

Can Ned Start a Farm?



This is Ned's
house.

It stands in
a big green
yard.





Ned must get
food.

The Book is
smart, and it
can help him
start a farm.

Ned tugs and
rips up a clump.

It is hard!

Seeds drop out.

The sheep look
on.





Ned has seeds
in his hand.

Good! But he
needs extra
seeds, so he
darts off to get
them.

Ned starts to
craft a tool at the
bench.

Tap, tap! He
pounds it, and The
Book looks on.



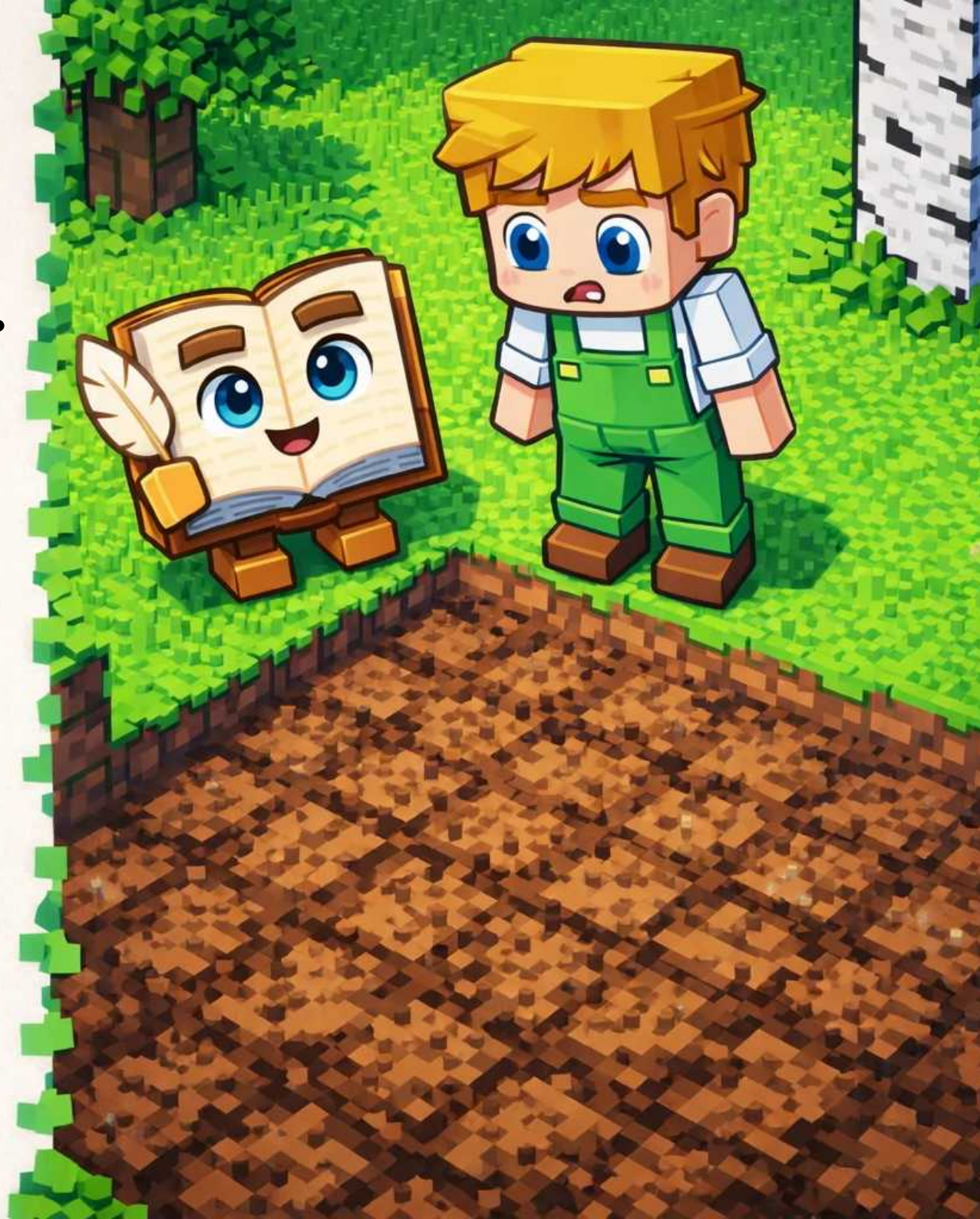


Ned drags the
tool. It is hard!

It cuts long
marks in the
soil.

The seeds
need moist soil.

But the plot is
parched, and
the water is
far off.





Ned is back at
the bench. Tap,
tap, tap!

He pounds
hard and crafts
a bucket.

Ned dips the
bucket in. It is
so hard to lift!

He grunts and
drags it back.





Ned digs a pit
and tips the
water in.

The soil starts
to get damp
and dark.

Ned plants his
seeds in the
damp soil.

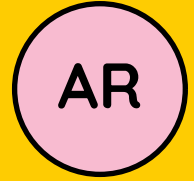
Soon green
sprouts start to
shoot up.





Ned must just
wait and let the
sun help.

Soon he can
harvest the grain
in his garden.



Can Ned Start a Farm?

Ned's new house has walls, a roof, and a door, but no food except apples, apples, and more apples. When a talking Book offers to teach him how to grow real food, Ned has to gather seeds, build tools, and dig up dry soil in his yard, but will he manage it before he starves? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 7: ar /ar/), this book practices words like 'hard', 'start', 'darts', 'far', 'garden'.

Phonics Focus: <ar>

dark, darts, far, farm, garden, hard, harvest, marks, parched, smart, start, starts, yard

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