

Bones and the Storm



Skel and Bones trot
on a path in the
green land.

Bones has a red
band on his neck.
He is a glad dog,
and Skel is his best
pal.



Bam! Crack! A big storm!

Bones stands at a big log in the mud. He shivers and shivers, but Skel is with him.



Boom! Bones
runs off in the
rain. Skel shouts,
but Bones runs
on in the dark. He
is just a black
blot in the storm.





Skel seeks his dog
on the wet land. He
looks in a ditch, and
he looks on the
rocks.

It is dark and damp,
and Skel is very
sad.

Back in the hut,
Zom gets Skel a
hot dish.

Skel is too upset.
He looks at the
dish, and he just
sits and sobs.





Zom grabs his
coat and steps
out in the dark.
He must hunt for
Bones. Skel rests,
and soon he
naps in the hut.

Bones is far, far
from Skel. He creeps
in a deep, dark
wood.

Then he sees three
big wolves in the
trees. Bones **must**
not run.





Bones **runs** with the **pack**. He hunts, **and** he creeps, **and** he is **quick**.

The **pack** lets him **run** with them, **and** Bones is **glad** to be a **big dog**.

His red band snags
on a stick and
drops off. Bones
looks back at it,
but the pack has
no bands. He runs
on and on with the
wolves.





Zom spots Bones in a wood gap. He begs Bones to come back. But Bones drops flat and snarls, and his teeth flash. He acts mad, and Zom steps back.

Skel comes to the wood. He just stands and waits. Bones peeks out from a big oak trunk. He looks at Skel, and he feels a deep, deep wish. He must get back to his best pal.





Bones trots back with
Skel on the path. Zom
runs up with a snack,
and Bones licks him!

Bones wags and
wags. He is with his
pals, and that is
best.



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Bones is the best hunting dog in the valley, brave about everything from snakes to river crossings. But when a storm sends him running scared through the dark, he ends up lost in a strange forest, far from Skel and everything he knows. Will he find his way home? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 2: short vowels), this book practices words like 'trot', 'dog', 'red', 'mud', and 'runs'.

Phonics Focus: <short> <vowels>

acts, and, at, back, bam, band, begs, best, big, black, blot, but, damp, dish, ditch, dog, drops, flash, flat, gap, get, glad, grabs, has, him, his, hot, hunt, hut, in, it, just, land, lets, licks, log, mad, mud, must, naps, neck, off, on, pack, pal, path, quick, red, rests, rocks, run, runs, sad, shivers, sits, snack, snags, sobs, stands, steps, stick, trot, trunk, upset, wags, wet

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