

Pup Wants a Nap!

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Chirp! Chirp! Chirp! Pup
sits by his big bush. He
lets out a big, **sleepy**
yawn. He shuts one eye.
He shuts the other eye.
The sun feels so nice.
This will be a long, cozy
nap. Chirp! Chirp! 'Stop it!'
Pup **cries**. 'I need one
tiny nap. One! Who is so
noisy? I am so **sleepy!**'

Pup drops his nose to the ground. Sniff. Sniff. Sniff. 'I will find the chirper,' he says. 'I will find the chirper and ask it to stop.' He checks behind one bush. Nothing. He checks behind another bush. Nothing. Pup keeps **trying**. But the chirping gets **noisier**. Chirp! Chirp!





Pup dashes past the tall grass and bumps right into Trunk. 'Got you!'

Pup barks. 'Trunk, you are the chirper!' Trunk blinks. Then Trunk

opens his big mouth to chirp. 'Toot!' goes Trunk.

That is not a chirp. That is not a chirp at all.

Pup **tries** not to laugh.

Chirp! Chirp! There it is again! Pup pushes past the bushes and spots Spike, all puffed up and prickly, with every quill pointing out. Spike does not look **happy**. 'Spike! Are you the chirper?' Pup asks. Spike puffs up even bigger and opens his mouth as wide as he can. All that comes out is a long, **angry** hiss. That is not a chirp. That is not a chirp at all. '**Sorry**, Spike!' Pup sighs.



'It must be a bird,' Pup says.
'Chirping is what birds do!'
Pup scrambles up a tree
and hangs upside down
from a branch, nose to beak
with a row of birds. 'All
right, who is the chirper?
Own up!' The birds stare at
Pup. Not one bird chirps. Not
even a peep. **'Why?'** Pup
cries. 'Every bush! Every tree!
Where is that **tricky** chirper?'





Then a chirp comes from right above his head. Four **tiny** crickets sit on a leaf. Chirp! Chirp! Chirp! Pup stares at the crickets. The crickets stare back. 'You?' Pup whispers. 'Was it you all that time?' The crickets look at each other. Then the crickets stop. Hush. And Pup, at last, curls up and sleeps. Not a sound. Not a chirp. **Happy** dreams, Pup.



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Pup just wants one tiny nap, but a noisy chirp keeps interrupting his cozy spot under the bush. He sniffs and searches everywhere, sure he'll catch the chirper and beg it to stop. Trunk isn't the culprit, and neither is grumpy old Spike. Could a whole row of silent birds be hiding the answer? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 110: -y to i Rule), this book practices words like 'cries', 'sleepy', 'tricky', 'trying', 'why'.

Phonics Focus: -y to i Rule

angry, cries, happy, noisier, noisy, sleepy, sorry, tiny, tricky, tries, trying, why

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