



# The Knight Who Needed Help

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Reading Level: Grade 2

Vowel teams like ea, ai, ee, ow, and silent letters like the k in knight and the gh in frightful

**Words to watch for:** knight, stream, sneezed, frightful, gleamed

Before you start: Look at the title. What does a knight usually do in stories?



Sir Grayson was the bravest knight in the kingdom. At least, that is what he told everyone. His armor gleamed and his sword was sharp.



One cool morning, a fearful sheep ran into town. 'A dragon!' it bleated. 'Down by the stream!' Sir Grayson leaped onto his horse.



He rode down the trail. His shield caught on a low branch and flew off. 'I do not need it,' he said, straightening his helmet.



At the stream, Sir Grayson found the dragon. It was small, green, and was licking its paw. 'You do not look so frightful,' he said.



The dragon sneezed and a puff of smoke knocked Sir Grayson into the stream. His armor filled with water. He could not climb out.



The little dragon waded in and pushed him up the bank with its snout. 'Well,' said Sir Grayson, dripping. 'Thank you for that.'



They walked back together. When a bee frightened the horse, the dragon blew a tiny flame and scared it away. Sir Grayson sighed.



Back in town, he announced, 'I have found a mighty helper!' The dragon wagged its tail and everyone cheered. They were a team now.

# Reading Guide

For Parents & Teachers

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## HOW TO READ THIS TOGETHER

- Before reading, look at the title and illustrations together. Ask your child what they think the story will be about. After reading, talk about the story — what they liked, what surprised them, what they'd do differently.
- This story plays with expectations — the knight needs saving and the dragon is friendly! Ask your child to find all the times the dragon helps Sir Grayson.

## BEFORE READING

- Look at the title. What does a knight usually do in stories?
- The word 'knight' has a silent letter — can you guess which one?

## DURING READING

- (Page 3) Sir Grayson lost his shield already! What do you think will happen next?
- (Page 5) The dragon knocked him into the stream! Is this dragon really scary?
- (Page 7) The dragon is helping Sir Grayson again! Who is really saving whom?

## AFTER READING

- Is Sir Grayson really the bravest knight? What makes someone truly brave?
- Why do you think the dragon helped Sir Grayson instead of fighting him?

## PHONICS FOCUS

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**Practice words:** knight, stream, sneezed, frightful, gleamed

## FOR PARENTS

This story is full of vowel teams — two vowels working together to make one sound, like ea in stream and ee in sneezed. It also has words with silent letters, like the k in knight. Spotting these patterns helps your child read bigger words with confidence.

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