

Mick Helps the Duck



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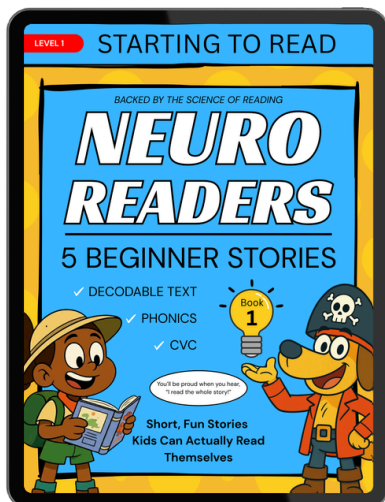
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Phonics Focus: /k/ (ck) – Mick, kick, duck, rock,
stuck, stick, luck, flock.

HFW Words: a, the, is, to, he

Vocabulary Words: flock, plan.

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Mick is sad. The duck is still stuck.

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to help the duck.

Mick has a plan. He will pick up a stick.

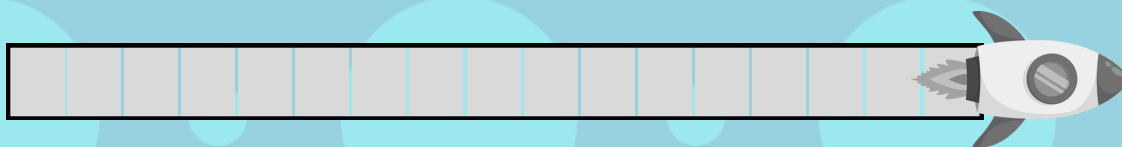
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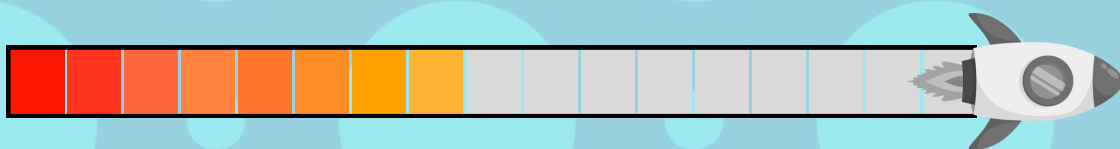


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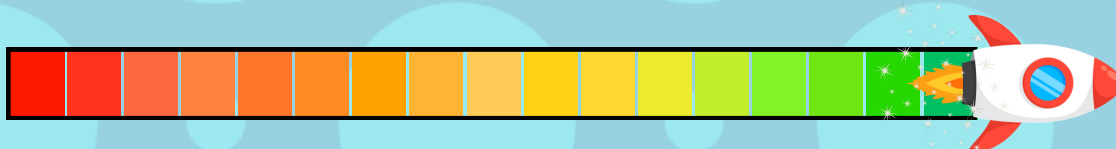
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Exercise 1: Comprehension

1. Who is Mick?
2. What can Mick kick past the hill?
3. What is on top of the duck?
4. How does Mick try to help the duck?
5. How does the duck get back to its flock?

Exercise 2: Phonemic Awareness (CVC)

1. _____ot
2. _____ill
3. stuc_____
4. _____uck
5. lo_____

Exercise 3: Sound It Out

kick

duck

rock

stick

luck

Exercise 4: Circle the Letter ck

kick duck rock stick quack

Exercise 5: Draw a Picture

Draw a picture of this sentence: Mick can kick a ball past the hill.

Exercise 6: CVC Word Scramble

1. kcik _____
2. ucdk _____
3. ckor _____
4. kistc _____
5. uckl _____

Exercise 7: High-Frequency Words

Word Bank: a pack still off back

1. Mick is _____ bull.
2. He wants to get _____ to his pack.
3. The duck is _____ stuck.
4. He will get the rock _____ of the duck.
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Story Text

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Answer Key: lot, hill, stuck, duck, log

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