



Just Right
Reader



The Really Bad Year

Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the r-controlled

air, are,
ear

Try these decodable words!

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bear

flair

New Vocabulary

airboat: a boat that has a large fan in back that skims on top of the water

lair: a den or resting place for wild animals

Let's Read!

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



The Really Bad Year



Oh dear. Have you ever had a really bad day?

Let me share with you my really bad year!

It just wasn't fair. I woke up every day in fear. I was near tears!



I was upstairs getting prepared for school. I could not find a pair of socks to wear. I had to get a spare pair from my sister, Claire. I wished those bears would disappear! My friends would stare!



My family and I shared an airboat
at the fair. The water was clear.
But when they went to steer the
airboat, it was so loud I couldn't
hear!

"My ears!" I said with fear as the
water came near.



My year just kept getting worse. I was sitting in a chair eating an éclair. A loud noise gave me a scare. My éclair went flying through the air. It fell on Claire, who was in a chair nearby.



It was clear this was not my year. My hair was too long. I went for a haircut and sat in the chair. The hairy barber with a beard got out his gear.

As he began to cut with the shears, I heard "Uh-oh."

There was no hair at all near my ear!



I was weary walking down the stairs. I dropped my project! It was a pair of bears in a shoebox. They shared a lair. I stared at the mess. I almost had tears! It was not fair!



All year, I had a flair for bad luck.
It seems sometimes we have
good years and bad years.

So, better luck next year!

Next year will
be better.





Phonics Fun

Write 2 words you know that will help you remember words with the long a vowel r and long e vowel r sounds.



Comprehension

Using words from the book, can you explain why the boy said he had a bad year?



Decodable Words

air	hear
airboat	lair
beard	near
chair	pair
Claire	prepare
clear	scare
dear	share
disappear	shear
ear	spare
eclair	stair
fair	stare
fear	tear
flair	upstairs
gear	weary
hair	year
haircut	

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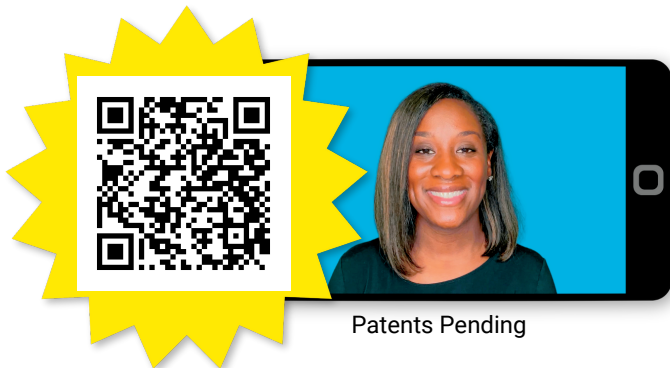
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