



Knock, Knock!

A DecodiVerse Story



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1st Grade · Step 5 of 5 — Silent letters and word parts

Before you read

For grown-ups · about 2 minutes

WHAT'S NEW IN THIS STORY

This story practices silent letters kn, wr, mb, like knock, lamb, knocked.

WATCH FOR

- Watch for sounding the silent letter. 'The k is silent here.' Words to watch: knock, lamb, knocked, knees, knob.
- Watch for reading the whole word at once and getting stuck. Cover the ending; read the base word, then add the ending. Words to watch: lone·ly.
- Watch for reading the whole word at once and getting stuck. Cover the beginning; read the base word, then add the beginning. Words to watch: rep·ly.

WARM-UP WORDS

Tap one finger for each sound, then blend the word.

- kn · o · ck then blend: knock
- l · a · mb then blend: lamb
- kn · o · b then blend: knob
- l · o · n · e · l · y then blend: lonely
- kn · ow then blend: know
- n · u · mb then blend: numb

TRICKY WORDS

Say the word. Tap the sounds you can sound out. Point to the tricky part: that's the part to learn by heart. Say the word again.

- a (tricky part: a)
- the (tricky part: e)
- door (tricky part: o)
- who (tricky part: w, o)
- there (tricky part: ere)

IF YOUR CHILD GETS STUCK

- Wait a few seconds before helping.
- Point to the part they missed. Read it in chunks, then blend the whole word.
- Reread the sentence so it sounds smooth.

Before you read (continued)

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- For a tricky word, just tell them, and point to the tricky part.

REASON TO READ

Read to find out what happens to Kit.



Kit has a farm with a red barn. At bedtime, the farm is still and dark. Kit is in bed, and she is happy.



Knock, knock, knock! It is the barn door!
Kit jumps in bed. "Who is it?" Kit asks.
There is no reply.



Kit is not afraid. "I know I am brave," she said. "I will check the door." Kit gets her vest and goes.



Kit went to the barn. Her knees shook.
Knock, knock! Kit knocked on the door.
Knock, knock, knock! The door knocked
back.



Thunder crackled. The wind blew. The knob shook and the door shook! Kit was stunned. Her wrist was numb, and her knees shook.



Kit stood firm. "I will unlock the door," she said. She held the knob. Then the door was open.



A lamb! The lamb was wet and lonely. It knocked with its head. Kit wrapped the lamb in her vest.



The lamb napped in the barn. It was not lonely, and Kit was not afraid. Then, knock, knock! The lamb was at Kit's door. "Okay, you can come in," Kit said.

After you read

For grown-ups · 3 to 5 minutes

WHAT YOU PRACTICED

Practice words in this story (silent letters kn, wr, mb): knock, lamb, knocked, knees, knob, lonely, crackled, know, napped, numb — 33 in all. Tricky words: a, the, door, who, there.

WHILE YOU READ

- (Page 2) Point to 'knock'. Tap one finger for each sound (kn · o · ck), then blend: knock.
- (Page 7) Point to 'lamb'. Tap one finger for each sound (l · a · mb), then blend: lamb.
- (Page 4) What just happened? What do you think will happen next?

TALK ABOUT IT

- Retell it together: Who was the story about? What was Kit's problem? How was it solved?
- What would you have done if you were Kit? Why?
- What does 'lonely' mean? Can you use it in a sentence?

QUICK PRACTICE

- Read these fast: knock, lamb, knocked, knees, knob.
- Spell three: knock, lamb, knob. Say the word, tap the sounds, then write it.
- Word chain (change one sound at a time): knock, dock, deck, check.
- Read it again two or three times this week. Take turns: you read a page, then they read it.

WHAT TO WORK ON NEXT

- Smooth? Try the next step (ivy, our, able).
- A few tricky words? Practice these this week: a, the, door, who, there.
- Hard? Stay at this step and do the warm-up words together first next time.

Praise the work, not just the result: "You sounded out knock all by yourself!"

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