



Fox in a Box

A DecodiVerse Story



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Reading Level: Kindergarten

Short vowel words across multiple vowel sounds

Words to watch for: fox, box, rock, bog, rips

Before you start: Look at the cover. What is Fox trying to do?



Fox sees a big box on a rock. He hops in.



The box tips! Fox rolls off the rock. Bump, bump, bump!



Fox pops his head up. He is in the bog! "Not the bog!"



He hops to a log. He spots a new box. A red box!



Fox hops in the red box. It rocks and rocks. Then — pop! — it rips!



Fox sits in a ripped box in the mud. He is not glad.



Fox spots one last box. A big,
strong box. He hops in.



This box fits! Fox naps in the box on the soft moss. At last.

Reading Guide

For Parents & Teachers

HOW TO READ THIS TOGETHER

- This story has a fun pattern — Fox tries a box, something goes wrong, he tries again! Ask your child to predict what will happen each time.
- Help your child notice the short ‘o’ sound in fox, box, rock, hop, pop, not.

BEFORE READING

- Look at the cover. What is Fox trying to do?
- Point to the word ‘box.’ Can you sound it out? /b/ /o/ /x/

DURING READING

- (Page 2) The box tipped over! What happened to Fox?
- (Page 5) The red box ripped! How do you think Fox feels?
- (Page 7) Fox found one more box. Do you think this one will work?

AFTER READING

- How many boxes did Fox try? What went wrong with each one?
- Can you think of other words that rhyme with ‘box’?

PHONICS FOCUS

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Practice words: fox, box, rock, bog, rips

FOR PARENTS

This story features lots of short ‘o’ words — fox, box, rock, hop — mixed with other short vowel sounds. Your child is now blending across all five short vowels, building reading flexibility.

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