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NEVER LIFT THE EMERALD

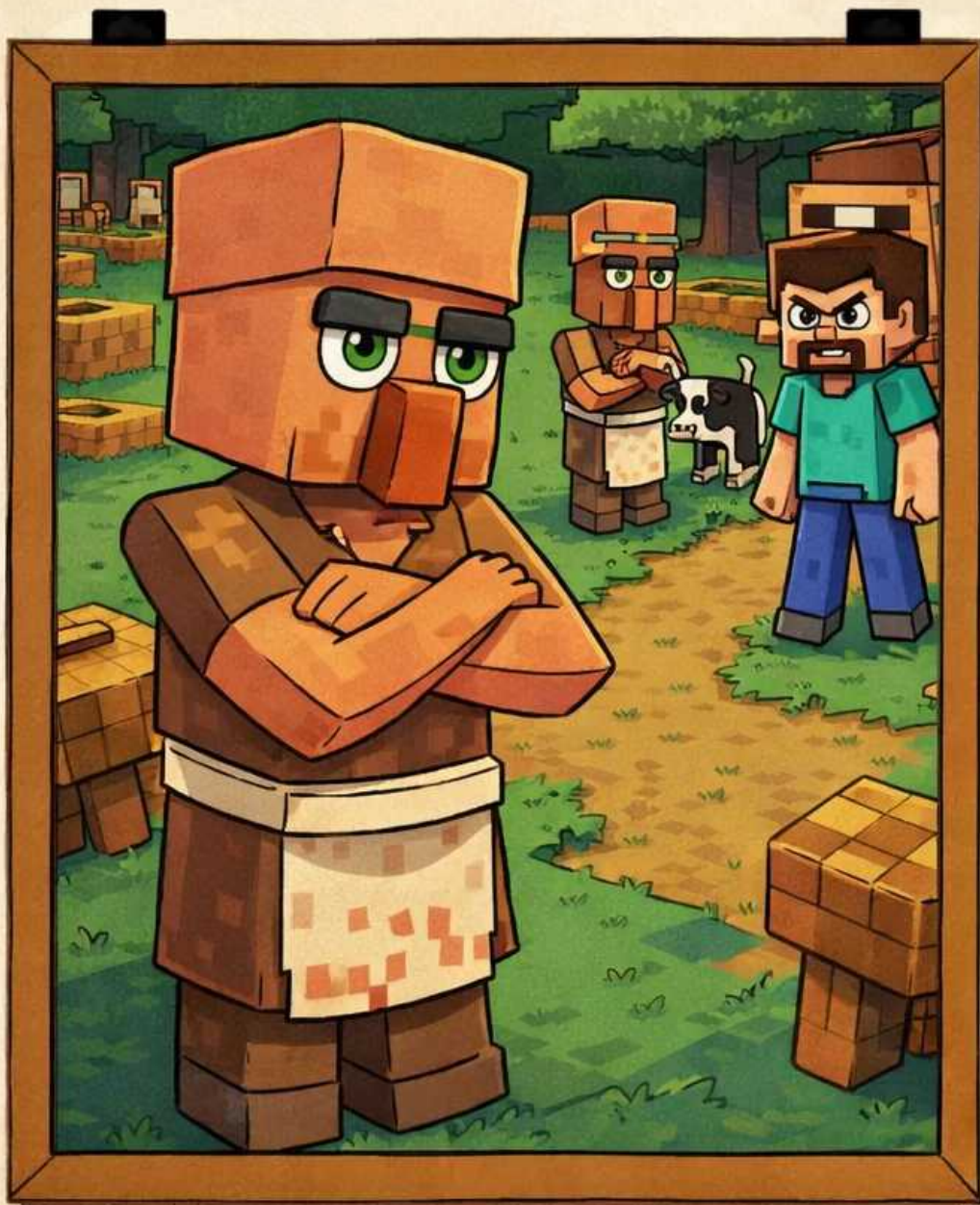


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Steve stands still in the hot sun. The emerald is in his pocket. It glitters and glitters. Steve blinks. 'The sun is over me!' he says. 'That is odd. And my belly rumbles. I must get supper.'





A villager is on the path.
His arms are crossed. A
cow plods behind him,
and a farmer is there
too.

Steve looks at them and
grins. 'I can trade my
emerald,' he says. 'One
emerald for a hot supper.
What luck!'

Steve walks up and taps Villager on the arm. Villager hums at him. Hum, hum! He offers a hot chicken dinner for one emerald. 'A hot dinner for one emerald?' Steve says. 'That is a fine trade!'





Steve holds the **emerald** up. Villager jerks back! He hums **faster** and **faster**. The other villagers panic and **scatter** behind him. Steve tucks the **emerald** back in his pocket. Then all the **villagers** stop. 'What is up with this **emerald**?' Steve whispers.

Steve looks into a hut.
Two villagers stand at
a craft table. An amber
ember glitters on it. The
villagers do not even
look up. 'No one wants
to trade with me,'
Steve mutters. 'I must
find supper on my own.'





Steve enters another hut. He flips the lid of a chest. A snack! He munches and munches it fast.

He drops string and sticks in the chest for the villagers. 'My belly is full **after** that,' he says. 'Much **better**.'

Steve spots a cat in
the corner. He pats it.
It is hard and cold. It is
a stone cat!

Then a real cat darts
in. But Cat does not
blink. Not a whisker
twitches. Cat is as still
as stone.





Steve steps back. One step, two steps, more. Then Cat blinks! Cat bolts off, fast as **ever**. 'It is the **emerald**,' Steve whispers. 'It stopped Cat. It stopped me too! The villagers remembered it. That is why they ran.'

After a long time, Steve stands at the fence.

The sky is gold and amber. The emerald hums in his pocket.

'No,' Steve whispers. 'I have a cursed emerald. I must never, ever pick it up.'





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Never Lift the Emerald

Steve stands frozen in the hot sun, an emerald glowing in his pocket, and his belly is already rumbling for supper. When he tries to trade the gem for a hot dinner, the villagers panic and scatter, and Steve is left whispering, "What is up with this emerald?" Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 80: er /er/), this book practices words like 'supper', 'whisper', 'corner', 'never', 'scatter'.

Phonics Focus: er /er/

after, amber, another, better, corner, dinner, ember, emerald, enters, ever, farmer, faster, glitter, jerk, mutters, never, offer, other, over, remembered, rumbles, scatter, supper, villager, villagers, whisker, whisper

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