Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oo (moon)

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



Moonlight at the Lagoon

Zoe stood by the cool lagoon with her mom.

"Look at the moon!" Mom said.

The full moon made the water shine. They saw raccoons scooping food by the rocks.

Soon, a loon floated by, singing its sweet tune.

Zoe sat on a smooth stone and gazed at the quiet water.

"This is the best night," she whispered.

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

moon lagoon soon raccoon smooth



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- 1. What did Zoe and her mom look at?
- A. The full moon over the lagoon
- B. A tall mountain
- C. A big city
- D. The morning sun

- 2. What animals did they see by the rocks?
- A. Cats and dogs
- B. Raccoons scooping food
- C. Horses and cows
- D. Lions and tigers

3. Fill in the blank:
Zoe sat on a stone and gazed at the water.
4. Why do you think the moon made the water look so bright?
5. If you were by the lagoon at night, what would you like to see?

Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Long Vowel Team 'oo' (as in "moon") **Genre:** Fiction – Peaceful Nature Adventure **High-Frequency Words:** the, and, to, they, her

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 'lagoon."
- 2. Have you ever looked at the moon at night? What did it look like?
- 3. What sounds do you think you'd hear by a quiet lagoon?

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. What animals did Zoe see by the lagoon?
- 4. Try reading Zoe's last sentence in a calm, quiet voice.

After Reading

- 1. Can you retell what Zoe and her mom saw by the lagoon?
- 2. Why do you think Zoe called it the best night?
- 3. Would you like to visit a lagoon at night? Why or why not?
- 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'oo' words in the story!"
- 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're watching the peaceful night sky!

Activity Idea

Draw a picture of Zoe and her mom sitting by the lagoon under the full moon. Label at least three things using 'oo' words and write a sentence about what makes the night feel so special.

Coaching Tip

Encourage readers to imagine peaceful places while they read. This helps build calm reading fluency and expression!

