

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oo (look)

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



How to Hook a Simple Snack

In the old days, people used a strong hook to cook food over a fire.

They would hang a big pot from the hook and cook tasty soups and stews.

Some hooks hung from wooden beams inside a small hut. People stood near the fire to stay warm and shook their hands to dry them.

Today, we don't cook over fires as much, but some people still use this old way to make good food outdoors!

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

hook

wood

stood

shook

took



Name: _____

How to Hook a Simple Snack

1. What did people hang from the hook?

- A. A big pot to cook food
- B. A bag of toys
- C. A wooden swing
- D. A basket of fruit

2. Why did people stand near the fire?

- A. To stay warm and dry their hands
- B. To read books
- C. To take a nap
- D. To hide from animals

3. Fill in the blank:

Some hooks hung from wooden beams inside a small _____.

4. Why do you think people liked cooking over a fire in the old days?

5. Would you like to try cooking food over a fire? Why or why not?



Coaching Guide

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

Genre: Nonfiction – History & Traditions

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 'hook.'"
 2. Have you ever seen a big fire used for cooking?
 3. Why do you think people needed to use hooks long ago?
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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 did people cook using a hook and fire?
 4. Try reading the last sentence with excitement about trying something new!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell how people cooked food over a fire?
 2. Why do you think some people still like using this old way of cooking?
 3. What kind of snack would you like to try cooking over a fire?
 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 someone how to cook over a fire!
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Activity Idea

Draw a picture of a big fire with a hook holding a cooking pot. Label at least three things using 'oo' words and write a sentence about the kind of food cooking in the pot.

Coaching Tip

Help readers connect this story to modern ways of cooking and how traditions can still be fun today!

