

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: aw

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



The Claw Machine Surprise

Ella stood in front of the big claw machine at the mall.
Inside, she saw rows of colorful toys.

"Do you think I can win one?" she asked her dad.

Ella put in a coin and watched the claw swing side to side.

With careful aim, she pressed the button. The claw dropped down, grabbed a small plush dog, and lifted it high.

It wobbled... but didn't fall!

Ella cheered as the prize dropped into the tray. "That's the best thing I ever saw!" she shouted.

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

claw

saw

draw

straw

flaw



Name: _____

The Claw Machine Surprise

1. Where did Ella try the claw machine?

- A. At the zoo
- B. At the mall
- C. At the toy store
- D. At her school

2. What prize did Ella win?

- A. A small plush dog
- B. A big teddy bear
- C. A shiny coin
- D. A pair of sunglasses

3. Fill in the blank:

Ella cheered as the prize dropped into the _____.

4. Why do you think Ella was so excited to win a prize?

5. If you could play a claw machine, what prize would you hope to win?



Coaching Guide

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

Genre: Fiction – Real-Life Adventure

High-Frequency Words: the, she, and, her, with

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're working on words where 'aw' says the /aw/ sound, like in 'claw.'"
 2. Have you ever tried to win a prize from a claw machine?
 3. Why do you think it feels exciting to win something from a game?
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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 stretch them out slowly.
 3. How did Ella feel when the claw grabbed the prize?
 4. Try reading Ella's last line with lots of excitement!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell what happened when Ella tried the claw machine?
 2. Why do you think the story ended with Ella feeling so happy?
 3. Would you rather win a prize or save your coins for later? Why?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'aw' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're announcing an exciting game show!
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Activity Idea

Draw the claw machine and the prize that Ella won. Label at least three things using 'aw' words and write a short sentence about how it feels to win something special.

Coaching Tip

Celebrate reading success just like winning a prize—cheer, clap, and make it fun!

