



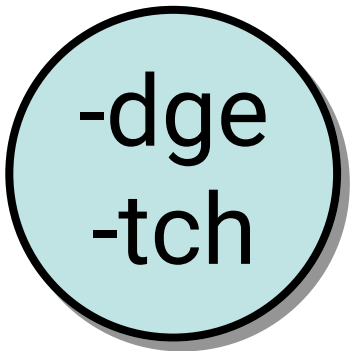
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The Smudge

Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the trigraphs



Try these decodable words!

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lodge

stretch

New Vocabulary

nudge: to gently push something or someone

smudge: a wet, sticky, or dirty mark made on a surface

Let's Read!

Scan the QR code
to watch a fun 2-minute
video about the book.



The Smudge



Mitch wanted to catch some fish.

"I will pitch the plan to Dad," Mitch said.

He saw a pen on the ledge. He wrote:

Dad,

Want to catch some fish at the lodge?

Mitch



Mitch set the note on the ledge by the sink. It got wet! He could see a smudge.

"Oh no!" Mitch said and snatched it up.

The smudge stretched over the note.



Dad,
want to catch
some fish at
the lodge?
Mitch

In a rush, Mitch got rid of the smudged note. He snatched up the pen to sketch. He sketched himself and Dad catching fish at the lodge. He set it away from the sink's edge.



Mitch had to catch the bus. On the bus, he clutched his bag.

Oh no! He left his lunch in the fridge! He should have snatched it.

The smudged note and the sketch led him off track.



Mr. Hatch nudged Mitch.

"Your dad saw this in the fridge. He knew you would want it!"

Mitch clutched his lunch box, "Oh yes! I forgot to fetch it!"



Mitch looked in his box. Wedged in the back was his sketch. The sketch had a note on it:

Mitch,

Yes, let's catch fish at the lodge!

Dad

PS - I hope you like the fudge.



Yes,
let's catch
fish at
the lodge!

Dad
PS-I hope you
like the fudge.



Mitch snatched the fudge and ate it!
He knew he should hold on to this
sketch and the note.

"No smudges this time!" he said.





Phonics Fun

Write 3 words with the complex ending blends -dge and -tch that were not in the book.



Comprehension

Retell what happened in the beginning, middle, and end in your own words.



High Frequency Words

knew

wrote



Decodable Words

catch

Mitch

clutch

nudge

edge

pitch

fetch

sketch

fridge

smudge

fudge

snatch

Hatch

stretch

ledge

wedge

lodge

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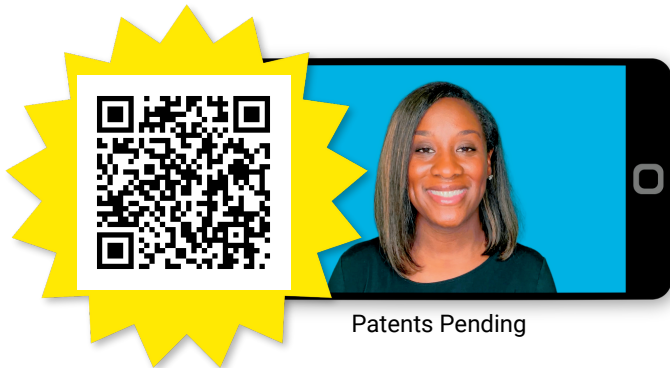
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