
CRUNCH AND THUNDER'S
WILD WORD RIDE!
A Singing Spelling Story for Grades 1–3
LEARN SOUNDS, RULES, & SPELLING PATTERNS!
QU THE SOUND /kw/
SILENT E DROP E
DOUBLE CONSONANTS
FLOSS RULE
TCH TRAP
HARD & SOFT C & G
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HOMOPHONES SEA / SEE
CONTRACTIONS CAN'T
COMPOUND WORDS
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NINJA OF SPEED
Thunderbum
NINJA OF STRENGTH
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Chapter One: The "QU" Crew



In the field where tall grass grew,

Rolled two brave goats: One with skates and one with shoes.

Millie zoomed with skates so bright,

Murph's running shoes ran left and right!



Millie stopped suddenly, tripped, and flipped.

Murph followed suit, and then he slipped.

Why did you stop suddenly on that old track?

Millie replied, "I heard a duck shout, 'QUACK!"

Murph looked up that muddy old trail.



Up ahead, he saw a cap and a pail.

"Quick!" said Millie. "What was that?"

A duck popped up beside the hat.

The duck said, "Q brings U along!

They stick together nice and strong!"



"QU says /kw/, yes, it's true!

Quick and quiet start with QU!

Queen and quilt and quack do too!

Q is lonely without the U!"

The goats peered down at that queer little thing,

And before they knew it, they started to sing!



All three danced beside the creek.

"QU words are fun!" they all squeaked.

Click to listen to the "QU" song:
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Chapter 2: Sneaky Silent E



The goats rolled by a shiny cave,

Where silent letters tried to wave.



Millie read, "cap."

Murph read, "cape!"

"The silent 'e' changed the shape!"

"Hop turns hope,



Rid turns ride,

Silent ‘e’ walks right beside!

Vowels shout their names with glee

When they see sneaky silent ‘e’!”



Then an owl flew from a tree.

"Hoot! Hoot! Listen carefully!

When adding -ing, here's the key:

Drop the e before the ending!"



Millie clapped.

"I know one too!"

"Ride turns to riding,

Hope turns to hoping,

Like turns to liking,



Keep words rolling!"

The crystal glowed a sparkly white.

The goats danced happily all night.

Click to hear the Sneaky E song:

https://suno.com/s/t5iQksTGJ4SQB2rn

Chapter 3: Double Trouble



Crunch! Boom! Bang!

Blast! Crash! Clang!

When trouble comes, Crunch and Thunder must obey!

It's their duty to save the day.



The ground rumbled, and the forest shook.

Letters bounced beside a brook.

“Running!”

“Hopping!”

“Swimming!” too!



Thunder asked, “What should we do?”

Crunch shook his tiny, furry mug.

“We must catch the sinful thug!”

Thunder asked, “Why do all the letters grow?”

Crunch replied, “I do not know.”



A beaver builder tapped a log.

"To keep short vowels safe and strong,

The letters are making double consonants all day long."

Let me show you, and you will see.

Come and learn. Come with me!

Building a consonant is fun to do.



They make short words into something new.

If a short, one-syllable word ends in the sounds **f, l, s, or z,**

You double the letter at the end!

“Hop turns into hopping,

Run turns into running,

Sit turns into sitting,

Isn’t spelling really funny—right?”





"But not all words must double tight!"

"Jump turns into jumping,

Land turns into landing,

Some words don't need extra standing!

Base verbs can change, and then they can grow.



The more that you practice, the more you will know!

"I think that I understand the rule!"

Crunch replied, "Short vowels need protection too!"

Click to hear the Double Trouble Song:
https://suno.com/s/B4zcSVBAM0NTFx58

Chapter 4: The Floss Boss



Deep inside a fluffy rabbit-cave

Lived the Floss Boss, strong and brave.

His fuzzy beard went swish-swish-swish.

He carried a giant spelling fish.



"After short vowels, don't forget,

F, L, and S like double sets!"

He stomped his feet and shouted loud:

"Bell and puff,

Miss and hill,



Double letters fit the bill!"

Murph laughed so hard he snorted air.

"Your beard has spelling words in there!"

The Floss Boss bowed with mighty flair.

Click to hear The Floss Boss Song:
https://suno.com/s/LmfWoWaDkHhiR1fO

Chapter 5: The TCH Trap



Crunch & Thunder crossed a bridge.

Then sticky vines slid from the ridge.

SNATCH!

ITCH!

MATCH!

PATCH!

The cats got tangled in the hatch.



Crunch said, "Thunder, we must get out, we must detach!"

Thunder replied, "I am tangled too tight, I cannot unlatch."

"These vines are made of sticky words." Crunch explained, "If we read

them, we might uncatch."

"I cannot read trigraph words!" Thunder objected

Neither could Crunch; he was a bit distracted.

A cricket hopped beside a ditch.





"When short vowels come before /ch/,

Use T-C-H to make it rich!

"Itch and hatch,

Match and patch,



TCH helps the words attach!"

"But lunch and branch?" asked little Crunch

"Those use the di-graph, CH!" the cricket chirped.

It took some practice, but it worked!



"Not every word follows the pack.

That's why we always look back!"

With the cricket's help, they learned to read,

And not long after, the two were freed.

Click to hear The TCH Trap Song:

https://suno.com/s/1uDejLhaddwDaG7Z

Chapter 6: Hard and Soft



The goats then reached a castle gate

Where letters argued, loud and great.

"I'm HARD C!" one letter cried.

"I say /k/ with lots of pride!"

"SOFT C here!" another said.

"I say /s/ instead!"



"Cat and cup and crash say /k/,

City, cycle, cell say /s/ today!"

Then giant G stomped through the hall.



"Game and gum are hard," said G.

"Gem and giraffe are soft," said he.

Millie laughed.

"I know the trick!

E, I, and Y can change them quick!"

Click to listen to The Hard and Soft Song:

https://suno.com/s/Svs7L5P4bRoLEjRd

Chapter 7: Plural Parade



The town parade marched down the street

With wagging tails and dancing feet.

Millie yelled, "One box!"

Then two rolled by.



"Boxes!" shouted Murph nearby.

"One tree, two trees,

One dish, two dishes,

Add S or ES

To make more wishes!"



Murph waved flags above his head.

"One fox?"

"Two foxes!" Millie said.

Click to listen to the Plural Parade:

https://suno.com/s/mVEzDrp1E3o1lpTW

Chapter 8: Prefix Power



A wizard goat wore a shiny hat.

He shouted, "Prefixes help with that!"

He tossed bright word-stars in the sky:

- unhappy

- replay
- mistype



"Prefixes come first," sang he.

"They change the word so easily!"

"Re means again,

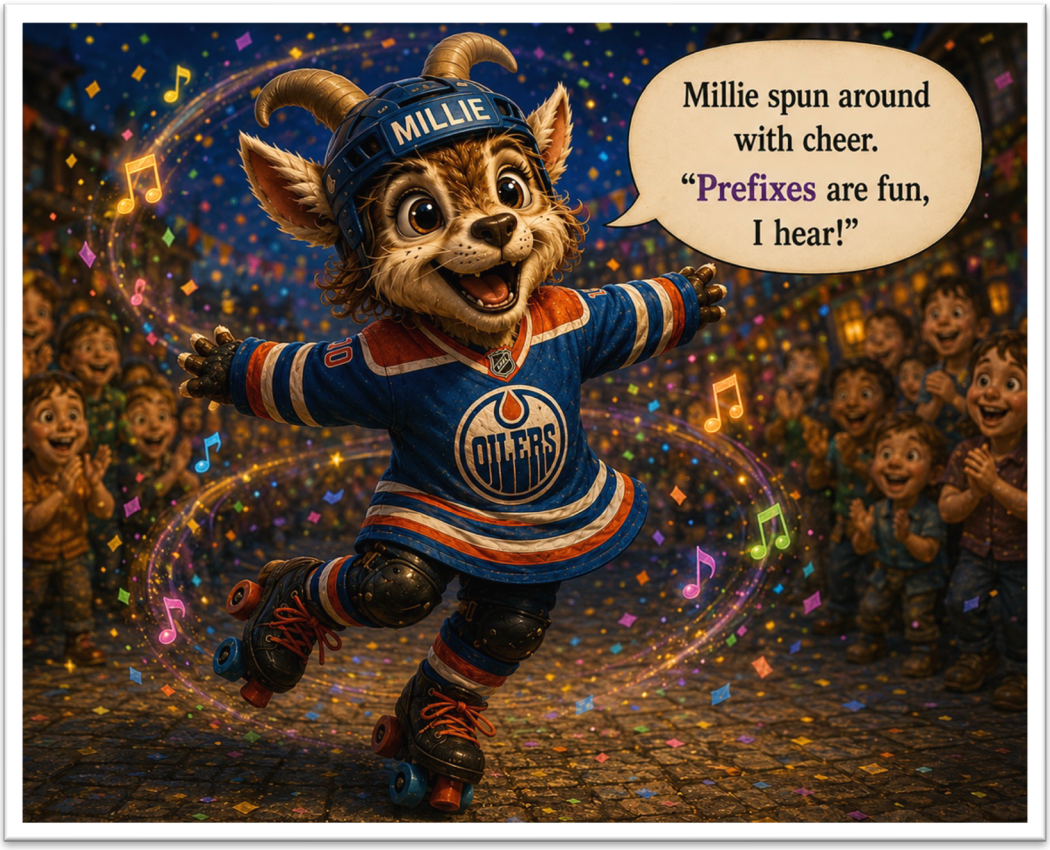
Un means not,

Mis means wrong —

That's what we've got!"

Millie spun around with cheer.

"Prefixes are fun, I hear!"



Click to hear the Prefix Power Song:

https://suno.com/s/qJDEFGmJRrPxiJow

Chapter 9: Word Mix-Up Day



The coyotes sneaked into the fair

And mixed-up words everywhere!

"Sea" and "see" switched all around.

"Noisy homophones!" yelled a hound.



"See with your eyes,

Sea has waves,

Same sound —

Different ways!"

Then words crashed together with a POP!

Cup + cake = cupcake shop!



Sun + flower = sunflower too!

The goats shouted, "We know what to do!"



Then giant words began to crack:

DO NOT → DON'T

CANNOT → CAN'T

"Contractions squish words nice and tight!

Apostrophes help make them right!"

Click to listen to Word Mix-Up Day:

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Final Song: Crunch & Thunder Spell Along



The Word Crystals glowed once more.

Millie, Murph, Crunch and Thunder danced proudly on the floor.

"Sound it out and clap the beat,

Spelling practice makes us neat!



Read it slow and sing along,

That's how words grow big and strong!"

"QU sticks tight,

Silent e hides,

Double letters stay inside!

Prefixes and suffixes too,

Spelling fun for me and you!"

And in the wheat fields, late at night,

Crunch & Thunder rolled from sight.



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