

Stuck at the Gap!



Dot is a big
sheep with soft
wool. The flock is
up on the land.

But Dot is sad.
She is such a big,
big sheep.





Dot is stuck in
the gate! The
flock bumps and
bumps at her.
But it is no help.
She can not get
in.

A bendy sheep
stands on her front
legs. She is calm
and zen.

Dot sits and looks
up at her. Can a
stretch help Dot fit
in?





Dot gets on the
mat. She bends
and she twists.



It is hard, but
Dot keeps at it.

The sun is hot,
but Dot bends
back and points
her legs up.

She is on that
mat at sunup and
at sunset.



Dot bends and twists all week,
but she is just as big. She
stands in the wind, sad and limp.



A slim sheep jogs
up on the land.

Run, Dot, run!

Dot looks at her
big body and
gulps.





Dot runs up and
back all week. It is
hot, and her legs
get wobbly. But
she is just as big.
She is still too big
for the gate.

Dot stops at the
pond, hot and
sad. A pal swims
past on her back.

Swim, Dot, swim!
A swim can help
you get slim.





Dot runs at
the pond and
dips in fast.

Splash! Such a
big, big splash!

Dot swims all
week, and it is
fun. A wee green
pal sits on her
leg at sunset.

But Dot is just
as big.





Dot gets out and
looks up at the
gate. She stops.
She blinks.

Then she grins a
big grin. She has
a plan!

Dot packs her
big red bag with
tools and a cord.
She has a grand
plan to fix that
gate.





At sunset Dot
flops on her soft
bed with the
flock.

She is back at
the farm, and she
naps with a grin.

At sunup the
flock comes to
peek at Dot. She
is in, but she is
just as big! Dot
sits and grins,
proud as can be.





Look at that grand
gate! Dot cut
timber to fix it, big
and strong. She
did not get slim.
She got a bigger
gate, and that is
the best plan ever!



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Dot is a big, soft sheep who loves life with the flock on the land. But when it's time to head home, she gets stuck fast in the gate, and no amount of bumping or pushing can budge her. Her friends have ideas: stretch, run, swim, shrink down small. Will any of them help Dot fit? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 2: short vowels), this book practices words like 'big', 'stuck', 'bumps', 'grin', and 'fix'.

Phonics Focus: <short> <vowels>

and, as, at, back, bag, bed, bend, bends, best, big, blinks, bump, bumps, but, can, cut, dips, fit, fix, flock, flops, front, fun, get, gets, grand, grin, grins, gulps, help, hot, in, is, it, jogs, just, land, leg, legs, limp, mat, naps, on, packs, pal, plan, pond, red, run, sad, sits, slim, soft, splash, stands, still, stops, stretch, stuck, such, sun, sunset, sunup, swim, swims, timber, twists, up, wind, zen

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