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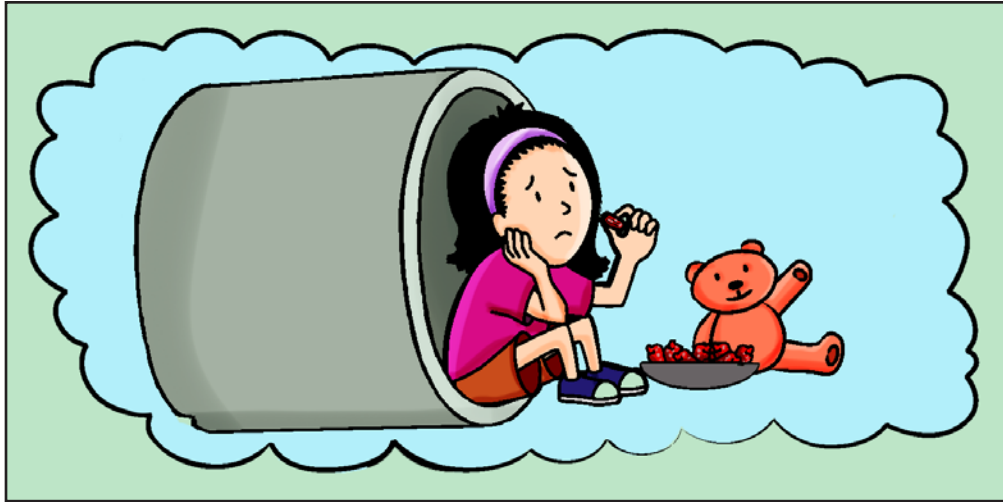
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## ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK

**New phonic element** VCe long /u/

**Words with new phonic element** cube, dude, flute, June, Luke, mule, prune, Rube, rude, rule, tube, tune

**Reviewed phonic element** VCe long /ā/, VCe long /ī/

**Story words** feel, huge, pepper, river

**New high-frequency word** sing

**Special considerations** double consonants; inflectional endings -ed, -s; apostrophe 's; plural ending -s;

two-syllable decodable words (jukebox)



Luke was a dude.  
He liked to sing sad tunes.  
Rube was a nice gal.  
She liked to play her flute.

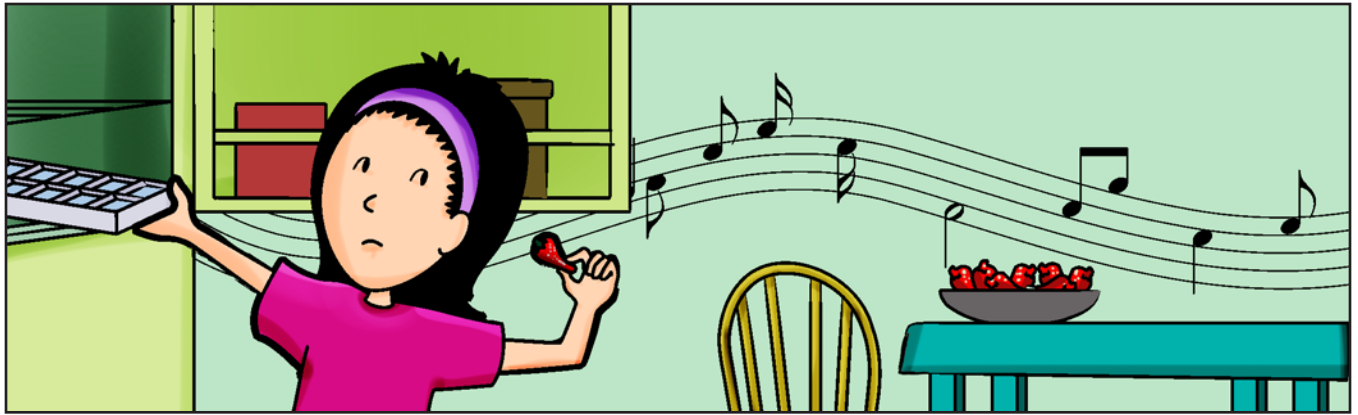
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Rube played sad tunes on her flute.  
Luke sang as she played.

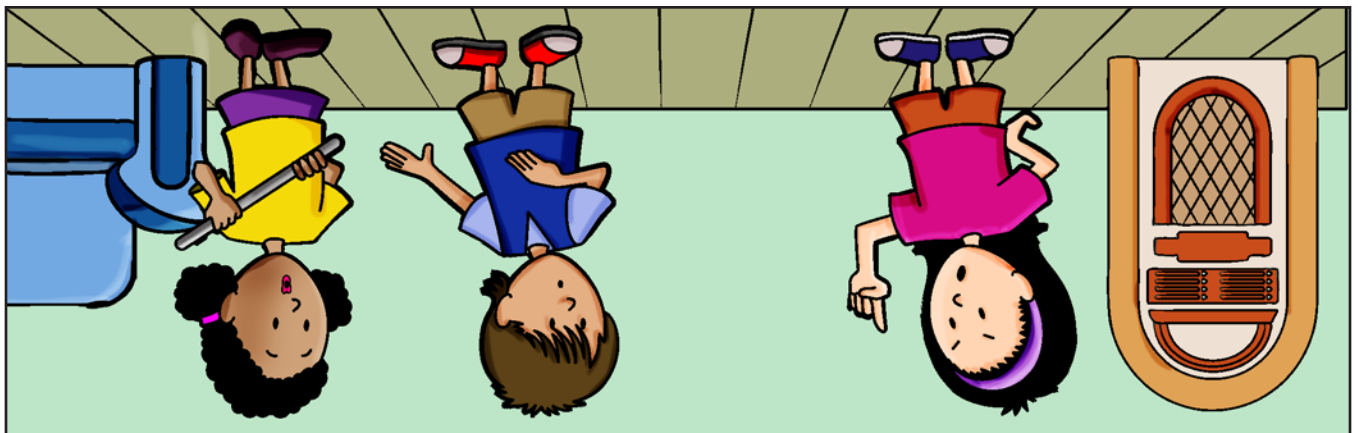
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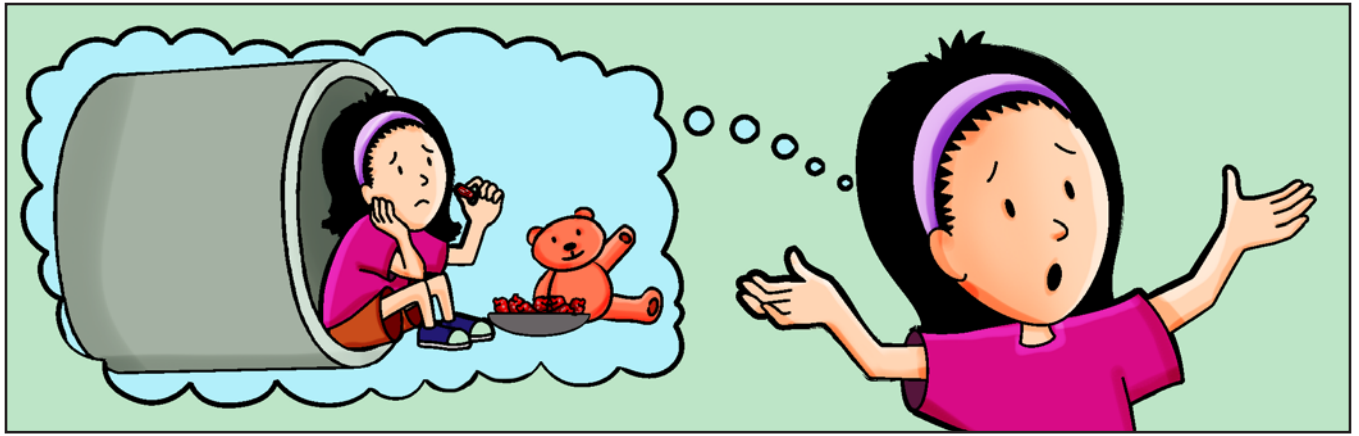




June was a fun gal.  
She ate ice cubes with red hot peppers.  
June did not like sad tunes.

June was not rude  
but she made lots of rules.  
“No more sad tunes,” she said.  
“No sad tunes is the rule.”





“When you play and sing a sad tune,  
I want to run and hide in a tube.  
Sad tunes make me feel like an old prune,”  
she said.

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“What will we do if we cannot  
play and sing sad tunes?” asked Luke.  
“Sad tunes are what we like.”





“We can do happy things,” said June.

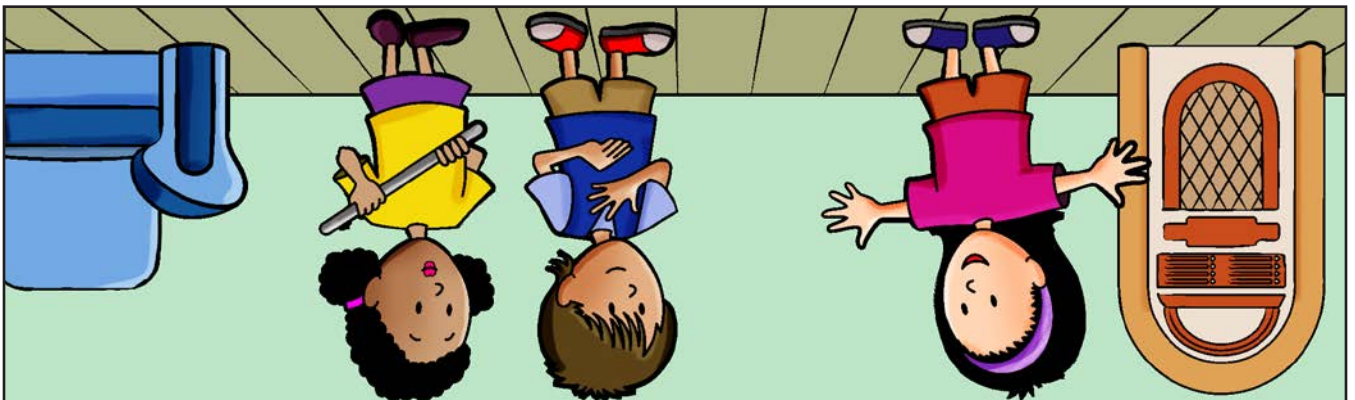
“We will take a huge tube down a river.

We can ride mules.”

“But we just want to sing and play the flute.

We do not like your rule,” said Rube.

“Sing and play happy tunes,” said June.  
“Just do not play sad tunes.  
You can sing and play jazz.  
We can play happy tunes  
on the jukebox, too.”





“Can we use a drum  
to make tunes?” asked Luke.

“Yes, you can use drums for  
happy tunes,” said June.

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So Luke sang and played the drum.  
Rube played the flute.  
June played tunes on the jukebox.  
They all played happy tunes.  
They had a fine time.

