

Oh No,
My Hair!



Allie sits on the **carpet** with **picture** books and toys all around her. She picks up an old **picture** of her mom and holds it up with a grin. Her mom has short hair and a big, **pretty** smile.

'I want a **haircut** just like that!' Allie says. 'It cannot be a **mistake** to look like Mom!'





Allie finds her craft
scissors and sits on
the mat. She has
never cut her own hair
before, but how hard
can it be? What could
happen? Snip, snip,
snip! Bits of dark hair
scatter all around her.

Allie thinks she is all done. She picks up a little mirror to admire her new look.

But when she sees herself... oh no.

What an error!





Allie's haircut is horrid!
Her hair pokes out in
clumps, some long and
some short. She wants
her long hair back, but
that cannot happen.

'What a mistake!' she
whispers. 'What do I
do now?'

Allie looks around the house. She finds a bowl of noodles and plops it on her head like a costume wig.

She holds up her mirror and peeks. Will noodles make her look pretty? No! And now her head is all wet!





Allie tries green beans next. She puts the long pods over her head like long, wild hair. Mom, Dad, and her **sister** spot her, and they all point and grin! The beans do not help and just make her head stinky!

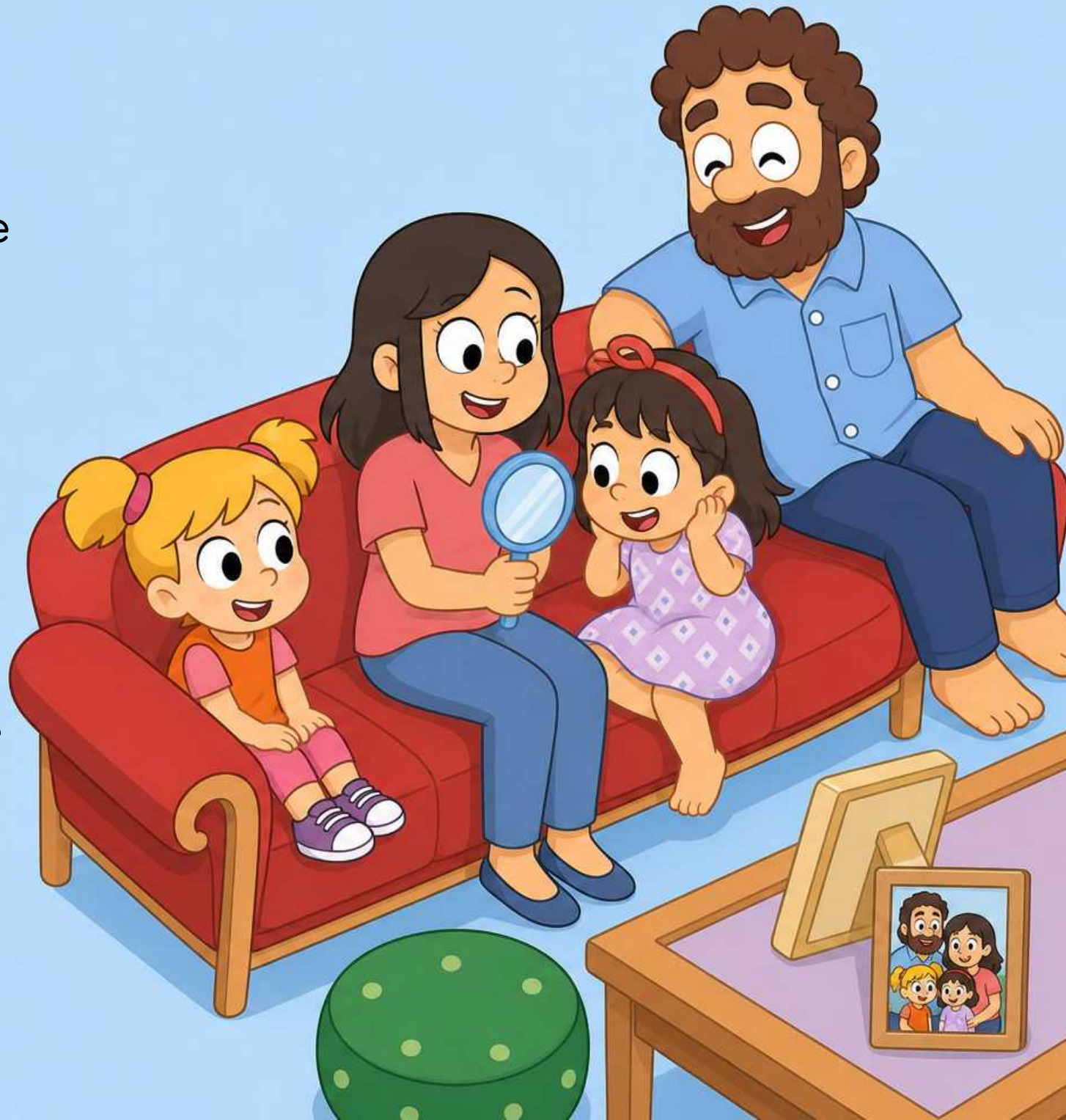
Allie will not give up.
She piles spinach leaves
on top of her head like
a green **blanket**. Dad
shakes and holds his
belly, and her **sister**
hugs a red ball. The
spinach does not help
either, and now her
head is all itchy!





Allie does not want Mom or Dad to see this horrid mistake. She hides behind the big red couch. Her scissors sit on the carpet next to her. "Allie, come out of there," Mom calls from across the room.

Mom finds Allie and carries her to the couch. Dad sits on the arm, and her sister sits in close. 'You are always pretty,' Mom says. She slips a hairband onto Allie's head and holds up the mirror. Allie grins. This is no mistake. She looks perfect!





Allie closes her eyes and smiles. The red headband with its pretty bow sits just right in her short hair.

Maybe this haircut was not such a mistake after all. Short hair can look just as pretty! But next time, she will let Mom handle the scissors.



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When Allie spots an old photo of Mom with a short, pretty haircut, she decides she simply must have one too - so she grabs the craft scissors and gets snipping! But what happens when Allie sees herself in the mirror? Can noodles, green beans, or a blanket of spinach leaves really fix a haircut gone wrong? This decodable reader practices VC/CV syllables in words like 'haircut,' 'mirror,' 'scissors,' 'blanket,' and 'picture.'

Reading Skills: VC/CV division

admire, always, belly, blanket, cannot, carpet, carries, clippings, costume, error, hairband, haircut, haircuts, happen, harder, headband, herself, horrid, mirror, mistake, onto, perfect, picture, pretty, scatter, scissors, sister, whispers

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