Reading Calling

★ Ocean Speakers ★ Book 5

Short Vowel U

Captain Jake and General Gill's Sunken Cup



🗣️ 🔊 Listen, say and record!

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Meet the Crew!



Captain Jake

🗣️ Hi! I am Jake. I can **run** the yellow **sub**.



General Gill

🗣️ Hi! I am Gill. We will have **fun**!



Gus

🗣️ I am **Gus**. I am a **duck**!

Short **u** says /ʌ/ ...

🗣️ u... u... **cup**, **duck**!



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

Listen and Repeat 1

Say each word 3 times: **c – u – p, cup!**



cup



duck



sun



fun



jump



sub



Keep it short: /ʌ/ as in cup — not "yoo".

Listen and Repeat 2

Say each word 3 times: **c – u – p, cup!**



mud



bug



hug



luck



up



run



Keep it short: /ʌ/ as in cup — not "yoo".



SAY THE SENTENCE

1. The Yellow Sub

Jake and Gill get in the yellow **sub**.

The **sun** is **up**.

They will have **fun** under the sea.

Down goes the **sub**!



Down we go! What will we find?



SAY THE SENTENCE

2. Stuck in the Mud

The **sub** is **stuck** in the **mud**.

Jake tries to go. No **luck**!

Gill looks at the **sub**.

"I have a plan!" says Gill.

Gill has a plan. Can they get free?



SAY THE SENTENCE

3. Gus the Duck

A **duck** swims **up**.

"I am **Gus**!" says the **duck**.

"I can **jump**!"

"I can help you and the **sub**."



A new friend swims up!



SAY THE SENTENCE

4. The Sunken Cup

Gus has lost his **cup**.

The **cup** is in the **mud**.

A little **bug** is in the **cup**.

Out **runs** the **bug**!



Can they get the cup?



SAY THE SENTENCE

5. A Big Hug

Gill picks **up** the **cup**.

"Here is your **cup**, **Gus**!"

Gus gives them *a* big **hug**.

"What **luck**!" says Jake.

A hug for *a* good friend!



SAY THE SENTENCE

6. The Fun Jump

"Let us **jump**!" says Gill.

They **jump**, **jump**, **jump**!

The **sub** comes free of the **mud**.

"I can **run** the **sub**! What **fun**!"



Up comes the sub!



SAY THE SENTENCE

7. Up to the Sun

🗣 **Up** goes the yellow **sub**.

🗣 They see the **sun**.

🗣 Jake and Gill give **Gus** a **hug**.

🗣 What a **fun** trip!



The End! Now tell the story.

Picture Talk 1



? What can you see?

I can see a **cup** in the **mud**.

? Who has a cup?

Gus the **duck** has a **cup**.

? What runs out?

A **bug** runs out of the **cup**!

Ask a friend. Then swap!

Picture Talk 2



? Where is the sub?

The **sub** is **up** by the **sun**.

? Are they happy?

Yes! It was a **fun** trip.

? Who gets a hug?

Gus gets a big **hug**!

Ask a friend. Then swap!

Role-Play: Jake and Gill



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



Jake: Oh no! The **sub** is **stuck** in the **mud**!

Gill: We need some **luck**. I have a plan!

Jake: Look! A **duck** swims **up**.

Gill: Hi, **Gus**! Is that your **cup**?

Jake: We can get the **cup** and help the **sub**!

Gill: A big **jump**! We are free. What **fun**!



Use a big voice and act it out!

Tongue Twister!



🗣️ **Gus** the **duck jumps up** with *a* **cup**.

🗣️ A **bug** in the **mud runs up**, **up**, **up**!

🗣️ 🐢 Slow… then 🚀 FAST!



Say it 3 times. Faster each time!

Ocean Chant 🎵

🗣️ **Jump**, **jump**, **jump** for **fun**!

🗣️ **Up** goes the **sub** to the **sun**.

🗣️ **Cup** and **duck** and **bug** and **hug**,

🗣️ Good **luck**, **Gus**! Give a big **hug**!

🗣️ 🎵 Whole chant

👏 Clap on every red word!



Stand up and do the actions.

Hear the Difference!

Relax your mouth for short /ʌ/, as in cup — not “yoo” or “oo”.

cup	vs	cap
duck	vs	dock
bug	vs	bag
hut	vs	hat
run	vs	ran

🎧 Listen: cup / cap · duck / dock · bug / bag · hut / hat · run / ran



Teacher says one word – child points!

Mission: Show and Tell 🌟



Find a short **u** thing at home: a **cup**, a toy **duck**, a toy **bug** or a picture of the **sun**.

- This is my **cup**.
- I lift it **up**.
- I have **fun** with my **cup**!

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

Change the word: duck, bug, sun...

Speaking Certificate

Short Vowel U · The Sunken Cup

This award goes to

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can say short **u** words, tell the ocean story, and say a tongue twister and a chant!







🗣️ Well done, ocean explorer! Mission complete!

Teacher: _____ Date: _____

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