

Heck, A Man In The Clouds!





Ben points up there.

'Look! A big cloud man!' he shouts.

The cloud man grins and flaps a hand at us.

'What luck!' said Meg.

We flop on the land and look up.

But the cloud man is not there.

The pets stand still as rocks.

We all look and look.





He is back, and a cloud gal is up there too! The cloud pals hop and spin. Sister does a jig. She kicks and spins. The cat hops too.

The cloud pals
sing a big, long
song up there. Ben
points and grins. A
flock sits on the
land and looks up
too.





Boom, boom! A
big cloud band
drums up there.



Ben jumps. Meg
spins. Sister kicks
her legs up. We all
rock to the band.

Crack! It gets dark
up there. The drum
booms and booms.

Big raindrops
smack Meg's hand.
'It is a storm!' said
Ben.



'Run!' said Sister. We dash **back** in the
rain, **quick, quick!** The dogs run with us.
We get in just as a big **crack** booms.



We kick off the wet
boots and **socks**. Splat,
splat!

Ben swings a cloth. 'I
am the cloud man!' Meg
swings a red cloth.
Sister flaps a blue cloth.

We drip and grin and
spin.





'There was a cloud
band up there!' said
Ben. He sings a big,
loud song.

'And then **crack**, the
storm **struck**!' said
Meg.

Mom and Dad grin
and clap.

Dad gets his big drum.

Boom, boom! Ben

bangs a pot. Clang!

Meg hits a pan. Bang,

bang!

Mom and Sister spin

and rock. We are the

best band!





The **black** storm
ends. The moon is
up, and the clouds
are soft and still.
Ben, Meg and
Sister sleep in the
big bed. Rest,
cloud man, rest.



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A boy spots a giant cloud man waving in the sky, and soon a cloud lady joins him for a dancing, singing show that pulls in every kid, pet, and bird nearby. But when the cloud band starts to drum louder and louder, the sky turns dark. Will the fun turn into something stormier before everyone can dash inside? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 3: ck as in duck), this book practices words like 'kick', 'rock', 'black', 'quick', 'struck'.

Phonics Focus: <ck>

back, black, crack, flock, kick, kicks, luck, quick, rock, rocks, smack, socks, struck

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