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Sue in the Slough

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everything

through

New Vocabulary

honeycomb: a group of hexagons containing honey that bees build

slough: like a swamp or creek; rhymes with Sue

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Sue in the Slough



Asleep in her house was a hardworking beaver named Sue. She dwelled in a homemade lodge in the most quiet corner of Blueberry Slough. From sunrise to sunset, Sue worked the day through. But at nighttime, Sue slept deeper than any creature in the slough.



Near midnight one night, a loud sound thundered throughout Blueberry Slough.

Cough! Hack! Cough!

The entire neighborhood must be awake! Sue's workday started at sunrise, and there was so much to do. Without enough sleep, she would never make it through. She grabbed her flashlight and went outside to help.



Everyone in the slough stirred in their bedrooms as Sue tiptoed to the hilltop to find the noisemaker. Outside in the moonlight sat Bill Bear with a rough, scratchy throat.

Bill Bear said, "I'm sorry, Sue. I've been coughing all night. I've upset the entire neighborhood, but I cannot make it stop."



"There's one foolproof fix for a sore throat, and that's honey," coughed Bill Bear.

"I saw a honeycomb deep through the woods where the honeybees dwell. Although, the thought of those bees is enough. I don't dare."



"Getting honey is rough stuff.
Honeybees swarm, and they sting.
They are tiny but tough. I've fought
them before. They get everywhere:
in your nostrils, your eyelids, your
backside, and even your hair."

Bill Bear coughed and coughed
without stopping. Sue listened to
everything, and raising her eyebrows,
she had a great thought.



Sue said, "Look, Bill Bear, I am not empty-handed! You can take this honeycomb cough drop I've brought. I bought it at the Blueberry Drugstore the last time I had a cough. Anyway, that's what neighbors are for."



"That's outstanding, Sue! You've really come through. My cough is much better! Someday soon I'll repay you. Goodbye to you, Sue," said Bill Bear.

"Anytime, my friend, and goodnight!" said Sue. She crept through the silent neighborhood without making a peep. She smiled and yawned, and once again, things were quiet in Blueberry Slough.





Phonics Fun

- Write these letters on individual squares of paper: a, b, d, g, h, h l, e, e, o, o, p, r, s, t, t, u, y.
- Use letter squares to make the words from the list.
- Make and read each word.

asleep
thought

goodbye
through

rough



Comprehension

Why do you think the author chose to solve the problem by having Sue bring Bear a cough drop?



Decodable Words

although	drugstore	fought	neighborhood	sunset
anytime	empty-handed	goodbye	nighttime	tiptoe
anyway	enough	goodnight	noisemaker	thought
asleep	everyone	hardworking	outside	through
backside	everything	hilltop	outstanding	throughout
bedroom	everywhere	homemade	rough	tough
blueberry	eyebrow	honeybee	slough	upset
brought	eyelid	midnight	someday	without
cannot	flashlight	moonlight	sunrise	workday
cough	foolproof			

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