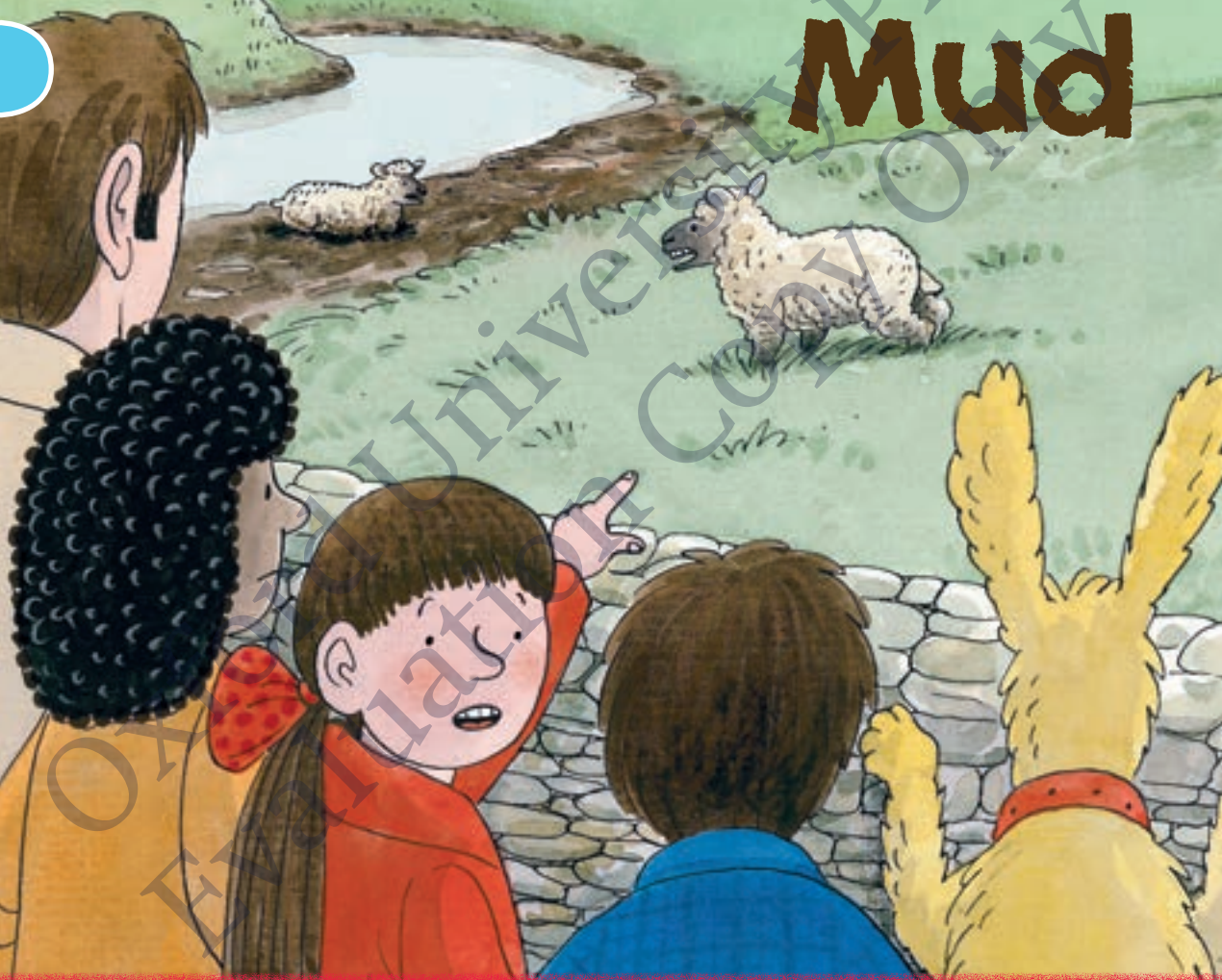


Stuck in the Mud





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *Who is stuck in the mud?*
- Ask: *Have you ever got stuck in the mud? What was it like?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

went it's children help
boot deep lost sank
sheep

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

said out were
what I'm asked
couldn't walk



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



The children went for a walk. It was a muddy walk.



“What a muddy path!” said Biff.



“Baa! Baa!”

“What was that?” asked Chip.



“Baa! Baa!”

“What is that?” asked Wilma.



“It’s a sheep,” said Dad. “Put Floppy on a lead.”



“Oh no!” said Chip. “A sheep is stuck in the mud.”



The sheep couldn't get out. The mud was too deep.



“Help me get it out,” said Dad.



Dad went to help the sheep.
He sank into the mud.



Wilma and Chip went to help.



They sank into the mud.



Dad pushed. Wilma and
Chip pulled.



They got the sheep out.
“Baa! Baa!” went the sheep.



Wilma and Chip were muddy.
Dad had lost a boot.



Wilma went to get Dad's boot.



“Help!” said Wilma. “Now I’m stuck!”

AFTER READING

- Look at page 16 together. Ask: *Why are Biff and Chip laughing? Do you think Wilma thinks it is funny?*
- Re-read page 5. Ask: *Why did Dad say to put Floppy on a lead?*
- On page 3 find the word *Baa*. Talk about and say other farmyard animal sounds, e.g. *moo, cluck, quack*.

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