

Watch Out, Ted!





Ted stands **boldly** in front of his house, holding his white cane. Today is his friend's birthday party, and he feels **truly** glad. He can find the way! Close by, Cat peeks out with wide eyes, watching **keenly** as Ted sets off.

Kim lives next door. She follows **closely** behind Ted, looking **watchful**.

'Do you want me to help you get there, Ted? Are you sure you're okay?' she asks.

Ted smiles **calmly**. 'Don't worry about me, Kim. I go this way **nearly** every day!'





Ted stops at the corner of two streets. He lifts his head **upward** and breathes in **deeply**.

'Yes! The fish shop is over there. The smell is my **teacher!**' He turns right. Kim stares after him, **greatly** surprised.

'How did you pick the right way?' Kim asks.

Ted sniffs the air and smiles **proudly**. 'The fish shop is on the way to the party. When I catch that smell, I am **truly** going the right way.' Kim breathes in **deeply** and grins. 'I can smell it too!'





Ted stops at a wall and reaches out to touch it. Cat sits on top, looking down **keenly**.

'What are you doing, Ted?' Kim asks.

'This wall has been my friend since **childhood**,' Ted says **softly**. 'There is no other wall like it in town. The feel of these stones tells me to turn left here!'

'Watch out, Ted!' Kim yells loudly, pointing at the wide puddle. 'You will get soaked!'

Ted calmly walks around it, smiling. Not a drop touches his feet.

'See? I'm fully dry!' he says brightly.



'My stick helps me see what I can't,' Ted says proudly, tapping it on the ground. 'I could feel the water, so I could tell just where it was.'

'Wow!' Kim says. 'That is truly the best thing I have ever seen! We're nearly at the party now.'





Ted and Kim walk onward along the street. A big dog barks loudly from behind a gate. Cat leaps onto the post, startled.

'Look out, Ted!' Kim yells, and grabs his arm. But Ted stays calm and boldly turns left down a nearby street.

'Let me guess this time!' Kim says **brightly**. 'You can hear the dog barking, it lives there, and that is how you found the right turn!'

'That's right,' Ted says. 'My ears are always **active**. There are many things that tell me where to go.'





'Smells, touch, sounds, and my stick. They all help me find the way,' Ted says. 'And right now, we are getting **closer** to the party. I can smell cake!'

Kim's eyes **widen** and she grins **widely**, throwing her hands up high.

'We are here!' Kim shouts loudly. Balloons cover the house brightly. Ted steps forward with a gift, smiling warmly. Cat trots up beside them. 'I can smell and hear the party now,' Ted says. 'Let's go inside!'





Ted and Kim sit at a long table with their friends. They all wear party hats, and the table is full of cake and treats.

'I am truly glad you led the way, Ted,' Kim says, smiling. Ted grins. 'And I am thankful for our friendship.'



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Ted is heading to Ava’s birthday party, and he knows every step of the way - even though he cannot see. But when his neighbor Kim follows closely behind, worrying about every puddle and barking dog, can Ted show her that smells, sounds, and a trusty cane are all he needs? How does he find his way so boldly? Step along and find out! This decodable reader practices suffixes in words such as 'boldly,' 'calmly,' 'proudly,' 'friendship,' and 'roughness.'

Reading Skills: Suffix

active, anxiously, boldly, bravely, brightly, calmly, childhood, closely, closer, deeply, forward, friendship, fully, greatly, keenly, loudly, nearly, onward, proudly, really, roughness, softly, streamers, teacher, thankful, truly, upward, warmly, watchful, widely, widen

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