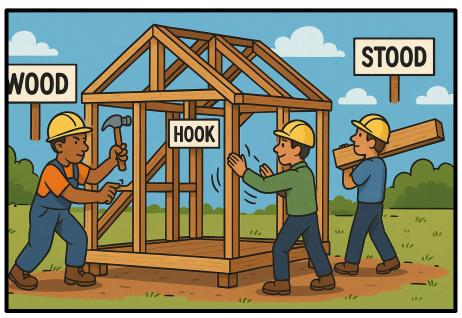
# Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oo (look)

"This story focuses on the 'oo' sound as in 'book.' Watch for words like 'wood,' 'hook,' and 'stood' as you read!"



How to Build with Wood

Wood is a strong and useful material. People have used wood for many years to build homes, huts, and even boats.

First, builders look for good, strong wood. They cut it to the right size and hook the pieces together with nails or rope.

The builder stood back and shook the walls to make sure everything was tight and safe.

Wood keeps out the rain and cold. That is why people still use it to build today!

After reading the story, have your child point to and slowly sound out each practice word.					
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## How to Build with Wood

- 1. What do builders check before finishing their work?
- A. If the walls are tight and safe
- B. If the color looks nice
- C. If there are flowers nearby
- D. If it will fall over soon

- 2. How do builders put the wood pieces together?
- A. With string and paint
- B. With nails or rope
- C. With tape and glue
- D. With metal doors

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The builder stood back and \_\_\_\_\_ the walls to make sure everything was safe.

4. Why do you think wood is still used to build homes today?

5. What would you build if you had lots of wood?

# **Coaching Guide**

Target Skill: "oo" /u/ Sound (as in "book")

Genre: Nonfiction – Building and Construction

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 /u/ sound, like in 'book' and 'wood."
- 2. Have you ever seen someone building something with wood?
- 3. Why do you think builders check their work before they finish?

#### **During Reading**

- 1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'oo' makes the /u/ sound in words like "book." Try that sound first when seeing this pattern.
- 2. Watch for 'oo' words and read them clearly.
- 3. What does the builder do to check the walls?
- 4. Try reading the last sentence like you're explaining something very important!

#### After Reading

- 1. Can you retell why builders like to use wood?
- 2. How do builders make sure what they build is strong?
- 3. If you built something from wood, what would it be and who would you share it with?
- 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'oo' words in the story!"
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're giving building directions to a friend!

### **Activity Idea**

Draw a picture of a small house or hut being built from wood. Label at least three things using 'oo' words and write a sentence about how builders make sure it is safe.

#### Coaching Tip

Encourage readers to think about how checking work is important—not just when building, but in reading too!

