

Dude, No Rod?



Alex is at the
water with her
rod. The rod is
complete! 'Come,
Steve!' she yells.
'Come and fish!'





Steve stands by the water with Alex. But he is glum. He needs a rod.

'Make one, dude!'

Alex tells Steve. 'Use sticks and string.'

Steve runs to the sand bank to check the stuff there. But there are just stone blocks in the sand. No sticks. No string. 'These blocks are no use!' he moans.





Steve gazes
across the water.
There are trees on
that land.

'No,' he groans.

'That is an **extreme**
swim. It is too far.'

Steve treks to the
grass by the huts.

He scans and
scans.

The grass is empty
too. Steve fumes.

'No sticks! This is
so rude!'





Then Steve peeks
in a stone bin. A
rod hangs inside!
'Yes!' Steve yells.
'Such luck! It is a
fluke!' He grabs
the rod.

But the rod is worn. The string is frail, and there is a crack in the stick. 'It is crude,' Steve moans. 'But it is the best I can get.'





Steve hunts in the grass. He checks the red plants. No sticks at all. Steve is glum. 'This hunt is a complete fail,' he moans.

Then Steve spots
a rod in a pit! He
jumps in to grab it.

But this rod is
split. **'These rods
are no good!'**
Steve groans.





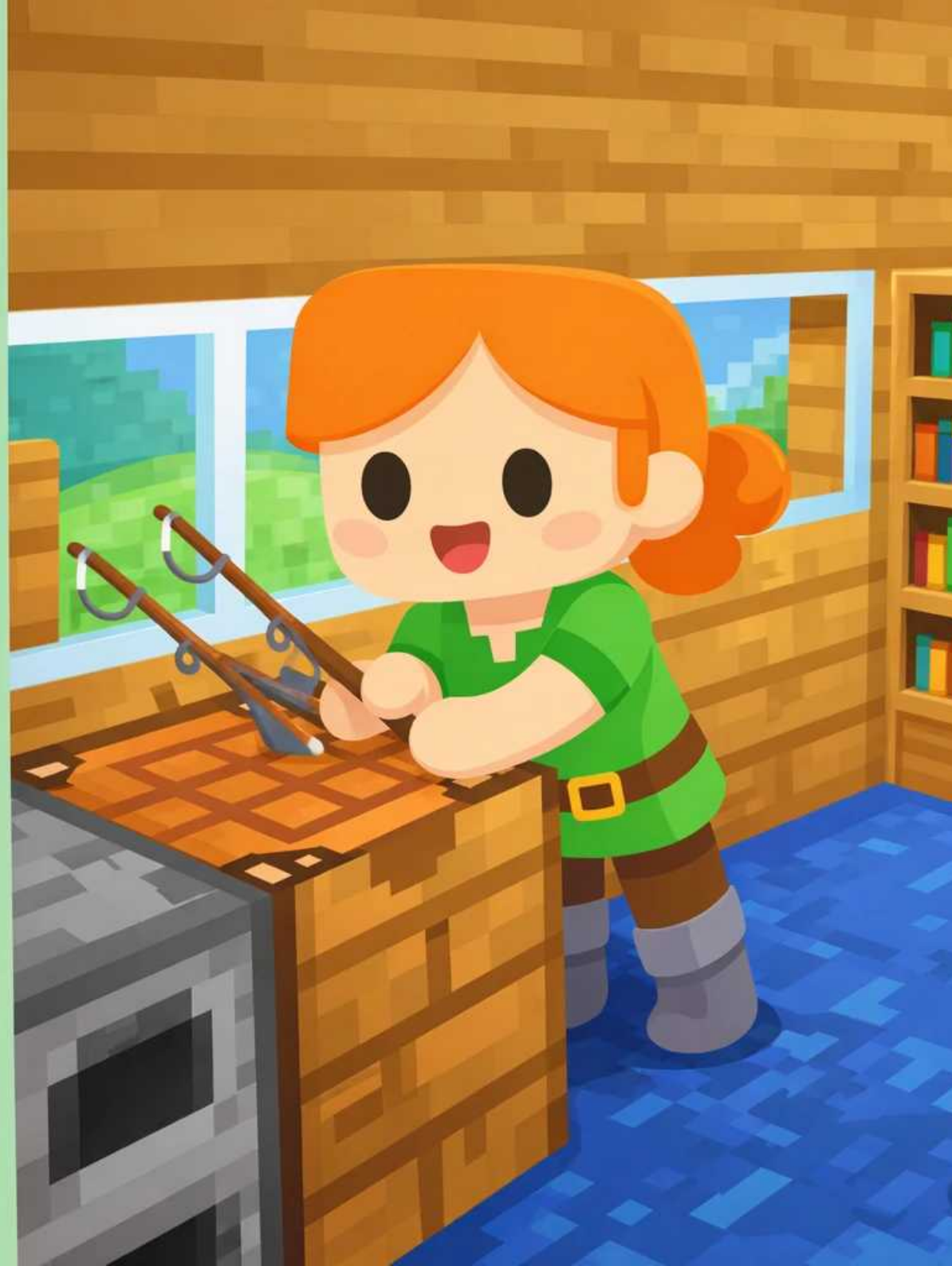
The sun dips. Steve
treks home with a
rod in each hand.

Both rods are
crude. It is a long,
glum commute
home.

Alex sees the rods.

'Steve! I need
these!' she yells.

She rushes to the
craft desk. 'This bit
is good. And this
bit! I can use these!'





Alex lifts up a
fresh rod. It is
complete! Alex
grins. 'There,
Steve! Come and
compete with me!
The best fish wins!'



LONG VOWELS

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Alex has a brand-new fishing rod, but Steve has nothing. He races off to find sticks and string before Alex catches a single fish, but every hiding spot near the village turns up empty. Could a rusty old stone bin hold the answer? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 6: long vowels), this book practices words like 'dude', 'rude', 'crude', 'fluke', 'complete'.

Phonics Focus: <long> <vowels>

commute, compete, complete, crude, dude, extreme, fluke, fumes, rude, these, use

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