

Māhuri



Weka's Boat



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Weka spots a floating log.

“A boat!” says Weka.

“I can float on my boat
and go for a ride.”

Weka jumps on.

The log floats on the awa.

“This is a good boat,”
says Weka.





The log floats by Tūī.

“Hop on my boat,” says Weka.

“Okay, just keep afloat!”

says Tūī.

Frog sees Weka on the log.

“Look at my boat!”

boasts Weka.

“Can I float with you?”

asks Frog.

Frog jumps on.





Ruru wakes up.

“Who is shouting?”

moans Ruru.

“Look at my boat!”

boasts Weka.

“Can I float with you?”

asks Ruru.

Huhu sees Weka's log.
"Look at my boat,"
boasts Weka.
"Can I float with you?"
asks Huhu.
Huhu hops on and ...





SPLASH!

Weka is soaked.

“Oh no,” says Weka. “The load was too big for my boat!”

“I told you to keep afloat!” says Tūi with a grin.

TEACHING NOTES

Weka's Boat

■ Reading practice

This story provides children with practice in reading and understanding short words using carefully selected focus sounds.

Focus sounds

oa (as in boat)

Introduce the text and read the story aloud together, pointing to each word as you read. Encourage children to sound out the regular words that they already know the sounds for. The regular words that contain the focus sounds for this book are listed below. For words that include sounds that the children haven't learnt yet, you may simply tell children the words as you read together. Give plenty of praise for children's reading attempts and encourage re-reading to build accuracy and fluency.

Regular words for sounding out

float(s/ing), boat, moans, boasts, soaked, load

Other words to tell children

told, okay, afloat

■ Phonological awareness

Practise segmenting and blending sounds together to make words. You could say, "Let's say the sounds (phonemes) together in each word I say."

Have children find each word you segment and blend on the page.

Use the table below for suggestions on how to segment and blend target words from this story.

boat	b-oa-t
shout	sh-ou-t
moan	m-oa-n
hops	h-o-p-s
log	l-o-g

■ Morphological awareness

With children, read the words below from the story that use **float** as a base word (or free morpheme):

float, floats, floating, afloat

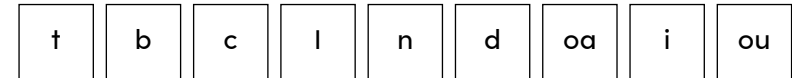
See if children can make up sentences using these words. Discuss the difference in meanings of each of these forms of **float**.

■ Vocabulary

Discuss the meaning of the word **boast**. When people boast, they show off to others about something they have done or something they have. Weka boasted that he had a boat in the story. None of the other animals had a boat!

■ Spelling

Support children to listen and identify where the sound change occurs in words. Use the suggested letters or letter blocks to spell and read the words. Prompt as necessary to ensure success.



Use the phrasing: "If this word spells **oat**, can you spell **boat**? If this word spells **boat**, can you spell **coat**?"

Easier changes:

oat > boat > coat

Harder changes:

loan > load > lid > loud

■ Story discussion

Discuss what made Weka's boat tip over. Talk about how it was funny that it was the tiny Huhu that finally made the boat sink! Do some experiments where children keep adding weight to a container in water until the container finally sinks.

■ Story retell

Ask the children to retell the story to a friend or family member. Prompt as necessary using picture cues. Give plenty of praise and encouragement for verbal responses.



Rākau
Tree



Tupu
Seedling



Kākano
Seed

Māhuri Sapling

Tense morphemes
Vowel digraphs

Focus sounds

oa

