

Decodable Texts: Long Vowel Teams: oo (book)

"This story focuses on the 'oo' sound as in 'book.' Watch for words like 'foot,' 'look,' and 'crooked' as you read!"



The Crooked Footrace

Josh and Ben stood at the start of the footrace.

"Look at that crooked path!" Josh said.

The boys ran fast, but the path shook and bent around the woods.

Ben took a quick turn and zoomed ahead. Josh shook his head and laughed.

Ben stood at the end with a big grin. "That crooked path was fun!" he said.

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

foot

look

shook

crooked

took



Name: _____

The Crooked Footrace

1. What did Josh and Ben race on?

- A. A crooked path
- B. A flat road
- C. A bridge
- D. Through their school

2. Who won the race?

- A. Josh
- B. Ben
- C. Neither of them
- D. Their teacher

3. Fill in the blank:

Ben stood at the end with a big _____.

4. Why do you think the crooked path made the race more fun?

5. Would you rather run on a straight path or a crooked one? Why?



Coaching Guide

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

Genre: Fiction – Sports Adventure

High-Frequency Words: the, and, to, they, his

Before Reading

1. Remind them of the target skill: "We're looking for 'oo' words that say the /u/ sound, like in 'book' and 'foot.'"
 2. Have you ever run a race? Was it on a straight or twisty path?
 3. What makes a race more exciting?
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During Reading

1. **Sounding Out Support:** Remind kids that 'oo' makes the /u/ sound in words like "foot." Try that sound first when sounding out tricky words.
 2. Watch for 'oo' words and read them clearly.
 3. What did Josh think about the crooked path?
 4. Try reading Ben's last line with excitement and fun!
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After Reading

1. Can you retell what happened in the footrace?
 2. Why did Josh laugh even though he didn't win?
 3. If you were designing a race path, what would it look like?
 4. Skill mastery prompt: "Find and underline 5 'oo' words in the story!"
 5. **Fluency Tip:** Try reading the story again like you're announcing a fun race!
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Activity Idea

Draw a map of the crooked race path. Label at least three parts using 'oo' words and write a sentence about what makes the path fun.

Coaching Tip

Encourage your reader to use playful expression when reading exciting action scenes!

