

Decodable Texts: Short u (CVC Words)

"This nonfiction story shows how trucks help people at work. Point out short u words like *truck*, *tub*, and *rut* as your reader learns about these powerful machines."



Jobs with a Truck

A man is in a truck.

He can dig with it.

He can get a big tub.

He can fix a rut.

A pal can hop on the rig.

The job is fun in the sun!

A truck can help a lot.

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

truck

tub

rut

fun

sun



Name: _____

Jobs with a Truck

1. What can the man do with the truck?

- A. Fix a rut
- B. Bake a bun
- C. Mix paint
- D. Cut wood

2. Where is the man at the start of the story?

- A. On a hill
- B. In a truck
- C. At a shop
- D. On the rug

3. Fill in the blank:

The job is fun in the _____!

4. What tools or machines help the man with his job?

5. Why do you think trucks are good for jobs like digging?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Short u (CVC)

Genre: Nonfiction / Careers

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

Before Reading

1. Remind your reader that short u says “uh” like in *truck*.
 2. Have you ever seen a big truck working outside?
 3. What kinds of jobs do you think trucks help with?
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During Reading

1. Sounding Out Support: Break long or compound words like *truck* into chunks
 2. Ask your reader to find all the short u job words
 3. What job does the man do in the rut?
 4. Read the ending line with excitement and pride!
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After Reading

1. Name three jobs the man does in the story.
 2. What made the job fun in the sun?
 3. Would you like to ride in a truck like that? Why or why not?
 4. Underline 5 short u words from the text
 5. Fluency Tip: Read it again like you’re teaching someone how trucks help with work!
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Activity Idea

Draw a job truck and add labels for parts like *rig*, *tub*, or *rut*. Write a sentence about what the truck does and how it helps the workers. Use at least two short u words from the story in your description.

Coaching Tip

Real-world jobs spark big imagination—let kids dream big while building decoding confidence.

