

Decodable Texts: Beginning Blends (S-Blends)

"This silly story follows Spud as he tries to deal with a bug on his pot. Listen for *sp* words like *spud*, *spat*, and *spot* while reading."



A Spat with the Pot

Spud has a red pot.

The pot is on the log.

Spud spots a bug.

The bug is on the pot!

Spud gets a spat.

Swat! The pot tips.

Spud gets the pot.

The bug is in the bag!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.

Spud

spat

spot

bug

bag



Name: _____

A Spat with the Pot

1. What does Spud see on the pot?

- A. A leaf
- B. A bug
- C. A spot
- D. A frog

2. What happens when Spud swats at the bug?

- A. He grabs it
- B. The pot tips
- C. The pot breaks
- D. The bug jumps in a tub

3. Fill in the blank:

Spud gets the bug in the _____.

4. How did Spud try to solve the problem?

5. What would you do if a bug landed on your stuff?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Beginning Blend *Sp*

Genre: Humorous Fiction

High-Frequency Words: the, a, is, on, to, in

Before Reading

1. Remind your child that *sp* is a beginning blend found in words like *spud*, *spat*, and *spot*.
 2. Have you ever seen a bug land on your food or dishes?
 3. What do you usually do when a bug shows up?
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During Reading

1. Sounding Out Support: Emphasize the *sp* blend—s and p together—as in *spot* and *spud*
 2. Have the child track Spud's actions
 3. What does Spud use to swat the bug?
 4. Read the line "Swat! The pot tips." with energy and a fun voice
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After Reading

1. What was the problem Spud faced?
 2. How did he fix it in the end?
 3. What made this story funny?
 4. Highlight all the *sp* words in the story
 5. Fluency Tip: Read it again like a cartoon scene with big sound effects!
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Activity Idea

Make a silly mini-play based on the story. Use a plastic pot, spoon (as spat), and paper bug. Let the child act out the swat and tipping moment using *sp* words during the play.

Coaching Tip

Encourage your reader to act out or use props—it strengthens understanding of both words and story structure.

