



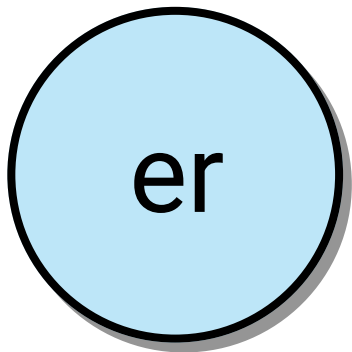
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# Down the River

# Grow Your phonics Skills!

Look for the r-controlled



Try these decodable words!

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bother

corner

## New Vocabulary

**perch:** to sit

**usher:** to lead to an  
area

## Let's Read!

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



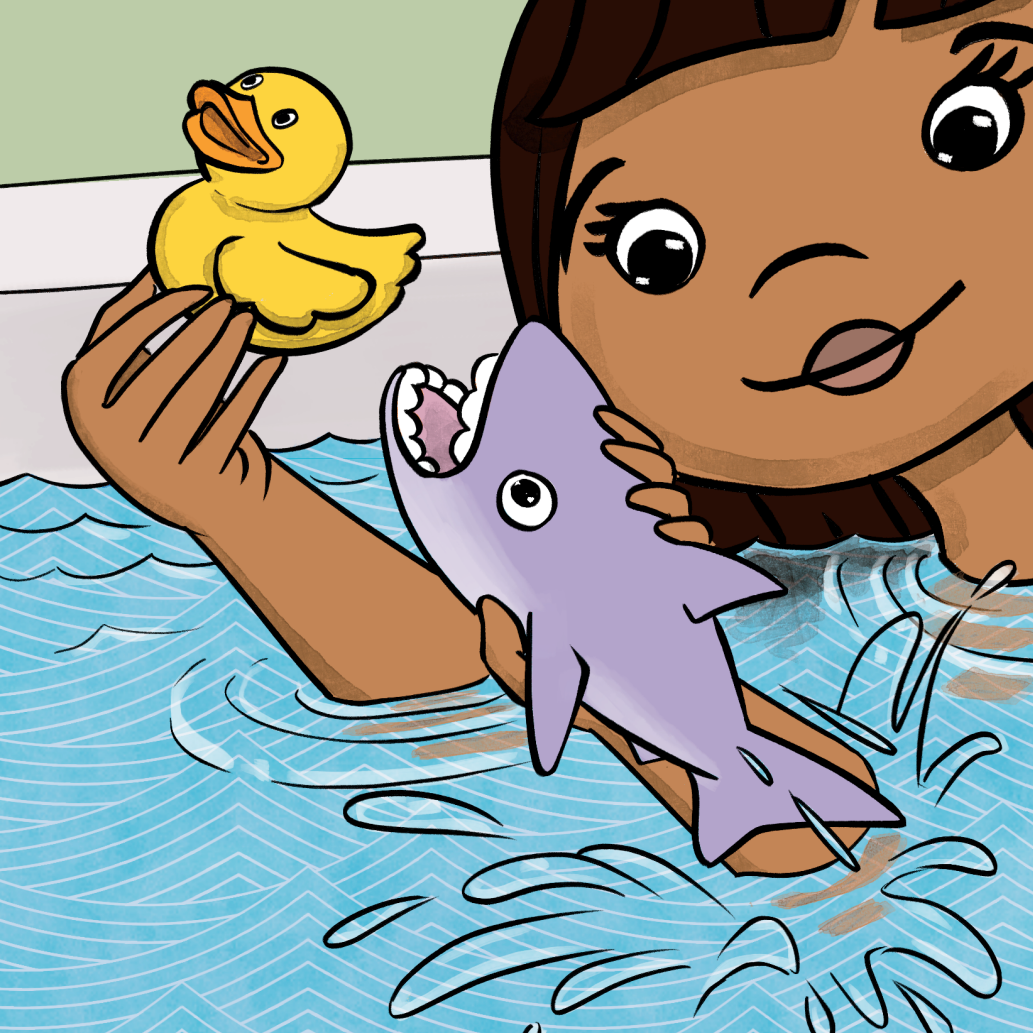


# Down the River



My name is Archer. Like other rubber ducks, I love the water. I have a ton of fun in the bath with my pal, Harper.

With her help, I swim with otters, ships, and sharks! Sharks are a bother, but I'm safe with Harper.



Every day, I perch on the sill under the fern until Harper's next bath.

But this summer day is not like other days. Harper is taking me on a trip! Where are we going?

I enter the bag and she zips it up.



We go on a long drive. We stop. Then, the zipper slides, and out I go.

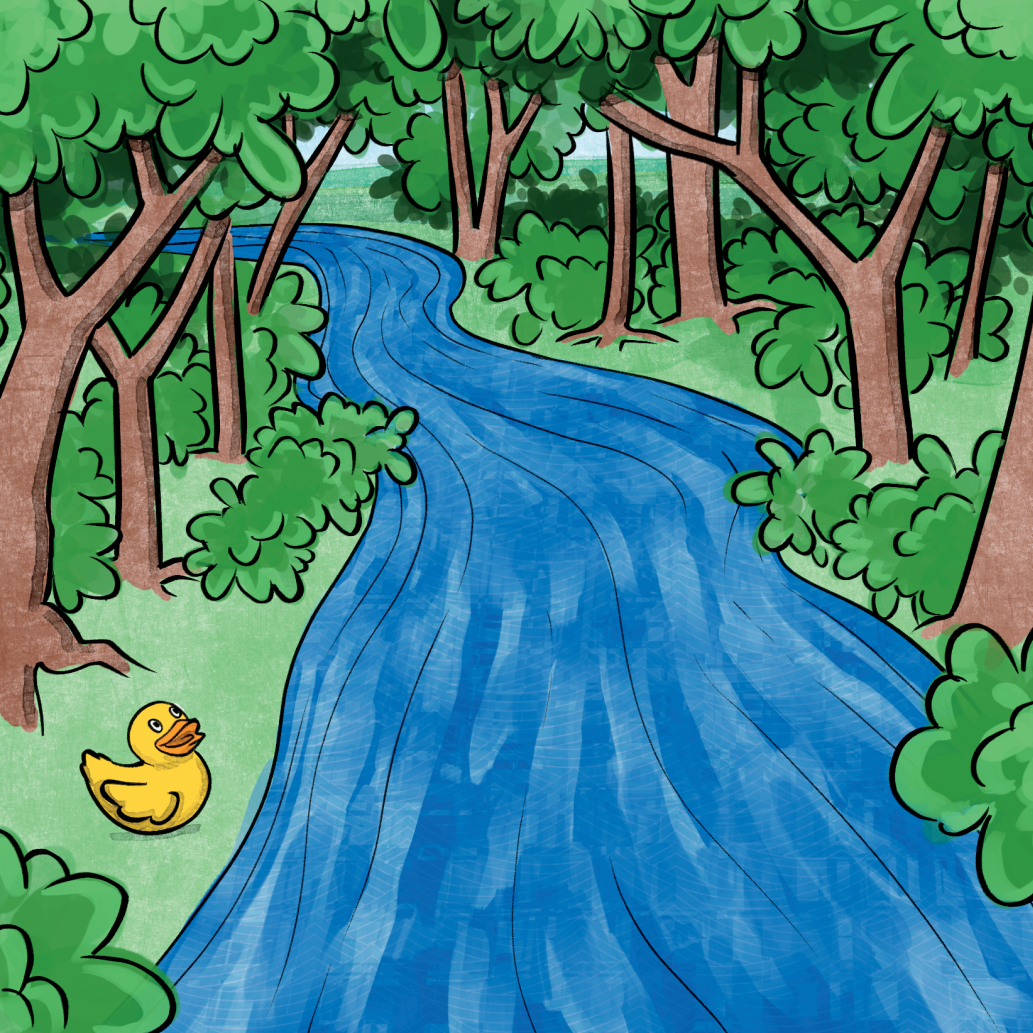
Harper sets up a tent for cover. After that, we go by the water.

"Look!" says Harper. "It's a river. Let's go swimming."



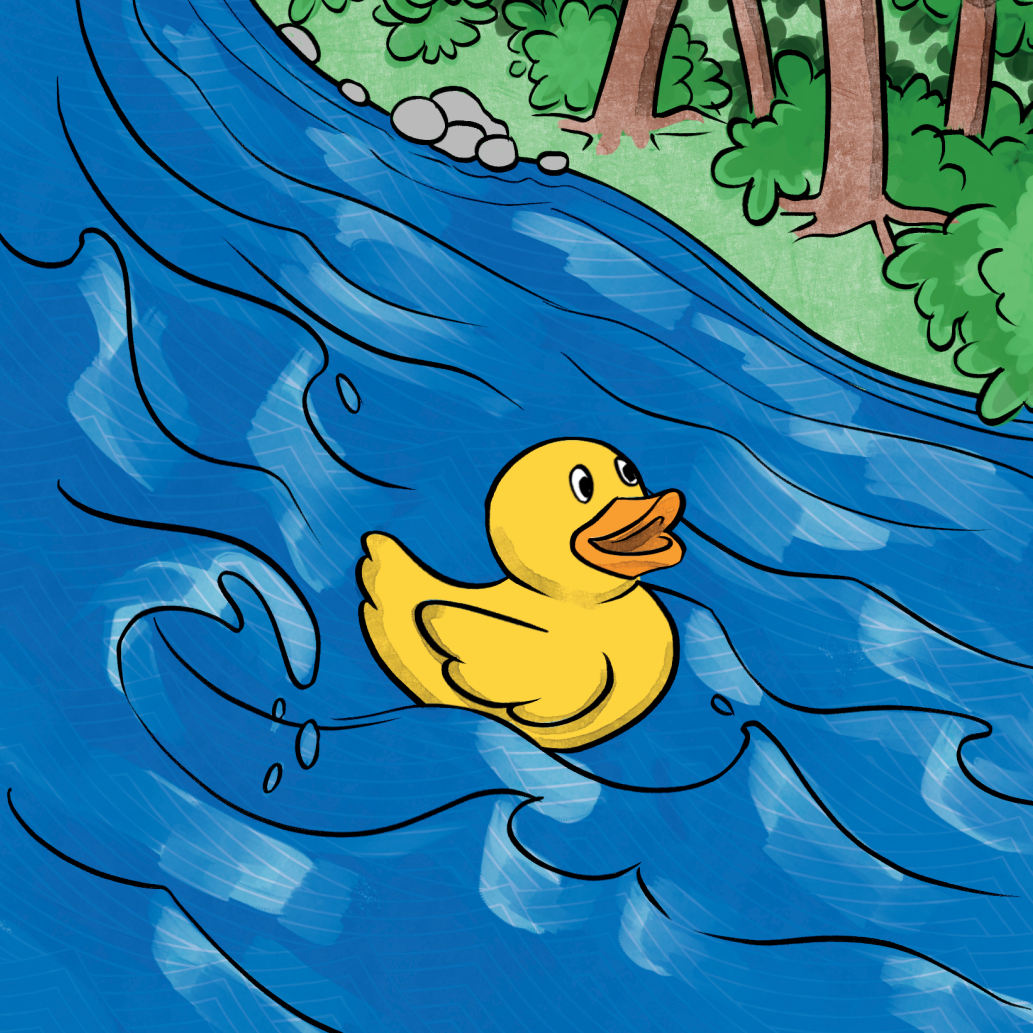
While playing in the water,  
Harper's mother calls for her.  
She sets me down on the  
outer part of the river before  
going over there. The water  
shifts closer and closer.





Uh-oh. The water ushers me into the river. It moves me faster as I get farther from Harper. The water twists and jerks me side to side.

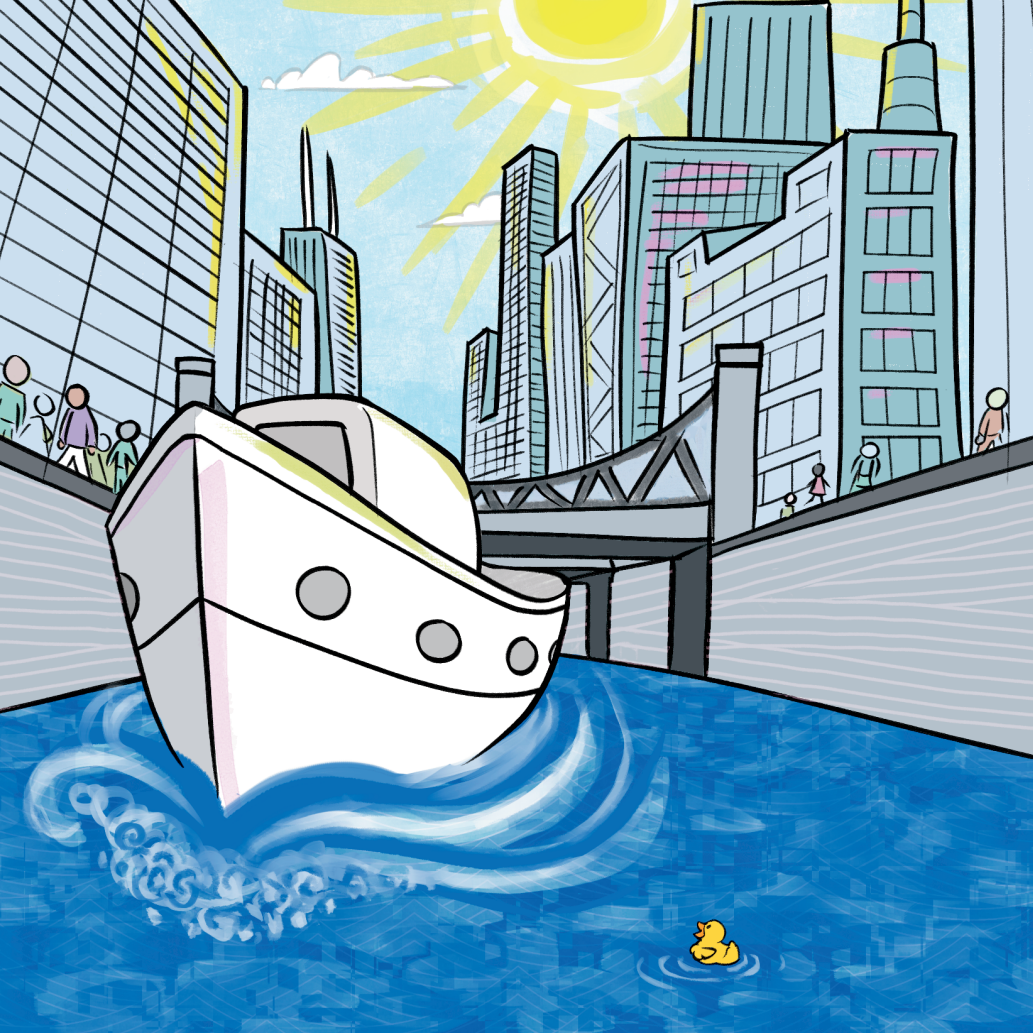
I wonder where the river is taking me. It would be better if I was with Harper.



Time passes. The river widens,  
and a ship almost crashes  
into me! It's bigger than  
Harper's too!

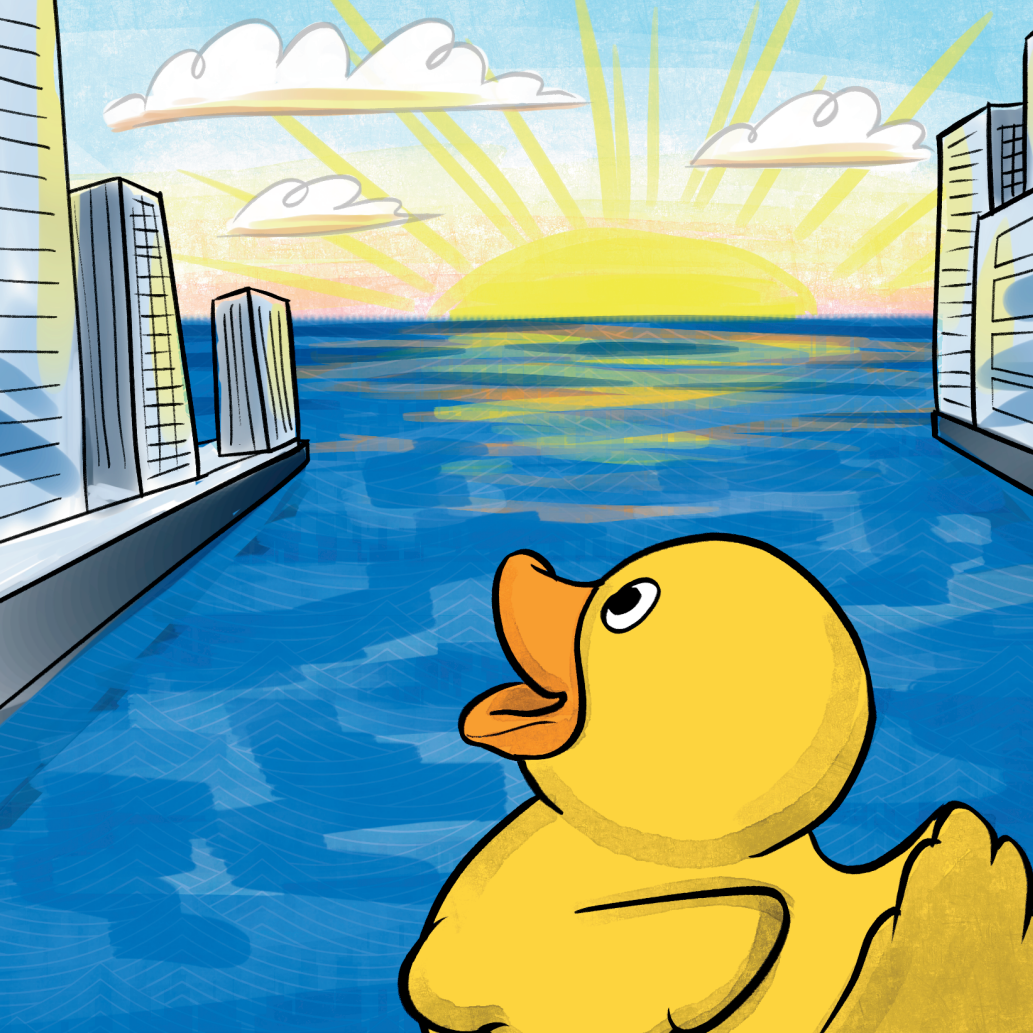
I dip under the water. That  
was very close! I prefer the  
tub!





I pass a corner and see so much more water! This isn't the river... It's like a bathtub but bigger! Best trip ever!

I wish Harper was here. I wonder, where will I go next?





## Phonics Fun

- Look for words with -er.
- Choose a book.
- Look through the book.
- Write down 5 words you find.
- Read the words to a friend.



## Comprehension

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



## High Frequency Words

there

very

where



## Decodable Words

after	jerk
Archer	mother
better	other
bigger	otter
bother	outer
closer	perch
corner	prefer
cover	river
enter	rubber
ever	summer
farther	under
faster	usher
fern	water
Harper	wonder
her	zipper



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