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# Grow Your phonics Skills!

Look for the  
suffixes and silent letters

-less,  
-ful, -ly,  
kn, gn, wr,  
mb

Try these decodable words!

See [page 15](#) for more.

joyful

numb

## New Vocabulary

**knack:** to be good at  
doing something

**swarm:** a group of  
many similar things

## Let's Read!

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



The gnat swarm had a knack for being pests. Nearly every day, the swarm was careless and not friendly.

After a sleepless night, Gnatly the gnat was done.

"This is dreadful! I know this is the wrong way to live," Gnatly said to herself.



Gnatly spoke up bravely.

"Swarm, we are powerful. But what we do wrecks other things. Sadly, we are all numb to it. Don't you see it is wrong to bite people?"

The swarm quickly grew quiet.  
Gnatly took that as a good sign.





Gnatly broke the silence: "I think we should knit. I know we can be successful if we work as a team."

"Knit?" the swarm asked. "None of us know how to knit!"

Gnatly nodded gently. "Yes, but I do. I will write down the steps and show you!"



Gnatly knew it was up to her to help the swarm learn to knit. After careful teaching, Gnatly wrote the steps down. The sign was hung for all to see. Then, the swarm slowly got started.

"A knot!" the swarm yelled.



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1. CAST ON
  2. KNIT STITCH
  3. PURL STITCH
  4. CAST OFF

"It's okay!" Gnatly said calmly. "We can fix a knot. No need to gnash your teeth!"

Gnatly gave a few helpful tips and the swarm was back to knitting joyfully.

Gnatly no longer thought they were acting badly.



"What are we knitting?" the swarm asked.

"Winter is coming quickly, and people wrap up in scarves," Gnatly said.

The swarm agreed loudly with a cheerful, "Yes!"

A few more knots later, the lovely scarf was done.





Gnatly knocked on a door and quickly flew away. The swarm watched closely. They saw their knitted scarf get wrapped around a very joyful girl.

"I knew we could do it!" Gnatly said.

"We have a knack for knitting!" the swarm giggled.





## Phonics Fun

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

gnash  
badly

knot  
knew

calmly



## Comprehension

How would you summarize this book?



## Decodable Words

badly	gently	knit	powerful	wreck
bravely	gnash	knock	quickly	write
calmly	gnat	knot	sadly	wrong
careful	helpful	know	sign	wrote
careless	joyful	loudly	sleepless	
cheerful	joyfully	lovely	slowly	
dreadful	knack	nearly	successful	
friendly	knew	numb	wrap	



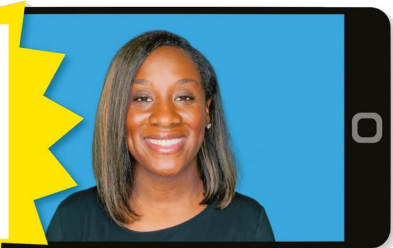






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Decodable Set: 50

Skills: Suffixes -less, -ful, -ly,

Silent Letters gn, kn, wr, mb

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