

Can That Cactus Be Hard?





Jill plods back and she looks bad. Her kit has a big crack in it. Dr. Can Do kindly hands her the last carrots. But the chest is empty. That is bad luck.

Dr. Can Do has a plan. He grabs a tool and sketches a nifty rig. A cactus can help the crops. He needs a cactus, and he needs it soon!





Dr. Can Do stands
and looks far, far
out. The land is hot
and sandy. He
grins and sets out
briskly. He can get
a cactus. It is not
hard at all!

He sits up on the
trusty mount, and it
plods on and on.

The trip is long and
bumpy. But Dr. Can
Do is not grumpy.

He hums as the
mount plods on.





The cactus is big,
and it is **very spiny!**
The mount steps
back. Dr. Can Do
taps the cactus.
Ouch! It is sharp
and **prickly**, and his
hand stings **badly.**

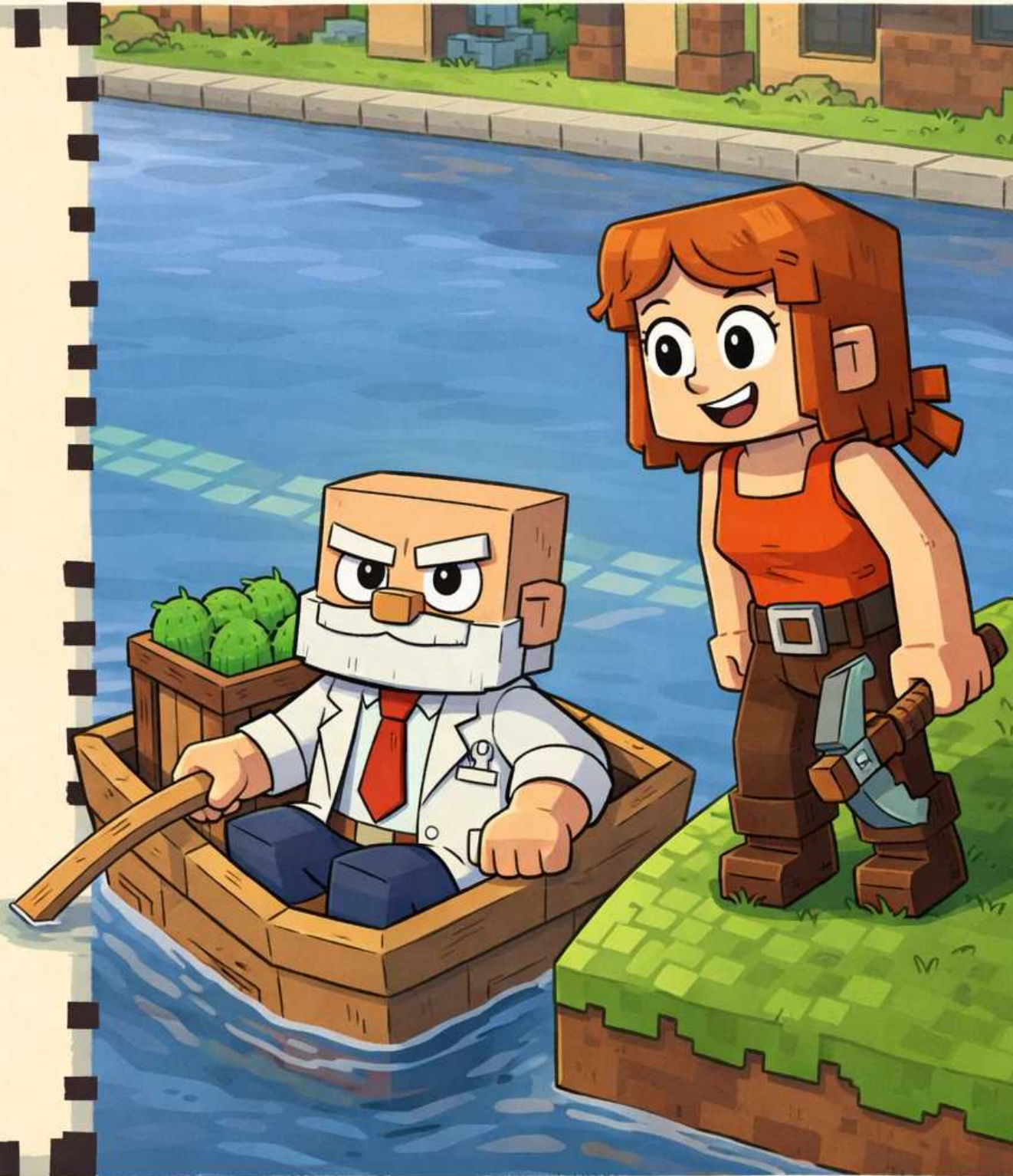
He grabs the cactus
with his coat and tugs.
Ouch! His coat rips,
and his hands sting.
This is **tricky**. Then he
picks up a tool and
digs a long ditch in
the hot, **dusty** sand.
He digs and digs.





Dr. Can Do sets a
boat in the wet
ditch, with a chest
in it. Then he swings
at the cactus. Chop!
The prickly blocks
drop into the chest.
That is very handy!

The boat bobs in
the long, splashy
ditch. Dr. Can Do
sits in it and looks
proud. Jill stands
on the bank and
grins gladly. That
is a grand plan!





Back in the lab, Dr. Can Do sets up his rig. He hits the switch. Click! The rig hums, and crop aid drops out. It is a nifty, speedy rig!

Jill munches a carrot. Munch, munch! It is **crunchy**, and she is glad. But Dr. Can Do sits and sketches. He is **crafty**, and he has his next big plan!





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Dr Can Do has a plan to grow crops faster, but there's just one problem: he needs cactus, and it's spiny, prickly, and far away in the desert. He sets off on a trusty mount, sure the trip will be quick and easy. Will his nifty plan work, or will the cactus prove trickier than he ever imagined? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 1: y saying /ee/), this book practices words like 'nifty', 'prickly', 'trusty', 'bumpy', 'crunchy'.

Phonics Focus: <y> <saying>

badly, briskly, bumpy, crafty, crunchy, dusty, empty, gladly, grumpy, handy, kindly, nifty, prickly, sandy, speedy, spiny, splashy, tricky, trusty, very

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