces on the paper.
- 67 "Hi!" called Holly. "Can I climb up?"
73 Nancy said, "We have a club.
78 It's called Three Girls Club.
82 You would make four."
89 Holly looked down. She hung her head.
- 97 "Well," said Nancy, "how about just Girls Club?"
106 Abby crossed out the THREE and painted a face.
114 "Now we are the Girls Club!" shouted Rose.

Decodable 110

The Everybody Club

121 “Hi!” called David. “Can I climb up?”
130 “Well,” said Rose, “this is a club for girls,
135 and you aren’t a girl.”
141 David frowned. He kicked the dirt.
150 “Well,” said Nancy, “how about the First Grade Club?”
158 Abby crossed out GIRLS and painted FIRST GRADE.
164 The she painted a fifth face.
173 “Now we are the First Grade Club!” said Rose.

182 “Hi!” called Nancy’s big brother. “Can I climb up?”
191 “Well,” said Nancy, “this is the First Grade Club,
197 and you aren’t in first grade.”
199 Tom scowled.

208 “Well,” said Holly, “how about the All Grades Club?”
217 Abby crossed out FIRST, added an S, and painted ALL.
222 She painted a sixth face.
231 “Now we are the All Grades Club!” chuckled Rose.

240 “Hi!” called Abby’s little sister. “Can I climb up?”
247 “Well,” said Abby, “we have a club.
256 It’s called the All Grades Club, and you aren’t
260 even in the kindergarten.”

265 “It’s getting crowded!” said Rose.
273 “How about just calling it the Everybody Club?”
278 Abby crossed out ALL GRADES
281 and painted EVERYBODY.
287 Then she painted lots of faces.
294 “Welcome to the Everybody Club!” called Rose.

Decodable 111

Naughty Max

Mom is Grandma's daughter.
I am Mom's daughter.
I am Grandma's granddaughter.

There is no one smaller than I am but Max.
"Max, you can be my daughter."

Max will be a good daughter.
My mom taught me how to make a cake.
I will teach Max how to make a cake.

"Don't be naughty, Max. Max,
don't be naughty."

"Hi, mom. Max and I are playing.
Max is my daughter."

Max is not as good a daughter as I am.
Max is naughty.

Decodable 112

Bob Thought

Bob thought and thought.

“I ought to save my pennies,” Bob thought.

“I ought to save my pennies and get a jet.
If I brought home a jet, I bet Mom would
think I’m grand.”

“It will take a long time to save all
those pennies,” Bob thought.
“I ought to get something smaller.”

“I ought to get a dog,” Bob thought.
‘If I brought home a dog,
I bet Mom would think I’m grand.”

“Still, it will take a lot of pennies
to get a dog,” Bob thought.
“I ought to get something smaller.”

“What if I bought that candy bar?” Bob thought.
“Mom likes candy bars.
I ought to share it with Mom!
Then I know she’ll think I’m grand!”

Decodable 113

Superhero to the Rescue

The Cape

Lenny wanted to be a superhero.
Lenny put on his cape.
“Superhero to the rescue!” he shouted.
He raced downstairs.

Lenny landed on top of his little sister Jenny.
“Ouch!” shouted Jenny. She began crying.
“Go play quietly,” Lenny’s mom told him.

Jenny played house with the baby.
Jenny grabbed the baby’s doll.

“Superhero is here!” shouted Lenny.
He pushed Jenny out of the way.
Jenny and the baby both began crying.

“Play something quieter,”
Lenny’s mom told him.
Lenny went outside.

Decodable 113

Superhero to the Rescue

Lenny to the Rescue

“Pow! Wow!” shouted Lenny.
He raced to an oak tree.
Lenny’s cat sat on the branch.
“Meow!” cried his cat.
“Superhero to the rescue!” shouted Lenny.
He reached for a branch.

Lenny’s mom found him in the tree.
She helped him get down.
“Play safer,” she said.
They went back inside.

At naptime Lenny became bored.
His mom had put Jenny
and the baby down for naps.

Lenny went upstairs.
The baby was crying.
His bunny had fallen out of his crib.

Lenny picked up the bunny.
He put it back in the crib.
The baby stop crying.
“Superhero to the rescue,” Lenny whispered.

Decodable 114

Andy Lee

Andy Lee the Timid

Andy Lee was a timid man.
He was also an artist and made stained glass windows.
His glass made rainbows dance in rooms.

One day, Andy made a window pane for an inn.
He took the window pane to an inn that was far away.
Timid Andy walked and walked.

Andy came to the town where the inn was.
Down the street ran a maid.
“Turn back!” she cried.
“Do not go! A chair is knocking. Drapes are swaying.
It’s dark and awful in that inn!”

“Stay with me,” whispered timid Andy.
“We will go together.”

Andy and the maid came to a gate.
Out ran a cook waving a spoon.
“Turn back!” cried the cook.
“A chair is knocking. Drapes are swaying.
A tablecloth is floating. It’s dark and scary in here!”

“Stay with me,” whispered timid Andy.
“We will go together.”

Decodable 114

Andy Lee

Andy Lee the Brave

Andy, the maid and the cook stood at the front door.
Out ran an innkeeper. "Turn back!" she cried.

"A chair is knocking. Drapes are swaying.
A tablecloth is floating, and a hat is tipping.
It's dark and scary in here!"

"But what about the window?" asked Andy.
"I am a timid man, but this is my best window ever.
I will still put in my window."

Timid Andy walked in. It was dark and scary.
A chair was knocking, drapes were swaying,
a tablecloth was floating, a hat was tipping.

Andy felt a breeze.
He found a broken window.
He put in the new window.
It fit perfectly.

Andy turned around.
The chair was not knocking and drapes were
not swaying. The tablecloth was not floating.
The hat was not tipping.
It was not dark and scary in there.
Rainbows danced in the room.

Andy was an artist.
His glass made rainbows dance in the rooms.
It also made him brave.

Decodable 115

Earnest's Search

Earnest liked to swim.
He learned to swim under water.

Earnest searched deep.
He heard there might be gold.

He swam along the earth.
Earnest yearned to find something.

Earnest searched and searched.

He saw a seashell stuck in the earth.
What is that inside?

It is a pearl!
Earnest did not find gold.
Earnest found a pearl!

Decodable 116

The Silly Monkey

Mom and Joey get in the car.
Joey wants to go to the zoo.

Mom gives Joey money.
Joey rides on the donkey.

Joey sees a monkey.
The monkey makes a face at Joey.

The monkey sees a man with a key.
The monkey has a plan.

The monkey is out!
He rides on the donkey.
He eats the cub's honey.

The monkey gives Joey the key and
goes back in the cage.
He is a silly monkey!

Decodable 117

Tony and Dom Go West

Tony and Dom want to go on vacation.

Tony and Dom go to the train station.
The vacation will be a trip across the nation!

The train leaves the station.
It heads west across the nation.

Tony and Dom are ready for action.
Tony enters a competition.

Tony rides the stallion.
Dom pays close attention.

Tony wins the competition.
His prize is one million dollars.
What a fun vacation!

Decodable 118

How the Rabbit Caught the Tiger

The Rabbit and the Tiger

One winter's eve, a mighty and hungry tiger trapped a tiny rabbit.

"Do not eat me!" cried Rabbit.
"I am too small to make a good meal.
If you let me go, I will show you how
to catch all the fish you can eat."

Tiger was greedy.
His hunger was bigger than his brain.
"Show me now, or I will eat you, Rabbit!" he roared.
Then he let Rabbit go.

Rabbit led Tiger down to a river.
Rabbit told Tiger, "Put your tail in the water."
"Now wait all night. Fish will grab onto your tail.
Soon your tail will grow heavy. Then you can
pull it out and eat all the fish!"

"I'll stay close by," whispered rabbit.
"I will let you know when you have caught
plenty of fish." Rabbit climbed up the riverbank,
sat down, and watched Tiger.

Tiger put his tail into the river. He waited and waited.
It grew cold and dark.

Decodable 118

How the Rabbit Caught the Tiger

The Rabbit's Trick

"Is your tail getting heavy?" called Rabbit.

"Oh yes!" replied Tiger.

"I must be catching lots of fish!

Should I pull my tail out now?"

"Oh, no!" cried Rabbit.

"If you wait until morning, you will have more fish to eat!"

The greedy tiger waited longer.

It grew colder and colder.

His tail grew heavier.

Finally the sun came up.

Tiger's tail felt quite heavy.

"It is time!" called Tiger.

"I am pulling my fish out now!"

Tiger pulled and pulled,
but his tail did not come out.

It was frozen in solid ice!

"I'm going to get you, Rabbit!" roared Tiger.

But he could not budge at all.

Rabbit giggled and scampered away.

He had tricked a mighty tiger!