

The Crowd Will Howl!





Dr Can Do stands out in the sun. 'Wow, it is hot now!' he says with a grin. He has a joke for Christmas dinner. 'I will tell my best joke, and all will howl!' he says.

Down at the beach, Jill
kicks off her boots.

Minx bobs low in the
sea. Splash, splash!

Dr Can Do starts his
joke, but Jill yells the
punchline. 'How did Jill
get my punchline?' he
gasps.



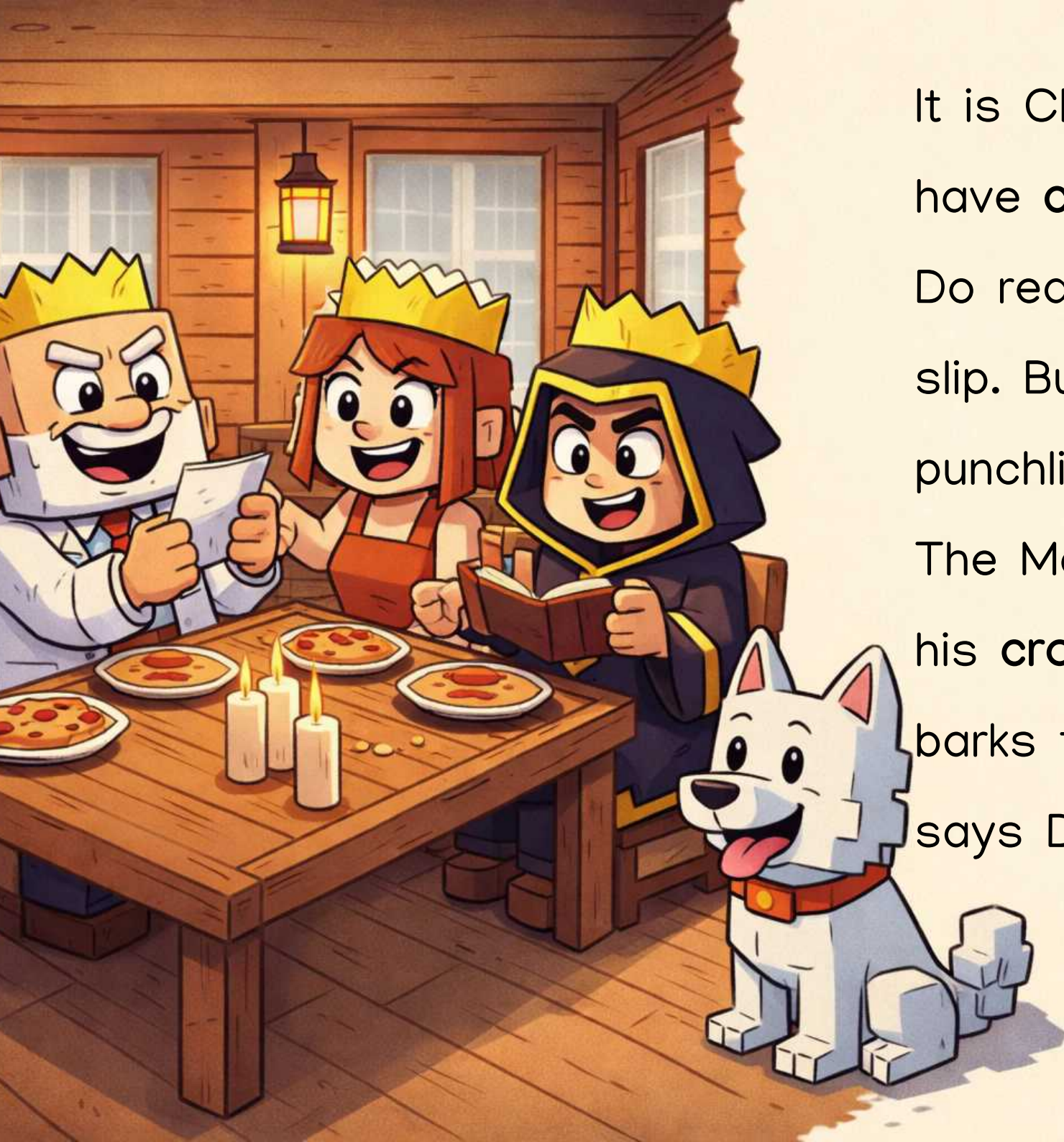


In town, a big tree
glows with lights. Gifts
are stacked all around
it. Jill looks up and
smiles. Dr Can Do
starts his next joke. But
the Mage says the
punchline. 'That is my
joke!' yells Dr Can Do.
Wow, is he cross!

The Mage sees a blue gift down by his feet.
He grins. 'This gift is my own!'

Dr Can Do frowns. But he still has his best joke. He will save it for dinner. No one can steal it now.





It is Christmas dinner. All have **crowns** on. Dr Can Do reads out his joke slip. But Jill shouts the punchline! **How they howl!** The Mage snorts so hard his **crown** drops off. Minx barks too. 'My punchline!' says Dr Can Do.

Now it is night. Jill is snug in bed on her pillow. She has a happy smile.

'Tap, tap!' she says low. But soon she is asleep. In the next room, her dad grins. 'Sleep well, Jill,' he says low.





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Dr Can Do has the best Christmas joke ever, and he cannot wait to tell it at dinner. But every time he starts a joke, someone else grabs the punchline first, and wow, does that make him frown! Will he ever get to finish one himself? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 10: ow as in snow & cow), this book practices words like 'howl', 'crown', 'frowns', 'town', and 'now'.

Phonics Focus: <ow>

crown, crowns, down, frowns, glows, how, howl, low, now, own, pillow, town, wow

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