

The Old Frame Would Not Rest



Kim's mother sits at
her big loom. She works
the string with her
hands, and she sings
her soft song.

Red and gold twirl
under her fingers. Kim's
mother is an expert at
the loom.





'Mama, can I work the loom?' asks Kim. 'After a rest, little one,' says her mother. So Kim curls up on the rug with her red blanket. Her mother's song hums on, and Kim drifts off.

Tap, tap, tap! Kim
wakes up. The tapping
disturbs **her** rest.

She pulls the blanket
up to **her** chin. 'Stop
that!' says Kim. But
the tapping **never**
stops. Tap, tap, tap!

TAP TAP
TAP





Kim steps out the
big doors and on to
the path. Tap, tap,
tap! The tapping
turns at a corner, so
Kim turns after it.
Kim dashes up the
path. 'Stop!' calls Kim.

There it is. A loom! It is old and dirty, and it shakes and shakes. Tap, tap, tap! 'Is it the loom tapping?' asks Kim.





Kim sits at the loom
and rests **her** hands on
it, just like **her** mother.

The loom starts up all
by itself! String **whirls**
and **twirls** under her
hands, red and gold. 'I
did not do that!' yells
Kim.

The loom lifts up
into the sky! It rises
up and up, **over** the
tops of the homes.

Kim grips the loom
hard. A little gecko
clings on beside her.

'Hold on!' yells Kim.





A big pink bird
glides up beside
Kim. Kim grins a big
grin.

Her mother's song
fills the sky. The
fabric whirls after
the loom like a cape.

Then the loom tips
and dives! Splash!
Kim and the gecko
sink into the dark.
Bubbles swirl by
her. Kim grips the
loom and holds on.





Kim **bursts** back up on
the froth. She **surfs!**

Pink and gold fish spin
by **her**. Kim is wet,
but she giggles and
giggles. She **never**
wants this to stop.

The loom whirls up
into swirling shapes.

Plants pop up and
shimmer, pink and
gold.

Kim lifts her arms up
wide. 'More!' yells Kim.
'More, more, more!'



Then Kim blinks. She is back on the rug, and her blanket is in a twist. Her mother sits by her and sings her soft song. 'Mama,' whispers Kim, 'that song can lift me up to another world!' Her mother just smiles and sings on.





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Kim's mother's fingers fly across her loom every afternoon, weaving colors that bloom like flowers, but she always tells Kim to wait and rest instead of teaching her. Then a strange tapping noise leads Kim to a dusty old loom that starts shaking all by itself the moment she touches it. What happens when Kim finally sits down at the frame? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 82: Spelling /er/: er, ir, ur, w + or), this book practices words like 'twirl', 'swirling', 'disturb', 'expert', 'world'.

Phonics Focus: Spelling /er/: er/ir/ur

after, another, bird, bursts, corner, curls, dirty, disturb, expert, fingers, her, mother, mother's, never, over, surfs, swirl, swirling, turns, twirl, twirls, under, whirls, whispers, work, works, world

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