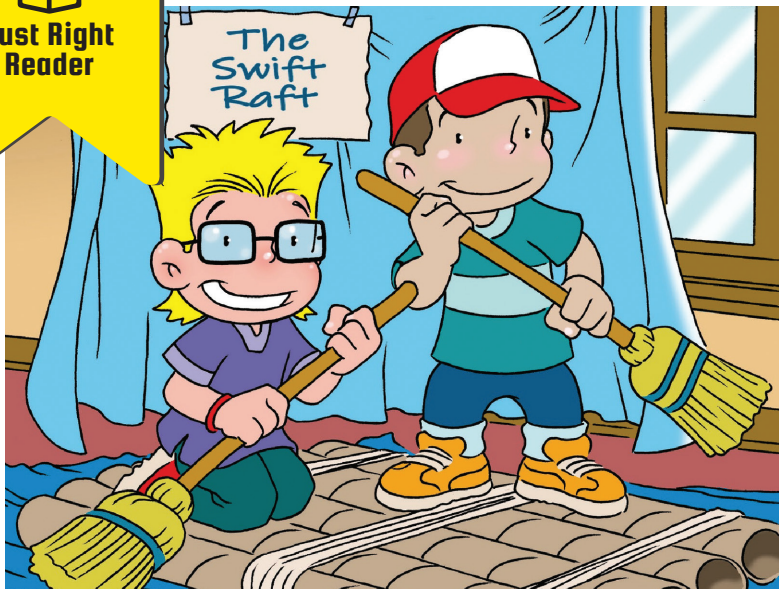




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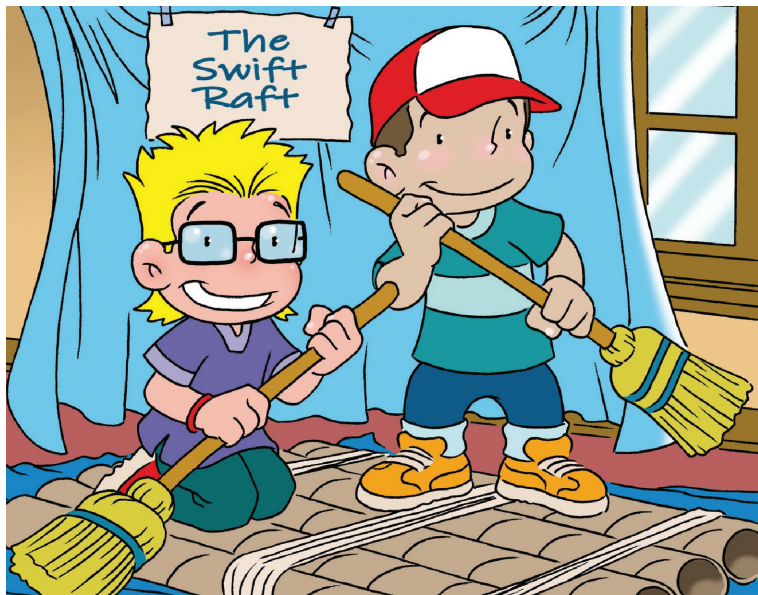


# The Swift Raft Play



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## Play



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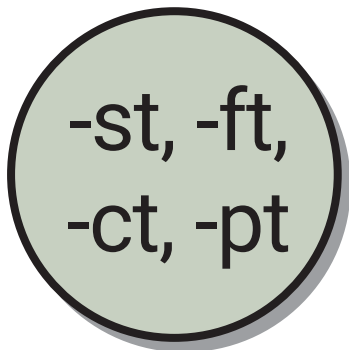
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# Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the ending blends



Try these decodable words!

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left

## New Vocabulary

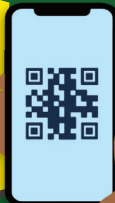
**aloft:** up in the air

**jest:** to joke

**watch:** to look at

## Let's Read!

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



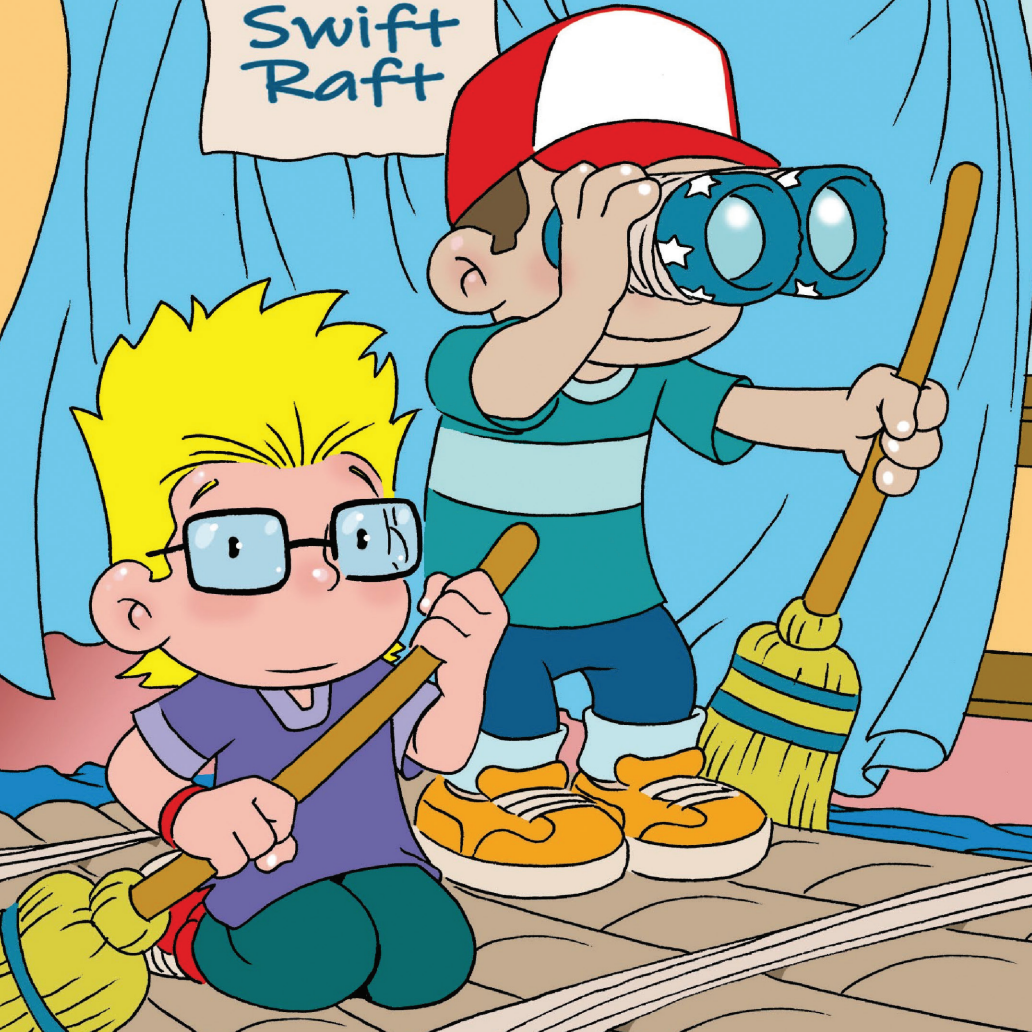
Taft and August are best pals.  
They have a blast acting in  
plays. They write plays too.  
They have a pact to be the  
best. They act and write hour  
after hour.

# The Swift Raft

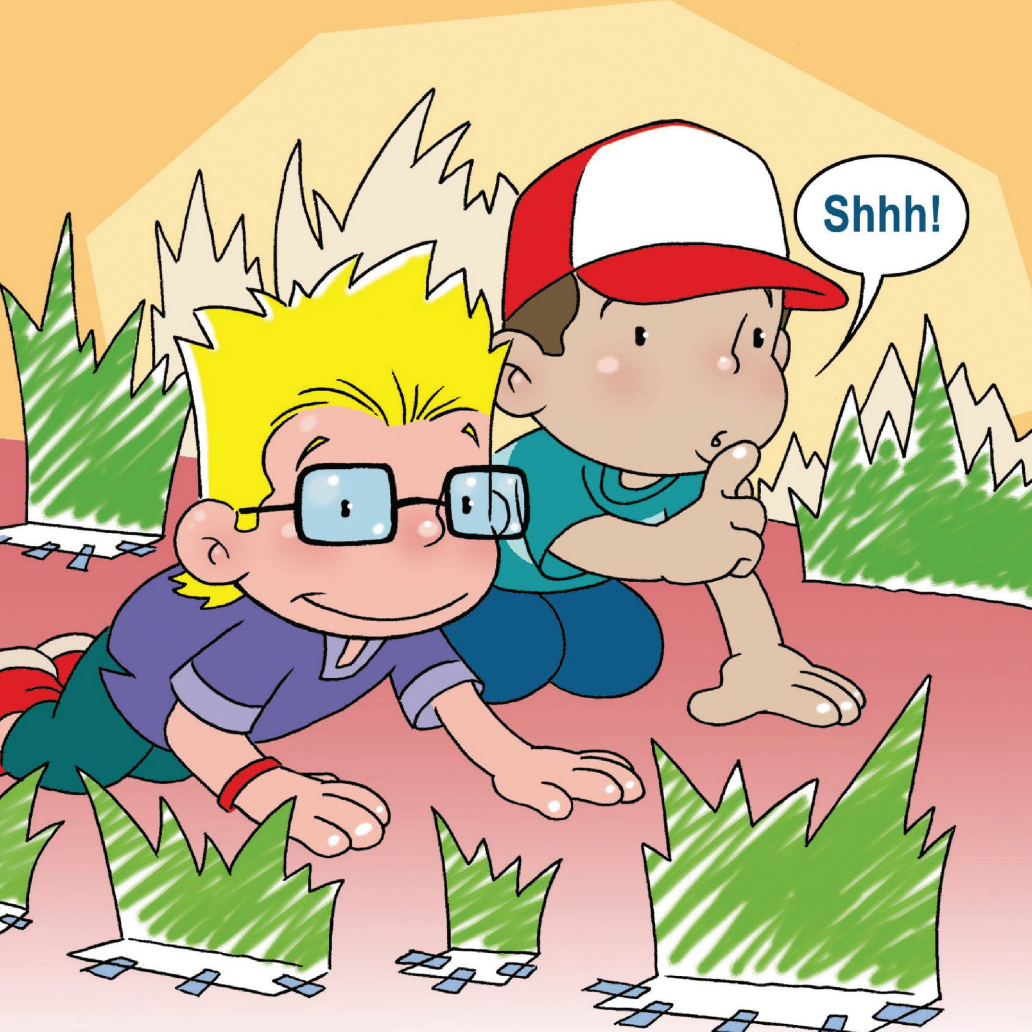


In the play, The Swift Raft, they have to get past mist and gusts of wind to find a lost nest. They cannot fall off the raft. They must not rest.

Swift  
Raft



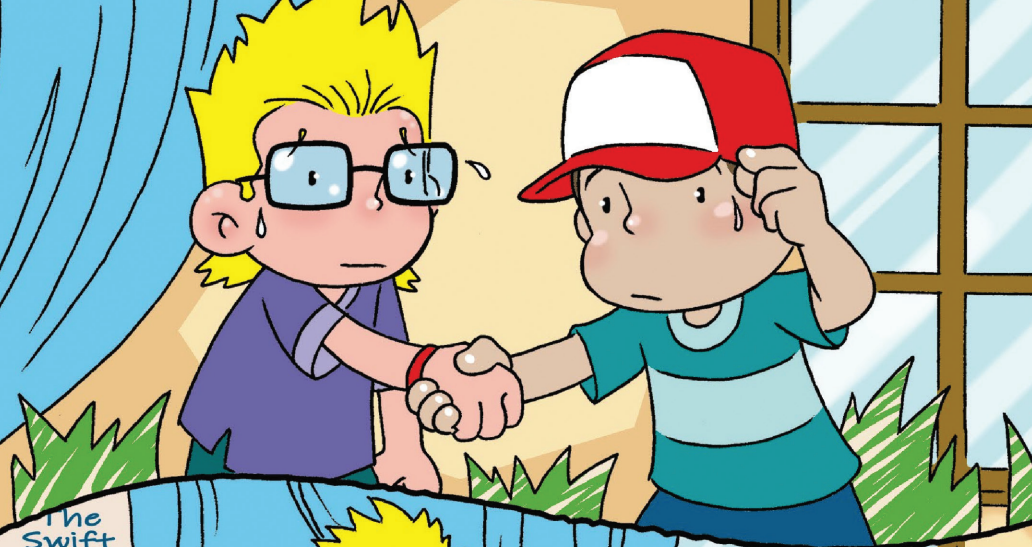
Taft and August have not slept.  
They crept past tufts of grass.  
They kept looking for the lost  
nest.



Shhh!

Our fast pals make a pact. No  
rest! They will be swift and fast.  
They will cast a big net for the  
nest.





The  
Swift  
Raft



A gust of wind lifts the raft. It shifts the raft to the left. Oh no! Taft falls off. August reacts fast! He tosses a vest to Taft.



Yes! Taft is aloft and back on the raft. They must go on! They must go west to find the nest.



**West!**

Can it be? Is that the nest? It is  
vast!

“Is this a test?” asks Taft.

“Is this a jest?” asks August.

“No, I made a nest so we can  
watch and play.”

Yay!



# The Lost Vest





## Phonics Fun

Write 2 sentences using words from the word list in the book.



## Comprehension

Would you tell a friend to read this book?  
Why?



## High Frequency Words

hour  
off

our  
write



## Decodable Words

act	must
aloft	nest
August	pact
best	past
blast	raft
cast	rest
crept	shift
fast	slept
gust	swift
jest	Taft
kept	test
left	tuft
lift	vast
lost	vest
mist	west











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Decodable Set: 22

Skill: Ending Blends

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