

Skel Will Not Rest



It is a sunny day.
Skel is hard at it in
the yard. He digs
and chops in the
grass with his tool.
'Rest? Not me!' Skel
yells. 'I must finish
this list!'





The sun drops.

The sky gets dark.

Skel looks at the
bench. He can sit.

He can rest. 'Not
me,' Skel huffs.

'Rest is dull.'

'Skel, stop!' Jack
tells him. 'Get in
bed and sleep!'
Zom nods. But
Skel just scoffs.
'This is a big fuss,'
he huffs. 'Sleep is
for the dull.'





Skel grabs his bow.

'Off we go, Bones!'

he yells. 'We shall

hunt for loot!'

Bones trots at his

heel, as happy as

can be.

Skel and Bones
hunt up on the hills.
Skel grips his bow
and scans the dark.
'Not a stop for a
snack,' Skel tells
Bones. 'We must
press on and on.'



Skel has a big loot
stash. But his legs sag,
and his arms are **stiff**.

Bones flops on the
grass, all spent. 'I am
not sleepy,' Skel **huffs**.
'Not a bit.'



Then Skel looks up.

Two green dots glint in the dark. It is a phantom! It **hisses** at Skel.

A **chill** runs up his back.

Phantoms hunt the ones that **will** not sleep.





'Run!' Skel yells. Skel and Bones sprint for the den. Phantoms drop from the clouds and dash at them. 'Hurry, Bones!' Skel pants. 'Hurry!'

Smash! Zom swings
and hits a phantom.
Bash! Jack hacks at
the rest.

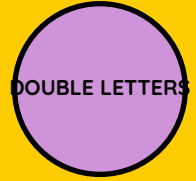
'Get in, Skel!' Jack
yells. 'Quick!' Skel
zips into the den.





Skel drops his bow.
He tucks the loot in
the chest. He flops
onto his bed at last.

'Rest is **bliss**,' Skel
mutters with a
happy grin. Then he
is fast asleep.



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Skel has a list of chores as long as his arm, and no time to rest. When the sun goes down, he's got a bench calling his name and a stubborn refusal to sit on it, so instead he grabs his bow and heads for the hills with his dog, Bones. What will he find out there in the dark? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 4: double letters), this book practices words like 'yells', 'huffs', 'hisses', 'stiff', 'bliss'.

Phonics Focus: <double> <letters>

all, bliss, chill, dull, fuss, grass, happy, hills, hisses, huffs, hurry, mutters, off, press, scoffs, shall, stiff, sunny, tells, will, yells

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