

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oo (moon)

"This story focuses on the 'oo' sound as in 'moon.' Watch for words like 'bamboo,' 'cool,' and 'smooth' as you read!"



How Bamboo Grows Fast

Bamboo is one of the fastest-growing plants in the world. Some kinds of bamboo can grow as tall as a house in just a few weeks!

Bamboo grows in cool, wet places like forests and near lagoons. Its smooth green stems reach high into the sky.

People use bamboo to build rooms, make tools, and even cook food.

Bamboo is strong, light, and grows back quickly after it's cut. That makes it a good plant for building and helping the earth!

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

bamboo

cool

smooth

lagoon

room



Name: _____

How Bamboo Grows Fast

1. Where does bamboo grow best?

- A. In hot deserts
- B. In cool, wet places like forests and lagoons
- C. On snowy mountains
- D. In small flower pots

2. Why is bamboo a good plant for building?

- A. It grows back quickly and is strong
- B. It is heavy and hard to move
- C. It takes a long time to grow
- D. It breaks easily

3. Fill in the blank:

People use bamboo to build rooms, make tools, and cook _____.

4. Why do you think bamboo is good for helping the earth?

5. What would you like to make with bamboo if you had some?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'oo' (as in "moon")

Genre: Nonfiction – Plants & Nature

High-Frequency Words: the, and, to, they, their

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're reading to find 'oo' words that say the /oo/ sound, like in 'moon' and 'bamboo.'"
 2. Have you ever seen or touched bamboo?
 3. Why do you think people like to use bamboo to make things?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'oo' makes the /oo/ sound like in "moon." Try that sound first when seeing this pattern.
 2. Watch for 'oo' words and stretch them out clearly.
 3. How fast can bamboo grow?
 4. Try reading the last sentence like you're sharing a really important fact!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell why bamboo is a useful plant?
 2. How does bamboo help people and the earth?
 3. If you could plant a bamboo forest, where would you want it to grow?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'oo' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're teaching a fun nature lesson!
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Activity Idea

Draw a picture of a bamboo forest with tall, smooth green stems. Label at least three things using 'oo' words and write a sentence about how bamboo helps people and the earth.

Coaching Tip

Remind readers that learning about nature helps them understand how they can take care of the world!

