

The greedy green gremlin

Talk to your child about the story:

Is your mum / dad fussy about keeping the kitchen sink clean?

I don't think Sam's mum and da keep their sink clean. In amongst the dishes and dirty dish cloth, lives a gremlin who loves the mess. It loves all the bits of food which people leave at the end of a meal.

Begin by reading the story words. Can your child 'Fred' in their head ... in other words can they sight read the words or silently decode them and then say the word out loud?

when	catch	drink	munch	green
knee	creep	street	feet	three
a sleep → asleep	grem'lin → gremlin			the
greed'y → greedy	sog'gy → soggy			to
yum'my → yummy	dish'cloth → dishcloth			my
coff'ee	coffee	sett'ee	settee	washing
Read the root word first then read together with the ending.				
crack → cracked	sit → sitting	keep → keeps		

Remember, you can't 'Fred' a red! Use the first sound as a clue.

Underlined sounds show 'special friends' where 2 letters = 1 sound.

The words with arrows show how to break words into syllables to make them easier to read. You could clap each syllable, then say the word.

Now you are ready to read the story.

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I'm the greedy green gremlin

Sam keeps in the sink.

Soggy crusts to munch,
yummy slops to drink!



When Sam is sitting on the settee

And the cat is asleep on his knee

I creep from the tap on my three green feet

A greedy green gremlin from Green Gremlin
Street.

I sleep in the dishcloth, play
catch with the plug

I keep my teeth in a cracked coffee mug

When Sam's washing dishes, it's best not to
stay

I just pick up a crust and creep away



We encourage the children to read the story at least twice so we know they are familiar with it. Then use the text to help answer these questions. Prove your answer by finding the evidence in the text.

+ What do we know about the gremlin?

+ When does the gremlin creep from the tap?

+ Where does he sleep?

+ What does he keep in the cracked coffee mug?

+ Why do you think he disappears when Sam does the washing up?

Talk about vocabulary:

Gremlin: a funny, little creature which can be mischievous

Slops: left over food

Creep: walk carefully and quietly

Punctuation in this story:

Full stop at the end of each sentence.

Capital letters for names or the beginning of the sentence

! Exclamation mark to show excitement.

... shows the reader they will need to wait and see