"Zip is a silly pup who likes to dig and play! Watch for short i words like *dig*, *sit*, and *bin* as you read the fun story together."



Zip the Pup

Zip is a pup.

He can dig in the pit.

Zip can sit in a bin.

Zip got a big wig!

Zip ran to Tim.

Tim said, "Zip is in the wig!"

Zip did a big hop.

Tim said, "Zip is fun!"

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



Name:

Zip the Pup	
1. What did Zip do in the pit?	2. What was funny about Zip?
A. Took a nap	A. He got in a wig
B. Dug	B. He got a nap
C. Hid a toy	C. He fed a pig
D. Sat in mud	D. He met a cat

3. Fill in the blank:

Tim said, "Zip is _____!"

4. What made Zip a silly pup in the story?

5. Why do you think Tim liked playing with Zip?





Coaching Guide

Target Skill: Short i (CVC) Genre: Animal Fiction High-Frequency Words: the, a, is, can, on, in

Before Reading

- 1. Remind your reader that short i says "ih" like in *sit*.
- 2. Have you ever seen a dog do something funny?
- 3. What do you think pups like to dig?

During Reading

- 1. Sounding Out Support: Help stretch and blend words like /d/ /i/ /g/ = dig
- 2. Watch for silly short i words as Zip plays and hops
- 3. Where did Zip go with the wig?
- 4. Try reading Tim's lines with a playful voice!

After Reading

- 1. What are three things Zip did in the story?
- 2. Why do you think Tim said, "Zip is fun"?
- 3. Would you want a pet like Zip? Why or why not?
- 4. Highlight 5 short i words you can read.
- 5. Fluency Tip: Pretend you are Zip and read the story with lots of energy!

Activity Idea

Draw Zip in the big wig doing a hop. Label it with three short i words.

Coaching Tip

Let young readers laugh and move—it helps them stay excited to decode more!

