



# Our Secret Cave

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## Combinations

Encourage the child to read with expression, rather than simply narrating.  
Help the reader use the "speaking marks" to "become the voice" of the other person.

## Phonic Decoding

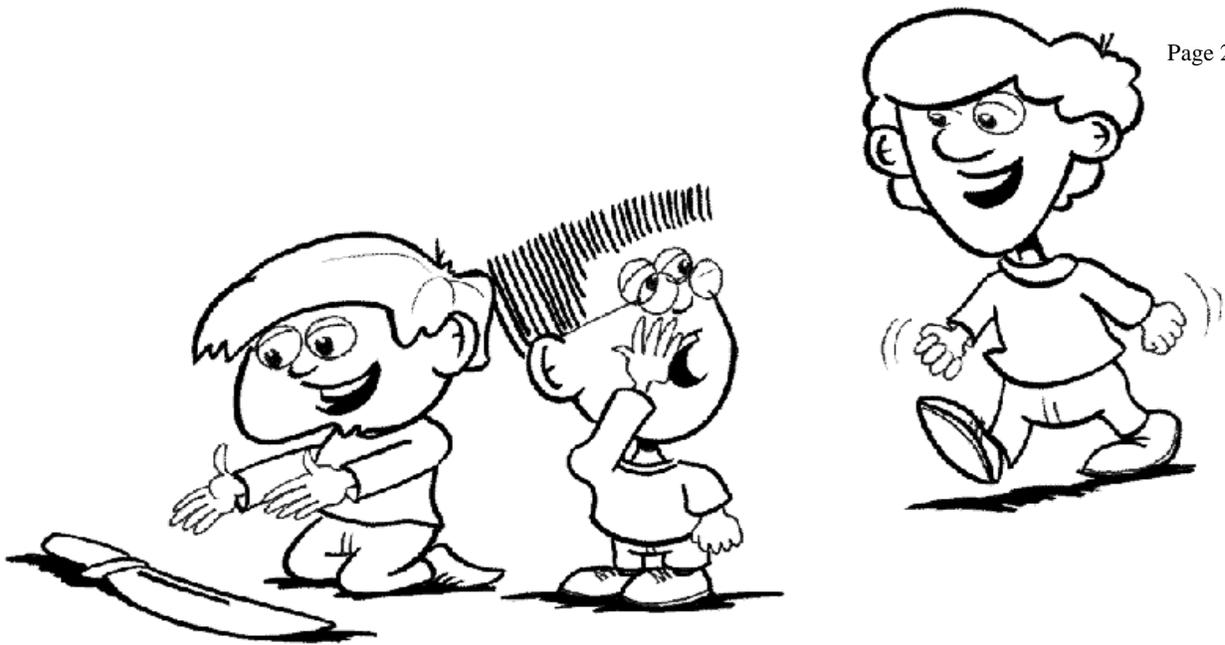
The Sound 'irst' - as in the word 'first'  
The Sound 'urst' - as in the word 'burst'

## Abbreviation

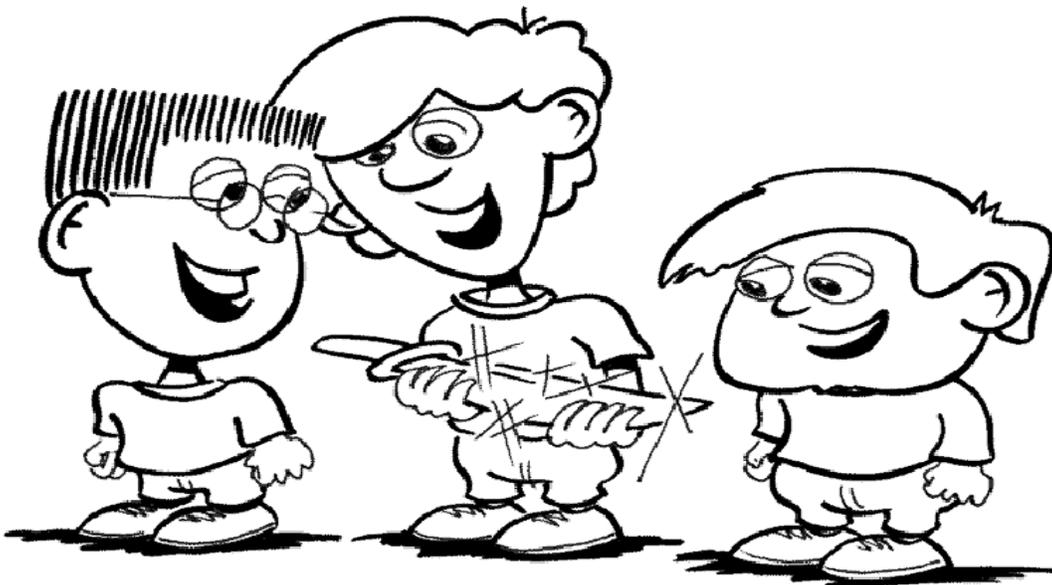
you'll - as in the phrase 'you will ...'  
we'll - as in the phrase 'we will...'

## Try These New Words

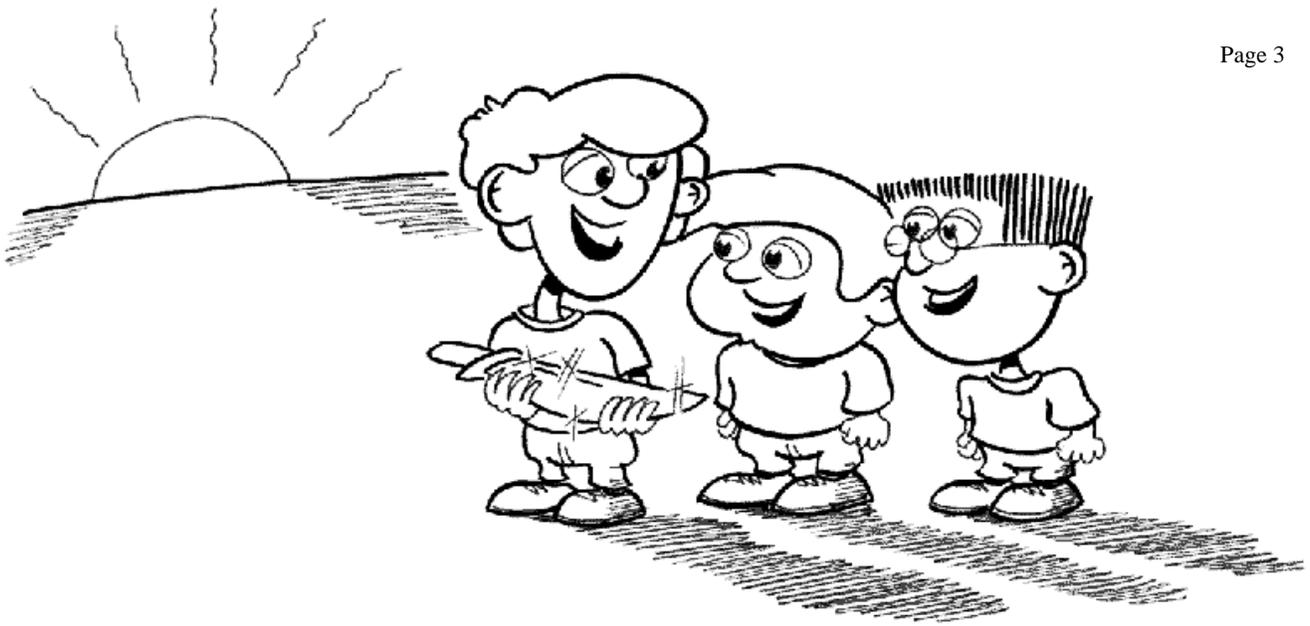
you'll you will we'll we will  
I've I have encrusted underground  
jewels burst cursed answered really



Walking through the forest to our secret cave, we stumbled on a sword - so we called out to Dave ...



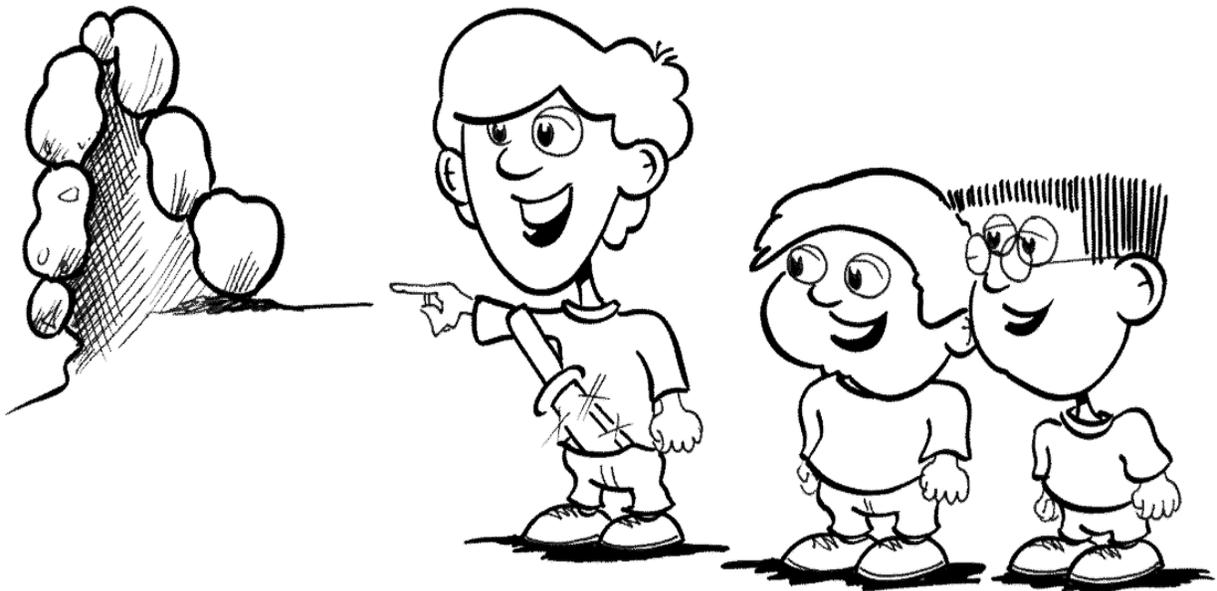
"Dave, over here, there's a sword that's really old! It's encrusted with jewels, and it is made of gold".



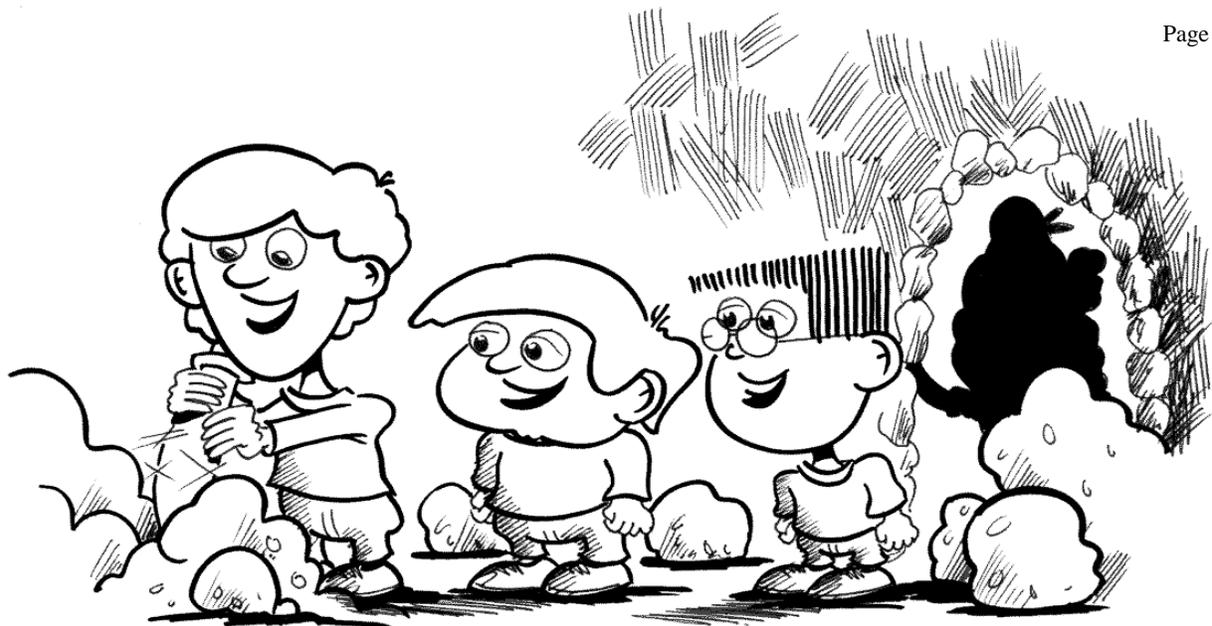
The sun was setting, it was getting cold. "Let's keep it our secret", Dave said, looking very bold.

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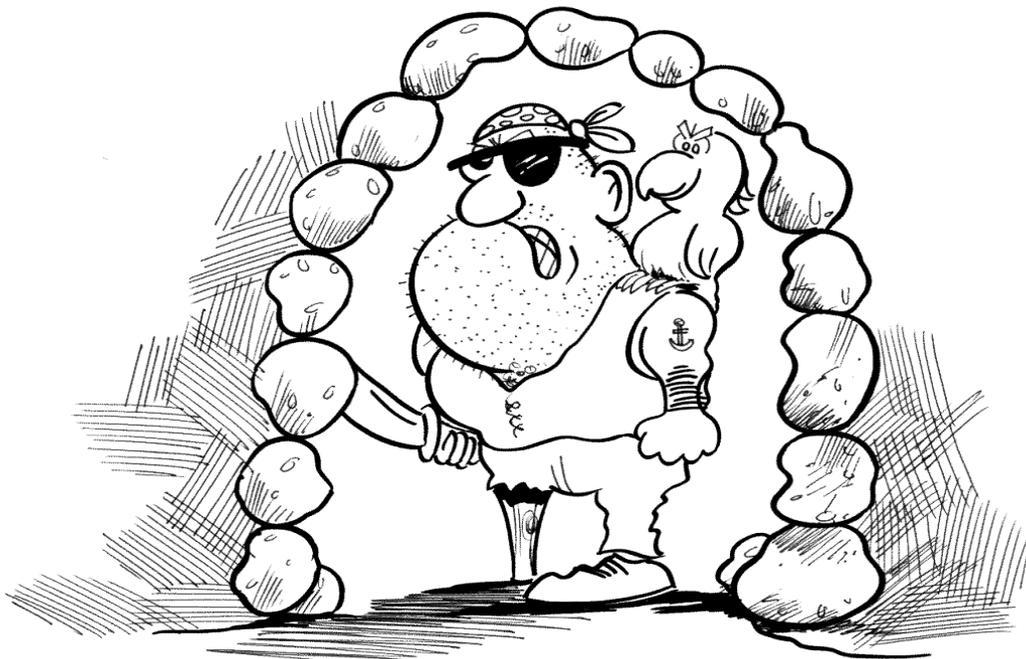
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We picked up the sword, and crept to our cave. "We'll hide it underground, it's safe there", said Dave.



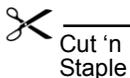
We got to the cave and put the sword out of sight. Then a pirate burst in - he gave us a fright.



"Ahoy, me hearties", said Black Bart, with a patch. "Look what I've found in this little catch".



But Dave was so brave - he pulled out the sword. He cut off Bart's peg-leg - then the pirate roared.



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"You'll walk the plank!", Black Bart cursed.

But Dave answered back,  
"You'll have to catch us first!"

## Extra Words

(all these words have the Sound " ..ord")

lord sword fjord moored board soared  
sawed pawed gnawed stored award

## Comprehension

1. Where were the boys going?
2. What was the sword made from?
3. What did they do with the sword?
4. What was Black Bart wearing?
5. What did Dave call out to Black Bart?



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Complete the sentences with these words.

through, secret, sword, Dave

Walking \_\_\_\_\_ the forest to our  
\_\_\_\_\_ cave, we stumbled on a \_\_\_\_\_,  
so we called to \_\_\_\_\_.