

Explicit Instruction for Phonics Intervention

Instructional Focus: ar, Week 3

Story Number: 1

Mark and Bart's Cart

Mark and Bart drove to the farm. They wished to see the black cow at the barn. They had to drive very far to get to the farm. When they got to the farm they could not take their car to the barn. They had to get in a go cart to go around the yard to get to the barn. By the time they got to the barn it was dark. They could see the stars in the dark sky, but they could not see the black cow. Mark and Bart were sad that they could not see the black cow. It was so dark they could not even see where they walked. As they left the barn, Bart stepped in a cow pie that was black as tar. What a bad day.

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Spark at the Marsh

My dog Spark likes to chase cats. Spark is not to go out of the yard. A cat walks by and Spark barks. He does not like that cat but he likes to charge at the cat. The cat darts back and forth in front of Spark and then takes off toward the marsh. Spark does not stay in the yard. He takes off after the cat and runs far away toward the marsh. Spark barks and barks at the cat as it darts through the marsh. Spark leaps at the cat and bites him hard. The cat yelps and runs away into the dark. Spark looks around and does not know where he is. He barks and barks until mom comes to get him in the car. She yells at Spark and says he should never run off again.

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Art the Guard

Art was a guard at the mine. He had to stand in the cold and guard the mine every day. Art's wife bought him a scarf made of yarn to wear to keep warm. She made him wear it every day. One day Art had to help load a big iron bar in a cart for his friend Bill. The big iron bar was very hard and had a sharp point on it.

As they picked up the iron bar, Bill's hands slipped. Bill dropped the bar and it hit Art's arm. Ouch! Art's arm had blood on it. The sharp iron bar cut his arm. It was a good thing Art's wife made him wear his scarf that day. Art took off his yarn scarf and wrapped it around his arm until he could get to the nurse. Bill took Art to see the nurse. She took off the scarf, cleaned the cut, and stitched it. It took three months to heal. Now Art has a scar on his arm from the iron bar.