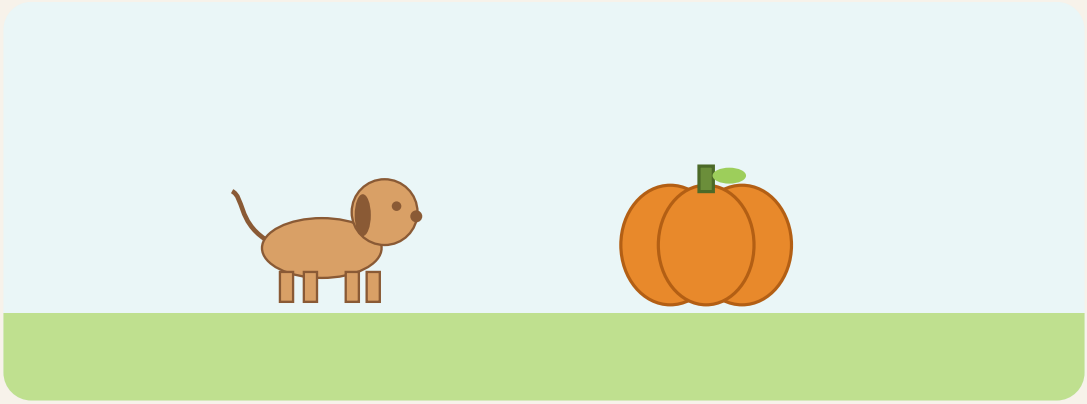
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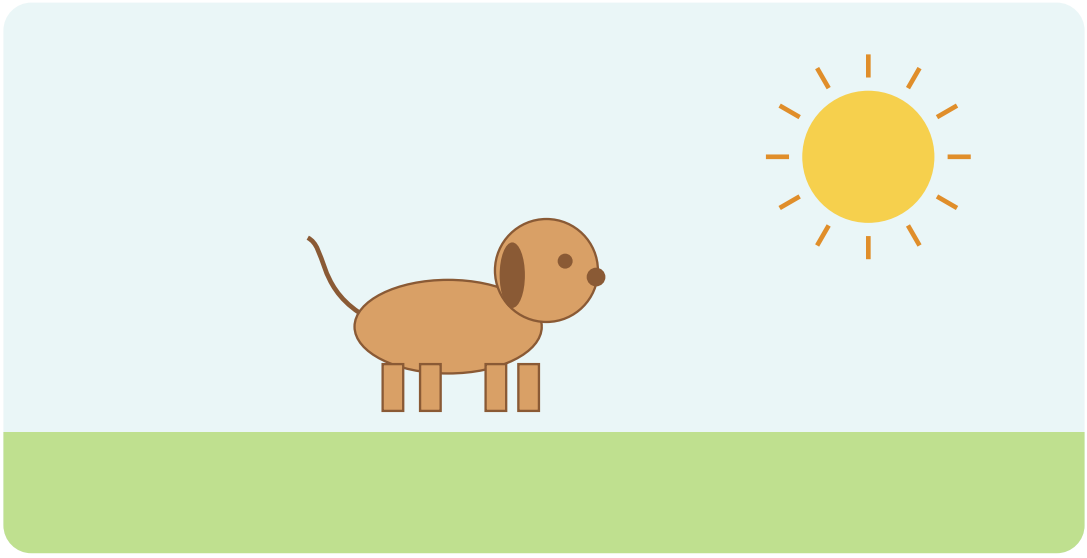
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Story word to learn first: pumpkin (pump + kin)

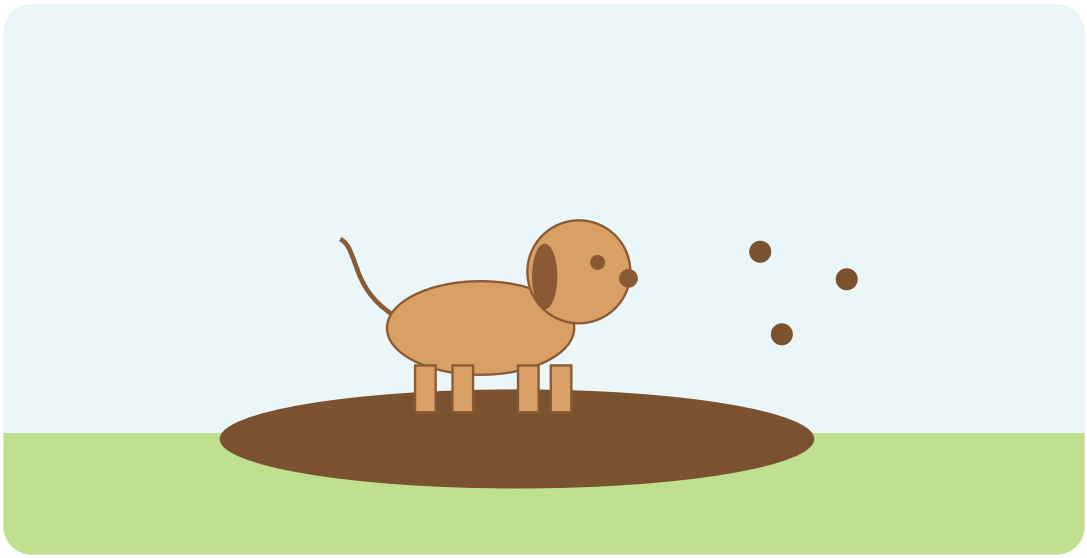
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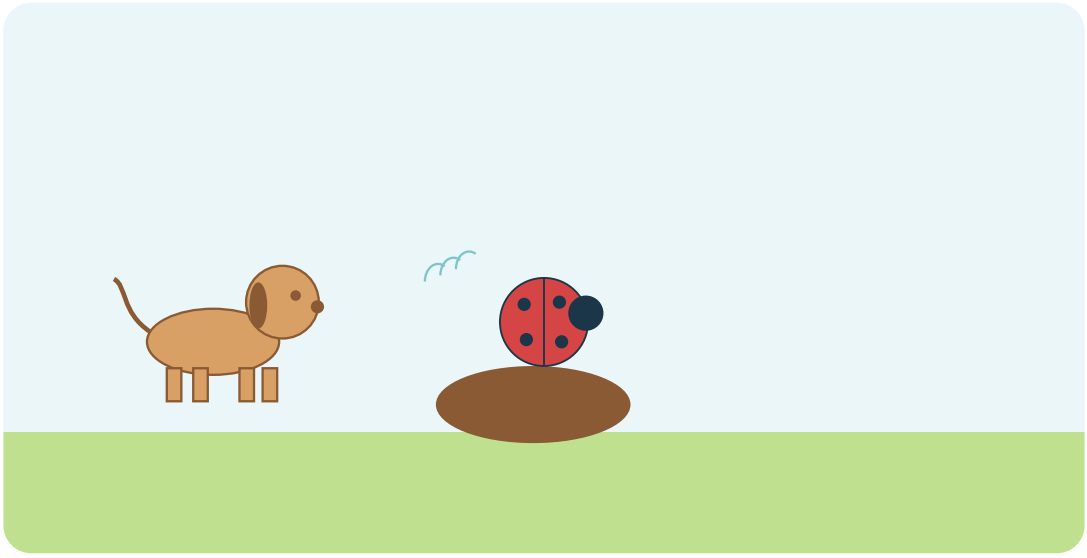
Gus is a pup.
Gus is in the sun.

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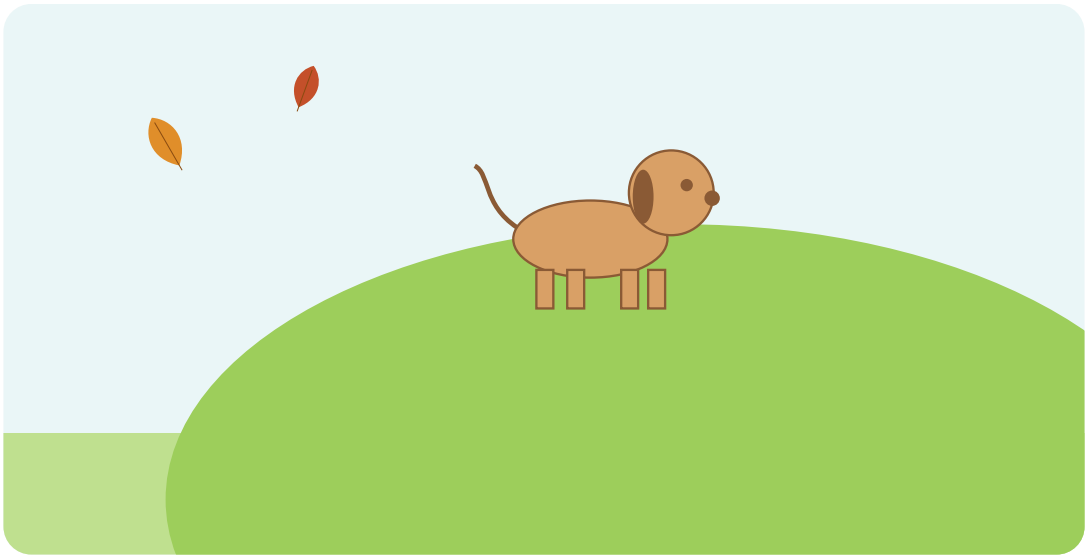
Gus digs in the mud.
Dig, dig, dig!

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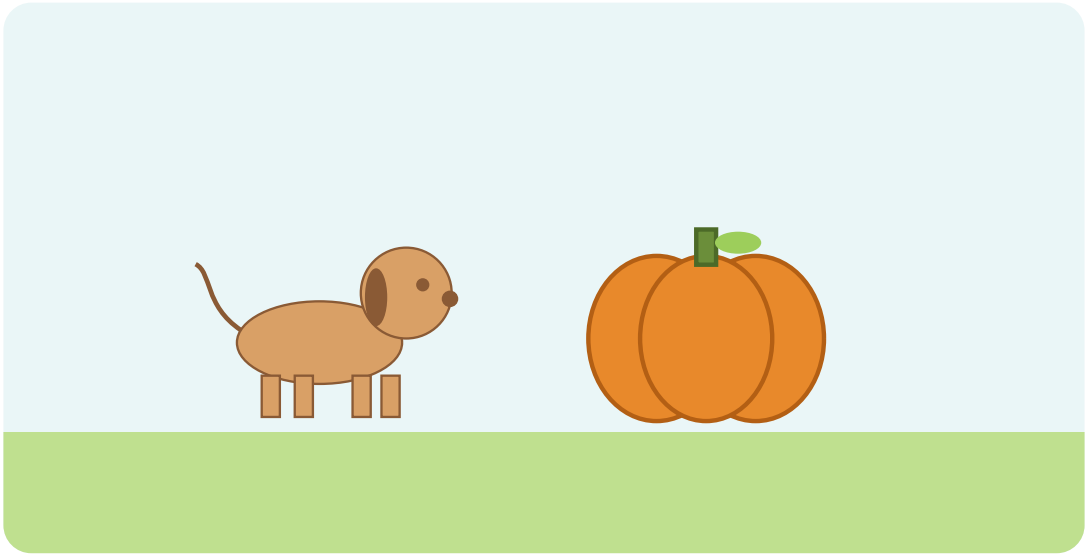
A bug is on a nut.
The bug hums. Hum, hum, hum!

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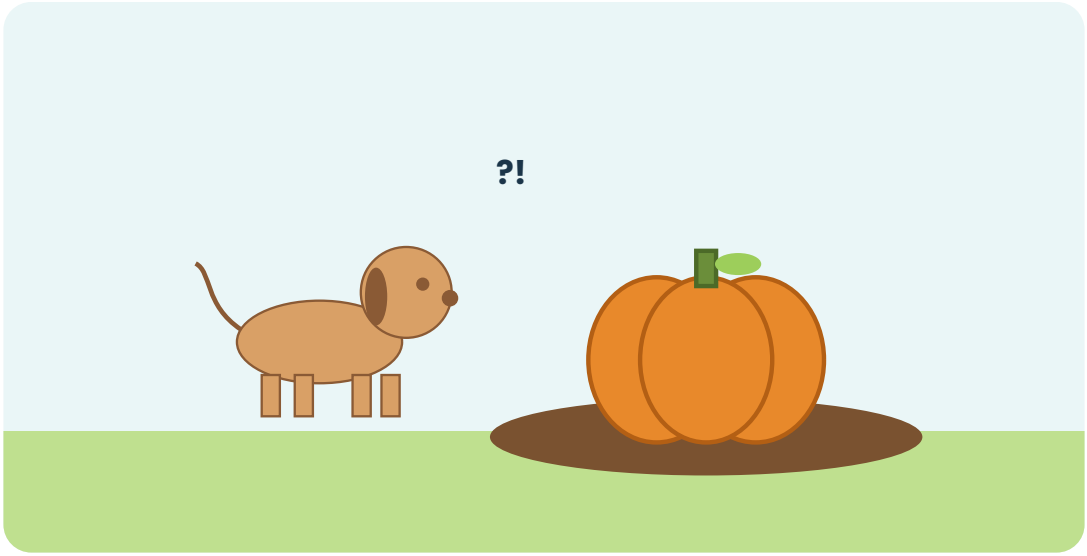
Gus runs up the hill.
Up, up, up!

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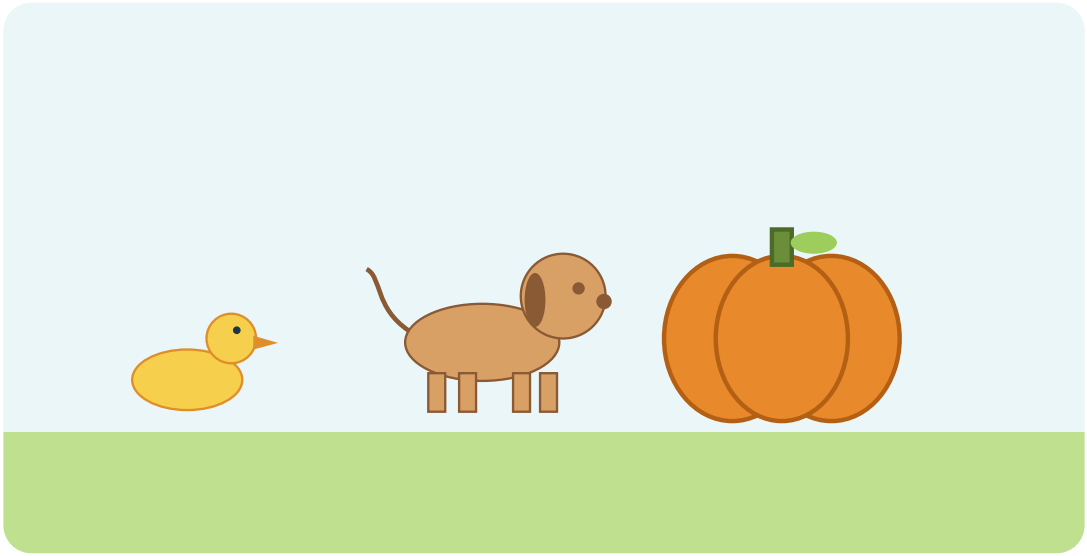
Gus spots a big pumpkin.
Tug, tug, tug!

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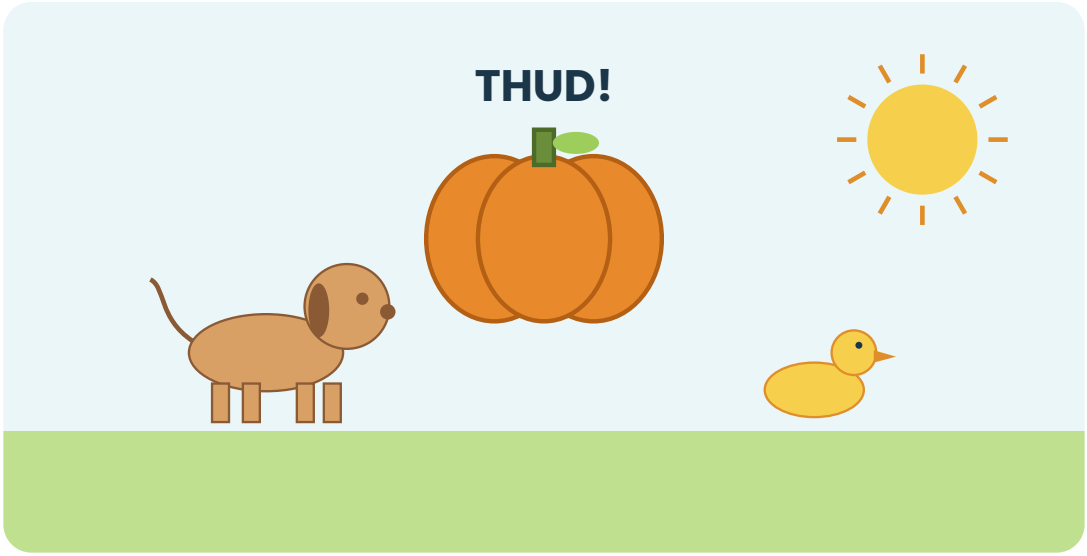
Gus tugs and tugs.
The pumpkin is stuck!

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Bud the duck runs to help.
Bud and Gus tug and tug.

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Thud! The pumpkin is up!
Gus and Bud had fun in the sun.

cut

Short u Words in This Book

Gus	pup	sun	mud
bug	nut	hum	hums
runs	up	tug	tugs
stuck	Bud	duck	thud
fun			

Sight words: the, a, is, to, and, in, on

Point to each word, tap each sound, then blend it: g-u-s, Gus!

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Gus and the Big Pumpkin

1st Grade · ELA

Reading Check · short u words

Name _____ Date _____

1. Who is Gus?

2. Where does Gus dig?

3. What does Gus spot on the hill?

4. Who runs to help Gus?

Read and Sort

Cut or copy each word into the right box: does it rhyme with **bug** or with **sun**?

tug fun mug run hug bun rug spun

rhymes with bug	rhymes with sun

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Gus and the Big Pumpkin

1st Grade · ELA

Answer Key

1. Gus is a pup.

2. Gus digs in the mud.

3. Gus spots a big pumpkin.

4. Bud the duck runs to help.

Read and Sort: bug: tug, mug, hug, rug · sun: fun, run, bun, spun

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