

Dig, Ned, Dig!



◆ An Unofficial Minecraft Series ◆

Ned and the Magic Book



Ned is in his new shed. The sun is up, and there are no bad things outside. 'What do I do next?' asks Ned.

The Book is inside
the shed with Ned.

'Get a stick and
some planks,' says

The Book.

'What for?' asks

Ned.





Ned has made
something to dig
with.

'It's a shovel,' says
The Book.

'I can't wait to try it
out!' shouts Ned, and
he runs outside.

'I am not sure how to use this,' says Ned.

'Hold the long part, and dig in the backyard with the big part,' says The Book.

'Oh!' says Ned.





Ned takes his new shovel down to the beach.

He digs and digs in the soft sand. Soon his little hole is very big!

'This is so cool! Can I dig something else?' asks Ned.

The Book tells Ned to find a hillside of dirt.

The dirt is as easy to dig as sand, and soon Ned has made one more big hole!

'This shovel is so fun,' says Ned.





Ned digs downhill into the hillside until his shovel hits a hard glowing block. 'I cannot dig it!' says Ned. The Book says, 'That is stone, Ned, and stone does not care about your shovel.'

'It is very hard,' says Ned. 'I want to dig it, but my shovel will not work.'

'You will need one more tool from your workshop,' says The Book. 'Something sharp and heavy can crack this block.'





Ned goes back inside his shed for **something new**.

'You will need a stick and more planks,' says The Book. 'This time, make **something sharp**.'

'Sharp, so I can dig stone!' shouts Ned.

Ned holds up what
he made in the
workshop.

'Two sharp ends,'
Ned says. 'What is it
called?'

'This is a **pickaxe**,'
says The Book.





Ned swings the
pickaxe at the stone.
Cracks spread across
the wall like a cobweb!
Chunks of rock break
off and fall at his
feet. 'It is working!'
shouts Ned. 'I really
was born to dig!'

Ned breaks chunks of stone off with the pickaxe.

'I am tired,' says Ned, 'but I could dig for a lifetime!'

'Good,' says The Book. 'You will need to dig a lot more!'





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Ned has a shiny new shed, a magic book, and a brand new shovel - but what happens when his shovel clangs against something hard and golden deep in the ground? Can a clever tool crack open stone, and what treasures might be hiding beneath Ned's feet? Join Ned as he digs, builds, and dreams up his next big adventure! This decodable reader practices compound words such as 'hillside,' 'pickaxe,' 'daylight,' and 'cobweb.'

Reading Skills:

Compound

backyard, cobweb, daylight, downhill, hillside, inside, lifetime, outside, pickaxe, seashore, something, woodwork, workshop

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