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# Grow Your Phonics Skills!

Look for the vowel teams



Try these decodable words!

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clue

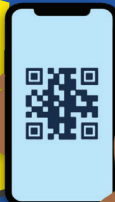
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## New Vocabulary

**newt:** a small, thin  
lizard-like animal with a  
long tail

## Let's Read!

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



Matthew and Rue are part of a wildlife crew.

One day, there was news of a new kind of newt spotted in the forest.

“Let’s pack a suitcase and go. We can look for clues and try to catch it,” said Rue.



Matthew and Rue checked for clues in a stream in the forest.

“Rue, I think I see it under the leaves with the dew drops.”

“That’s it!” Rue said.

Matthew tried to catch it, but the newt flew behind a waterfall.



Rue inspected the waterfall.

“The newt went somewhere,”  
Rue said. She put her hand on  
a rock.

Before she knew it, Rue fell.  
Matthew went in after her.



"Phew, where are we?" asked Matthew.

"It looks like the forest grew," said Rue. "Or we shrunk."

"If that's true," said Matthew, "what can we do?"

"I don't see a way back," Rue said.





Matthew looked about for clues. His eyes were glued on the trees. He saw the newt crawl into a cave.

"I see the newt! It grew in size!" Matthew yelled.

A hawk flew by. Rue heard it screech. The bird was diving right at them!



Matthew and Rue flew to the cave. The hawk's claws were getting close!

Rue held Matthew's arm. She saw the newt's tail was around her waist.

The newt drew them into the cave. They were safe!



Matthew and Rue hugged their new pal.

"You are due a thank you," Matthew said to the newt. "That hawk flew too close."

Matthew and Rue had a true new pal!







## Phonics Fun

- Look at the list of words from the book.
- Write the words on cards or pieces of paper.
- Sort the words by: ew, ue, ui.



## Comprehension

How would you describe Rue's traits? Why?



## Decodable Words

clue	due	knew	news	Rue
crew	flew	Matthew	newt	suitcase
dew	glue	new	phew	true
drew	grew			











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Decodable Set: 44

Skill: Vowel Teams

ew, ue, ui

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