Reading Calling

★ City Speakers ★ Book 4

Short Vowel O

Captain Jake and General Gill's Lost Puppy



🗣️ 🔊 Listen, say and record!

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Meet the Crew!



Captain Jake

🗣️ Hi! I am Jake. Let's **stop** the **smog**!



General Gill

🗣️ Hi! I am Gill. I have a plan to **stop** the **smog**!



Otto

🗣️ I am **Otto**. I am a **lost dog**!

Short **o** says **/ɒ/** ...

🗣️ o... o... **dog**, **box**!



👂 **Listen.** 🗣️ **Say it.** 🎤 **Record.** ▶ **Compare!**

Listen and Repeat 1

Say each word 3 times: **d – o – g, dog!**



dog



lost



box



shop



stop



hop



Short /ɒ/ as in dog — not long "oh".

Listen and Repeat 2

Say each word 3 times: **d – o – g, dog!**

smog



Otto



sock



pot



clock



top



Short /ɒ/ as in dog — not long “oh”.



SAY THE SENTENCE

1. The Smoggy City

Jake and Gill **stop** in a big city.

The air is grey with **smog**. Cars **honk**. **Honk**, **honk**!

There is a **lot** of litter on the street.

Mrs **Moss** has a pet **shop**. She is sad.

She holds a toy **dog**. "My **dog Otto** is **lost**!"



Otto is lost! Can they help?



SAY THE SENTENCE

2. Pick It Up!

🗣 **Otto got** out of the **shop**.

🗣 Jake and Gill see pawprints.

🗣 The street has **bottles** and **boxes**.

🗣 Gill **drops** a **bottle** in the bin.

🗣 Jake **got** a **box**. "**Not** on the street!"



They clean up as they look for Otto.



SAY THE SENTENCE

3. The Bus Stop

- At the bus **stop**, a driver **nods**.
- "I saw a **dog trot off** that way!"
- Jake finds a red **sock**. **Otto** likes **socks**!
- New flowers sit in **pots**.
- The **smog** is **not** so bad now.



A red sock — Otto went this way!



SAY THE SENTENCE

4. The River

The river has **lots** of **bottles**.

Jake and Gill fish them out. **Plop**, **plop**!

A pigeon sits **on** a post.

"Coo! **Otto** went to the **clock**!"

The water **got** blue again.



Otto went to the clock!



SAY THE SENTENCE

5. Plant a Pot

- In the park, kids plant **lots** of **pots**.
- Gill **pops** a flower in a **pot**.
- Jake plants a tree in the **soft** mud.
- The sky is blue. The **smog** has **stopped**!
- Birds sing **on top** of the trees.



The city is getting greener.



SAY THE SENTENCE

6. Otto!

They run to the big **clock**. Tick-**tock**!

A **box** sits by the **clock**.

Pop! **Otto pops** out of the **box**!

He has a red **sock** in his mouth.

"**Otto**!" Jake and Gill laugh.



They found Otto!



SAY THE SENTENCE

7. Home Again

They **jog** back to the pet **shop**.

Mrs **Moss** hugs **Otto** a **lot**.

The city is clean and green. **Not** a **spot** of litter!

Otto hops up and down.

Jake and Gill are Planet Protectors!



The End! Now tell the story.

Picture Talk 1



? What can you see?

I can see a pet **shop** in the city.

? Who is lost?

Otto the **dog** is **lost**!

? Who is sad?

Mrs **Moss** is sad.



Ask a friend. Then swap!

Picture Talk 2



❓ What can you see?

💬 I can see **Otto** in a **box** by the **clock**.

❓ What has Otto got?

💬 He has a red **sock**.

❓ Are Jake and Gill happy?

💬 Yes! They found **Otto**!



Ask a friend. Then swap!

Role-Play: Jake and Gill



Child A = **Jake** · Child B = **Gill**



Jake: **Stop**! Mrs **Moss** is sad. **Otto** is **lost**!

Gill: Let's look. I can see pawprints by the **shop**.

Jake: The street has **lots** of **boxes**. **Not** on the street!

Gill: A driver saw a **dog trot off** to the **clock**.

Jake: **Pop**! **Otto** is in the **box**!

Gill: **Otto**! Let's **jog** back to the **shop**.



Use a big voice and act it out!

Tongue Twister!



🗣️ **Otto** the **lost dog hops** on a **box**.

🗣️ **Pop**! **Otto hops** off the **box** at the **shop**!

🗣️ 🐢 Slow... then 🚀 FAST!



Say it 3 times. Faster each time!

City Chant 🎵

🗣️ **Stop**, **stop**, **stop** the **smog**!

🗣️ **Hop** to the **shop** and pick up a **box**.

🗣️ **Sock** and **pot** and **clock** and **top**,

🗣️ **Otto** the **dog** does a **hop**, **hop**, **hop**!

🗣️ 🎵 Whole chant

👏 Clap on every red word!



Stand up and do the actions.

Hear the Difference!

Make a short /ɒ/ as in dog — not long “oh”.

hot	vs	hat
pot	vs	pat
dog	vs	dig
sock	vs	sack
top	vs	tap

🎧 Listen: hot / hat · pot / pat · dog / dig · sock / sack · top / tap



Teacher says one word – child points!

Mission: Show and Tell 🌟



Find *a* short **o** thing *at* home: *a* **box**, *a* **sock**, *a* **pot** or *a* **clock**.

🗣️ This is my **box**.

🗣️ It is on **top**.

🗣️ I can **hop** to my **box**!

Hold it up and say 3 sentences. Record and play it for your family!



Change the word: sock, pot, clock...

Speaking Certificate

Short Vowel O · The Lost Puppy

This award goes to

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can say short **o** words, tell the city story, and say a tongue twister and a chant!







🗣️ Well done, Planet Protector! You found Otto!

Teacher: _____ Date: _____

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