

Decodable Texts: Short a (CVC Words)

"This nonfiction story shows what kinds of jobs people do near the water. Watch for short o words like *dock*, *rod*, and *box* as your reader learns about jobs by the sea."



Jobs on the Dock

A man is on the dock.

He has a rod.

He can get a cod.

A pal can hop on the deck.

A box is on the ship.

A kid can jot on a pad.

Jobs on the dock help a lot!

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

dock

rod

cod

box

job



Name: _____

Jobs on the Dock

1. What can the man on the dock do?

- A. Set up a camp
- B. Jot on a pad
- C. Get a cod with a rod
- D. Sit in a tub

2. Where is the box?

- A. On the bed
- B. In the mud
- C. On the ship
- D. Under the dock

3. Fill in the blank:

Jobs on the dock help a _____!

4. What different people are working near the dock?

5. Why are the jobs on the dock important?



Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Short o (CVC)

Genre: Nonfiction / Careers

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

Before Reading

1. Remind your reader that short o says “aw” like in *rod*.
 2. Have you ever been near a dock or seen a fishing boat?
 3. What kinds of jobs do you think people do near the water?
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During Reading

1. Sounding Out Support: Break down tricky words like *jot* or *dock* by emphasizing each sound
 2. Encourage kids to listen for short o jobs and actions
 3. Who is on the dock and what are they doing?
 4. Read the last sentence like you are proud of the work being done!
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After Reading

1. Can you list three jobs or tasks from the story?
 2. Why do you think it's helpful to have workers on the dock?
 3. Which job would you want to try and why?
 4. Highlight or circle 5 short o words from the text
 5. Fluency Tip: Pretend you're giving a tour of the dock—read it with confidence!
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Activity Idea

Draw a dock scene and show at least three people doing jobs from the story (like fishing or unloading a box). Label their tools or tasks using short o words. Then write one sentence about why each job matters.

Coaching Tip

Career-themed stories spark curiosity while strengthening decoding and comprehension—talk about how each role is helpful.

