

Nick and Dad

Teacher Resources

Word Count: 146

ATOS: 1.9

High-Frequency Words:

a	could	here	our	the	trees
are	fire	I	out	they	we
be	for	make	said	to	
by	good	of	so	too	



Focus Skill: ck Digraph

This book features words with the ck digraph for decoding practice.

Decoding Skills:

- Set 1 Skills: Letter-Sound Correspondence, Word Building, CVC Words
- Consonant Blends
- Consonant Digraphs

Discussion Questions:

1. What kind of a trip are Nick and Dad on? Support your answer with evidence from the text.

Possible Answers: camping / they are outside; they have a tent; they make a campfire

2. How does Nick help Dad prepare for the trip?

Possible Answer: he helped pack the truck

3. How does Nick help Dad on the trip?

Possible Answers: unpacking the truck; clearing the camp site; setting up the tent

4. Predict: Nick and Dad do after their snack?

Possible Answers: they will put out the fire; they will go to sleep



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Extension Activity:

Word Ladder



Materials: Word Ladder printable, pencil

Purpose: Students will isolate and replace graphemes to build words using the Word Ladder printable.

Procedure:

1. Print Word Ladder printable (one copy per student).
2. Read the word at the top of the ladder.
3. Replace the vowel to make a new word. Say your new word out loud.
4. Write your new word on the rung below the first word.
5. Now replace a letter (or blend or digraph) in word #2 to make another new word. Say it out loud and write it below word #2.
6. Keep swapping out letters (or blends or digraphs) until your ladder is filled with ck digraph words.

Variations:

- Students can complete this activity independently, in partners or small groups, or one-on-one with a helper.
- Laminate the Word Ladder printable for repeated use (e.g., in a phonics center).
- Extra practice: encourage students to change only the first letter.
- Extra practice: encourage students to change only the vowel sound.
- Challenge: encourage students to create their own ladder using a new starting word (page 2 of the printable).
- Challenge: provide additional “rules” for word building (e.g., each word must have one blend or digraph; each word must use the ck digraph).