

## Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: aw

"This story focuses on the 'aw' sound as in 'straw.' Watch for words like 'straw,' 'Shawn,' and 'draw' as you read!"



### The Big Straw Stack

Shawn lived on a farm with his grandparents. One hot day, they built a giant stack of straw near the barn.

"Be careful not to fall," Grandpa warned.

Shawn climbed to the top and sat proudly. From way up high, he could see the green fields and the shiny pond.

Suddenly, the stack shifted! Shawn slid down with a loud laugh and landed softly at the bottom.

"That was fun!" he shouted. Grandpa just shook his head and smiled.

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

straw

Shawn

draw

saw

claw



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Big Straw Stack

1. Where did Shawn build the straw stack?

- A. By the river
- B. Next to the barn
- C. In the kitchen
- D. Under the old tree

2. What happened when the stack shifted?

- A. Shawn climbed higher
- B. Shawn slid down and laughed
- C. The stack turned into a tent
- D. Shawn built a new stack

3. Fill in the blank:

From way up high, Shawn could see the green fields and the shiny \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Why do you think Grandpa warned Shawn to be careful?

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5. What would you do if you had a big stack of straw to play on?

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# Coaching Guide

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**Target Skill:** Long Vowel Team 'aw' (as in "straw")

**Genre:** Fiction – Farm Adventure

**High-Frequency Words:** the, he, and, his, with

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## Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're looking for 'aw' words that say the /aw/ sound, like in 'straw.'"
  2. Have you ever climbed something high and looked around?
  3. What do you think it would feel like to slide down a big stack of straw?
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## During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'aw' makes the /aw/ sound. Try that sound first when sounding out tricky words.
  2. Watch for 'aw' words and say them clearly.
  3. How did Shawn feel after sliding down the straw stack?
  4. Try reading Grandpa's warning with a serious voice, and Shawn's line with lots of joy!
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## After Reading

1. Can you retell what happened when Shawn climbed the straw stack?
  2. Why did Grandpa smile at the end?
  3. Would you want to try climbing and sliding down a straw stack? Why or why not?
  4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'aw' words in the story!"
  5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're on a fun farm adventure!
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## Activity Idea

Draw a big stack of straw with Shawn sitting on top. Add at least three labels using 'aw' words and write a short sentence about what he can see from way up high.

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## Coaching Tip

Encourage playful reading—stories like this are fun when read with lots of energy!

