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## A Bus Ride to the Big Sleep

*This story uses one syllable words with one of the following combinations: 1. words (in bold) containing vowel teams where the first vowel does not say its name (syllable pattern 6). (This story focuses upon words using this vowel combination.) 2. words containing vowel teams composed of a vowel plus the letter r (syllable pattern 5). 3. words containing vowel teams in which the first vowel says its name (syllable pattern 4). 4. words containing long vowels which end in silent e (syllable pattern 3). This story also uses one syllable words with short vowels containing one of the following combinations: 5. no blends 6. beginning blends 7. ending blends 8. beginning and ending blends 9. consonant teams 10. consonant teams and blends.*

First we went to the **zoo**. **Wow**, did we see a lot of things that **crawl** and go **swoosh** and **woof**. The **sounds** were **new** and so **loud** that they **shook** the **roof** with the **noise** of the **toots**. The **hounds** did **howl**. The **hoofs** and **moos** of the **cows** and the **swoop** and **whoosh** of the **owls** all made a din.

We **saw** a **moose** that did **snooze** on a pile of **straw**. We **saw** a **hawk** eat **raw** fish. And the **brown brook trout** in the

**pool** were **cool**. We **found** a **fawn** that **stood** still. We **saw** a **loon** take a **bow**. And then we all had a **spook** when the **claws** on the **paws** and the **tooth** of the cat did **loom** in front of us. His **jaw** was **stout**, and he gave us a **scowl** and then a **growl**. Then a snake in a **coil** **wound** his tail and went on the **prowl**. I was glad not to be a **mouse** near that snake.

We did not have on suits or **gowns**. We wore jeans and **boots**. We were in a **good mood**, and we ate lots of **food** at **noon**. We had **stew** and a **scoop** of fruit which we ate with **spoons**.

**Soon** it was time to go. We went to the bus stop. The man was **sour** and a **grouch** and a **fool**; he **threw** a **frown** at us. "**Thaw out**, sir," we said. "**Our point** is to not **spoil** the day." All he did was **yawn** back at us. **Count** your thanks; he is a sad man. The bus made a **loop**, and **soon** we were on the **route** to home. The ride was **smooth**, and we had no **cause** to **boo**.

Then we **saw** on the street a **crowd** that **drew** our gaze. On the **ground** a

**crook** did **crouch**. He had no **joy**, and his **jowls** were slack. He did not have the **law** on his side. We did **look** with **awe** at the **loot** by his side. But he was not **proud** of the **toys** he had by theft. In fact his day was all a big **scrawl now**.

We **took out our brown books** to read. The top of my **book** was **moist** with **oil** from the bus. I **took out** a cloth to clean it. Time **flew**, and the bus did **groove**. On we did **plow**. The **poor few** in the front of the bus hit lots of bumps and **flew** in the air. We need a **boost**. This bunch has no clue that at times it is best to be a **clown** and not **frown**. With a **pause** I did put my **snout** on the glass, and **zoom** went the **mood**. **Soon** all did **join** in the **joy**. We did not **pout**. The **mood** in the bus was **proof, too**, that we had left the **gloom**.

We left the bus and **saw** the **bloom** of green in the **soil**. I got a pen and sat on a **stool** like a bird on a **roost** and did **draw** the buds. Then I **took** my things and went home. **Whew**, I need sleep. As the day **draws** to an end, I **scour** my **round room** and see that all is set. **Good** rest to all, and I went to sleep.