



### Short Vowel "U"

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#### Letters & words used in this book

Alphabet letters introduced in this book:			u			
Alphabet letters introduced in earlier books:			actsmndhr ebglvwy iIkfxpz oj			
Letters not yet introduced:			<b>q</b> (no short-vowel, 3-letter words start with a 'q')			
up cup	us fur bus ru su	n cu	_	mud	gum yum	bug hug jug rug
I	it hit sit	in	if	big		
bed	leg	red	wet			
at cat	can ran	had sad				
on	dog	got hot				

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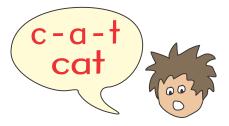
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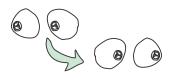
#### <u>Quick Start Guide</u>



Read the book WITH your child. You read the "regular" text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.





Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

Don't rush it. Bodybuilders don't train in a day — neither does a child.



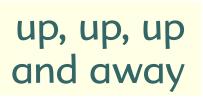
And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



(Read this page TO your child.)

Today we are going to practice the "uh" sound. Can you say, "uh"?

The "uh" sound is in lots of words, like --



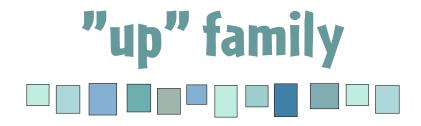




Uncle Dunkle's underwear

under an ugly umbrella

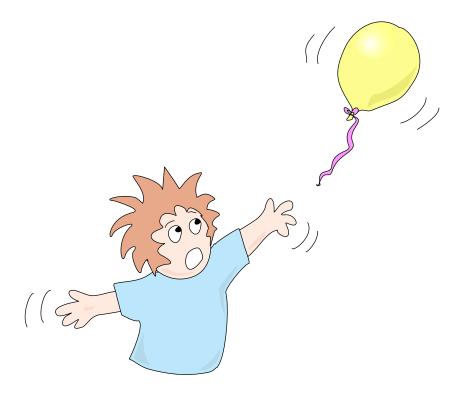




up cup

(Other "up" words not taught here: pup, sup, syrup, ketchup, hiccup, etc.)





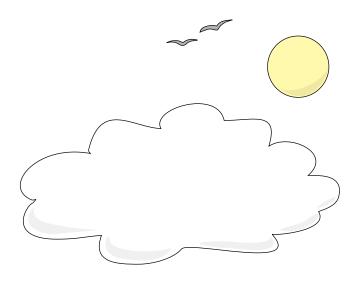
## I lost my balloon up in the sky. Up, up it went

without saying bye-bye.

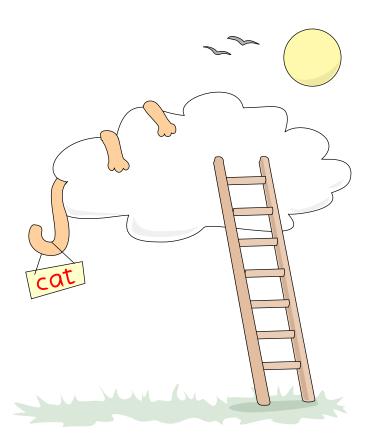


## My next balloon will never be lost – it can't go Up if it is full of rocks.





## There's a cloud UP there, UP in the sky, white and fluffy and UP really high.



## I think my Cat goes UP to sleep. If you look UP, you Can see her feet.

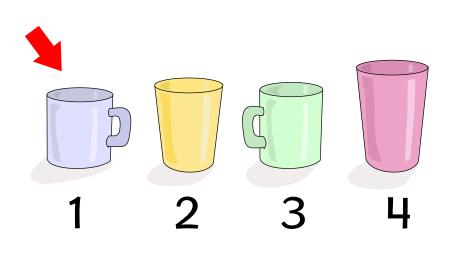




## I drank a CUP of water – in a CUP of course.



## I drank a second CUP, and then a third and a fourth.

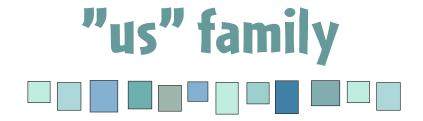


## Maybe one CUP would have been enough...



## I think four CUPS was a

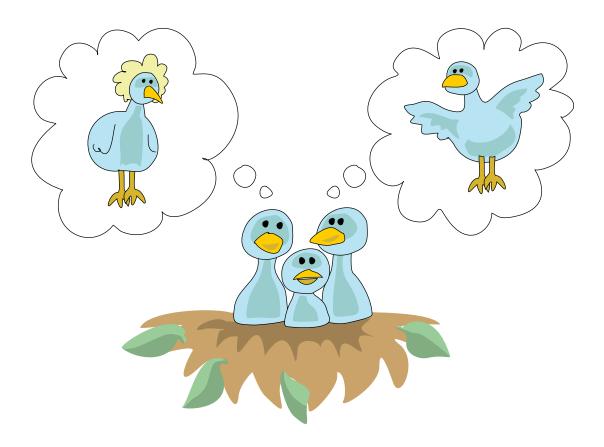
little too much.



us bus

(Other "us" words not taught here: pus, plus, minus, walrus, focus, fungus, virus, etc.)

#### Eat With Us



### Our Mamma and Pappa take care of **US**.



## They bring **US** food, and they give **US** lots of love.

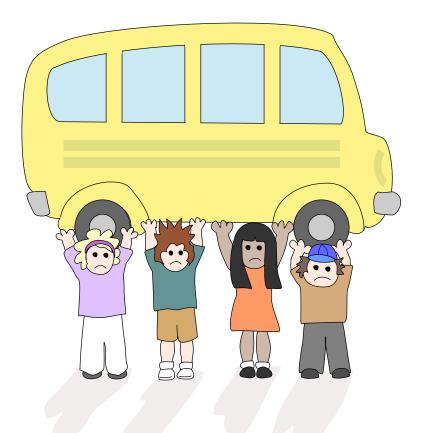


## If you like, you could eat with US – wiggly worms and jiggly bugs!





## Look at us. We are On a bus...

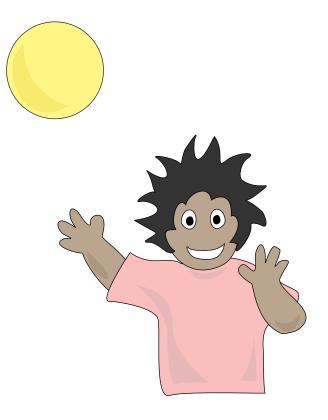


## ...which is much, much better than a **bus on us**!

## "un" family fun fun run Sun

(Other "un" words not taught here: pun, gun, spun, shun, begun, rerun, etc.)



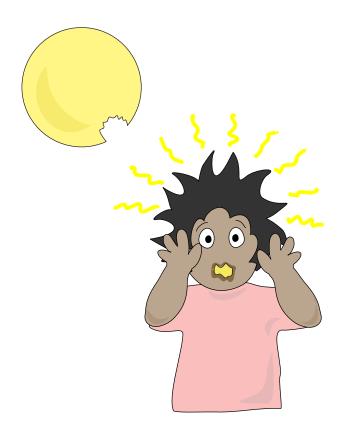


## The SUN is big. The SUN is yellow.



#### The **SUN** is like

my lemon Jell-o.

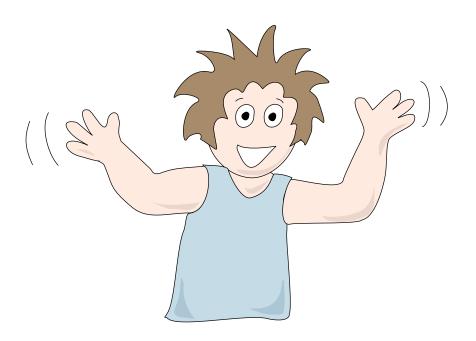


### I thought the SUN

#### would taste good too, but

## the **SUN** was much too **hOt** to chew.



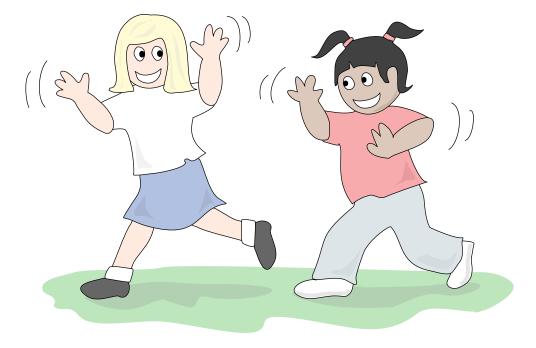


## I run so quickly. I run so fast. No one catches me as I run past.

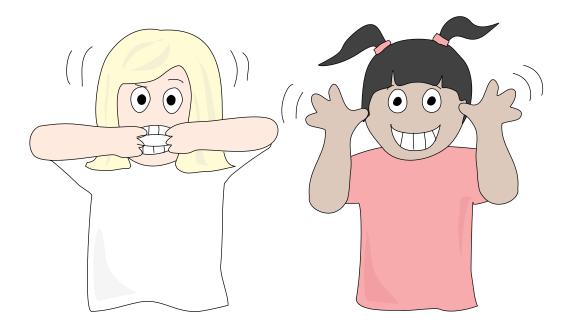


## If you want to run as fast as me, you need another leg – I run with three.



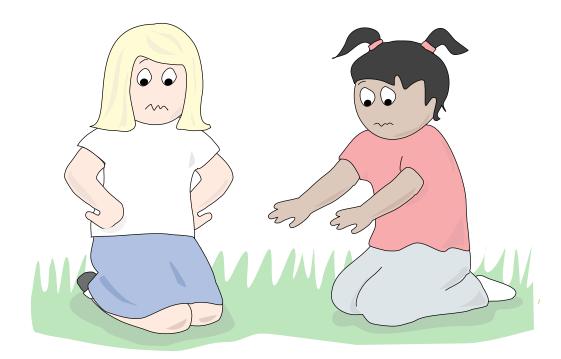


## It is fun to run a race.



## It is fun

to make a face.



## But is if fun to

watch grass grow?



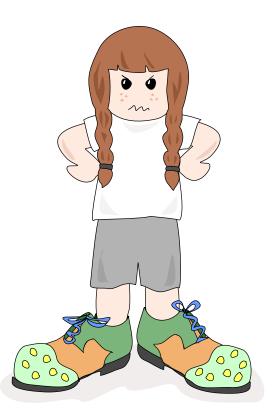
#### We fell asleep, so

#### we don't know.

## "ut" family but cut nut

(Other "ut" words not taught here: gut, jut, abut, shut, strut, donut, etc.)





## My shoes are silly, but what can I do?



## I want to take them off, but I put them ON with glue.





## I tried to eat a nut, but I couldn't chew it.



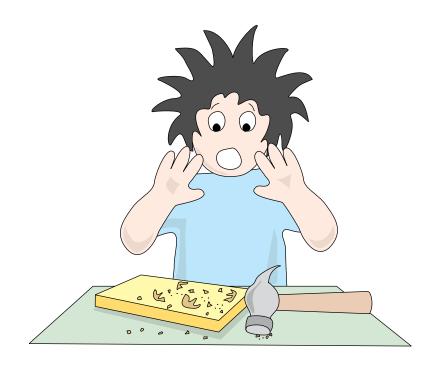
# I cut it with a knife, but I couldn't Cut through it.



## so I hit it

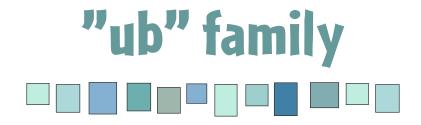
#### with a hammer,

bang, bang, crash...



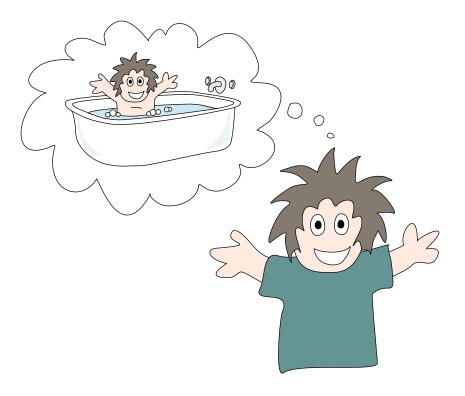
## ...but I couldn't eat the nut - it was

bang, bang, smashed!



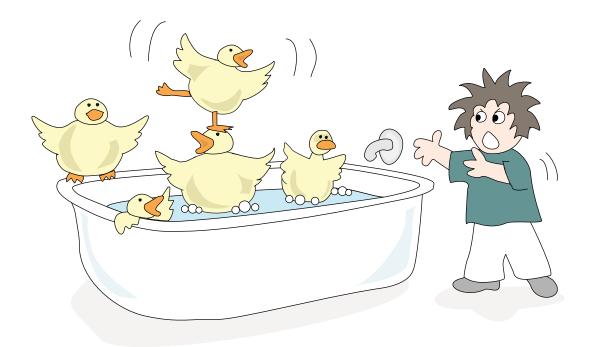
tub

(Other "ub" words not taught here: cub, pub, sub, rub, club, grub, stub, scrub, etc.) Bath Tub



#### I like to sit in a tub. I can sit in a tub

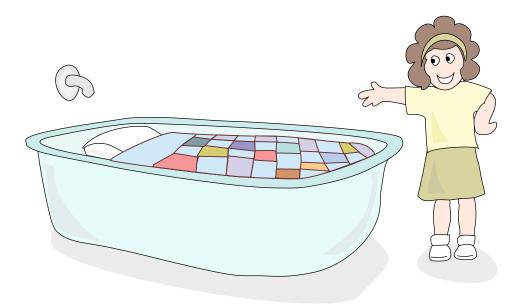
all day.



#### But how Can I sit in a tub if these ducks

won't go away?

#### **Bed In The Bath**



#### I turned my **tub** into a **bed** with a blanket for my feet and a pillow for my head.



#### But the **tub** didn't make a very good **bed**...



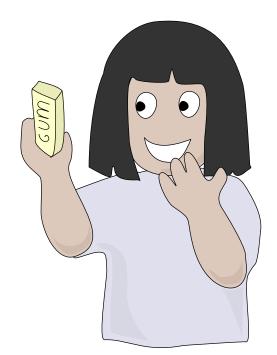
#### ...every time I take a bath, my bed gets Wet.



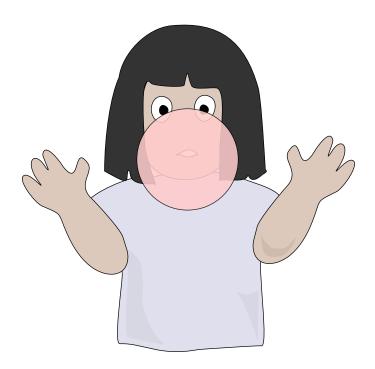
gum yum

(Other "um" words not taught here: hum, mum, sum, drum, plum, etc.)

#### Chewing **gum** is yum, yum, yum...



Gum



### ...but bubble gum...



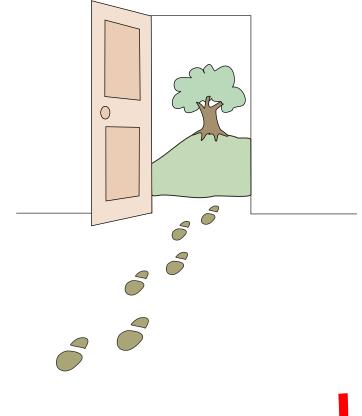
#### ...is trouble

gum.

# "ud" family

(Other "ud" words not taught here: bud, dud, spud, thud, etc.)





#### How does **MUD**

#### walk through a door and leave mud footprints ON the floor?



## Does mud wear shoes? Does mud

wear socks?



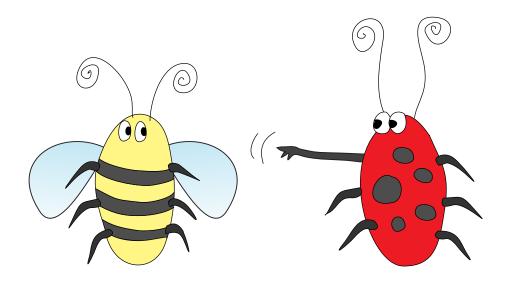
#### How do you make the bad mud stop?

## "ug" family

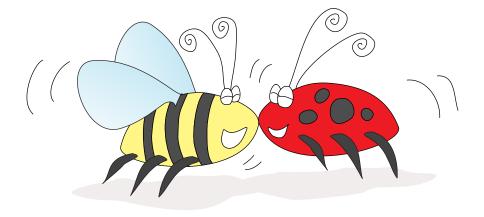
bug hug jug rug

(Other "ug" words not taught here: dug, mug, tug, snug, drug, plug, shrug, etc.)



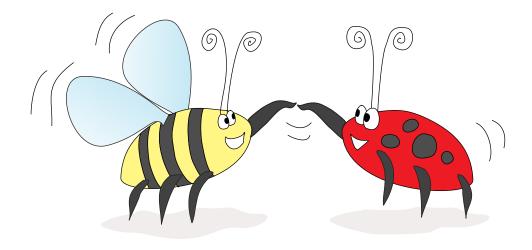


### How does a bug give another bug a hug?

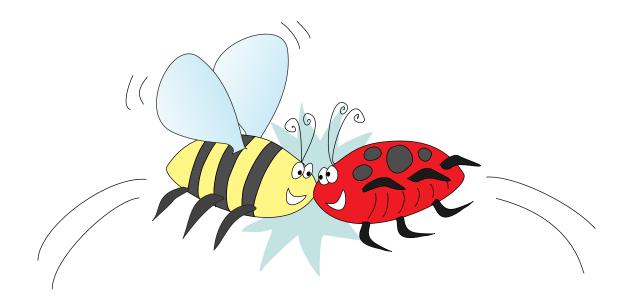


## Does a bug give a hug with a bump

of its head?

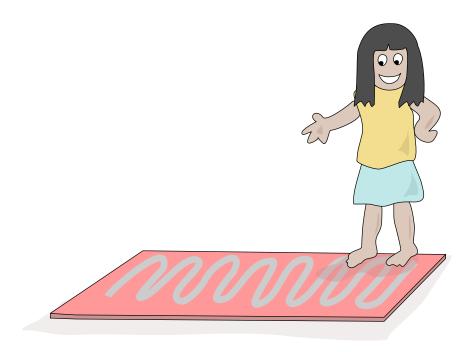


### Does a bug give a hug with an arm and a leg?



### Or maybe a bug jumps up in the air to give another bug a hug-a-bug there.





### I had a red rug. му red rug was so nice...



#### ...but my red rug ran away last night.

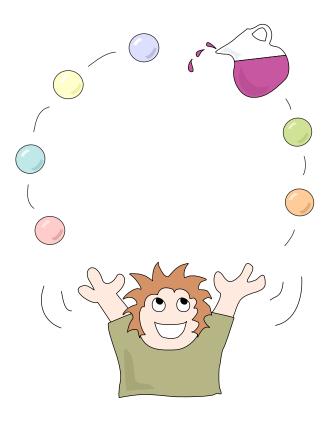


#### I wouldn't be so sad if my rug ran off alone,

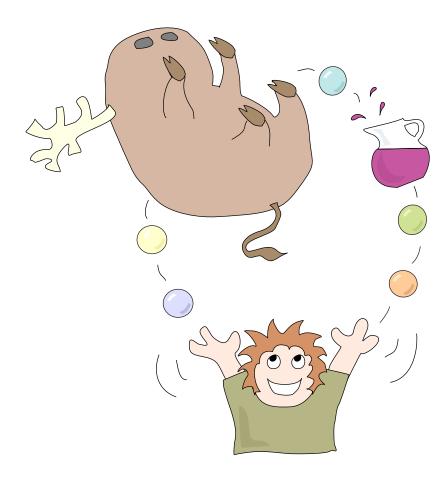


#### but my rug ran off with my dog and my home.

#### Jack Jones Juggled



#### Jack Jones juggled with a **jUG** full of juice.



## Then Jack juggled with a **jug** and

#### a moose.

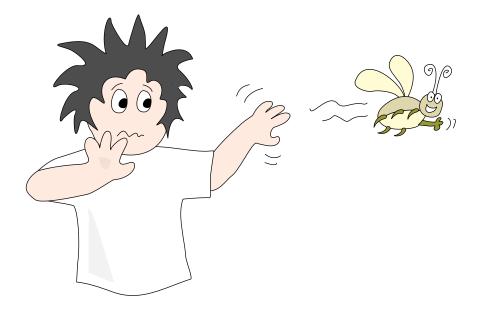


#### The moose **GOT** loose and drank the **jUG** of juice.



#### So now Jack juggles with an empty **jUg** of juice.

#### <u>Bye, Bye, Bug</u>



#### What is the right way to get rid of a bug? Do I say goodbye and give it a hug?

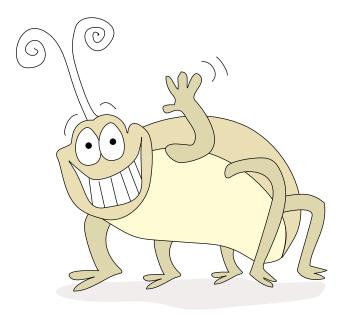


#### What if the bug is in a CUP? Do I give it a ladder to help it climb UP?



## And what if the bug is ON my toe? Do I holler and scream

or just say no?



#### I wish I knew the right thing to do... because... the bug isn't ON me; the bug is ON you.

#### The End

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