



The Ice Cream Shop — Covered cloze — How to use this resource

This original story presented as a covered cloze reading activity is exclusive to readlearn subscribers. It is designed for teacher instruction on the interactive whiteboard with the whole class or group.

Synopsis: Dad takes the children to the ice cream shop. Each choose an item from the menu. Dad's favourite ice cream is not available. What will he do?

For more information about how to conduct a covered cloze activity, please refer to **Covered Cloze - teaching effective reading strategies** (Included with this resource in *The Ice Cream Shop - Resources*.)

To use this resource:

- Discuss the title and title page with the students –what the story might be about and what might happen in the story
- Use the “Next” button to move forward through the story
- Use the “Prev” button to return to pages already read
- Read and discuss the text together
- When a covered word is encountered predict and discuss possible words that may be covered
- Reveal the word letter by letter to review and confirm, reject or reassess predictions.

Each letter is covered with a shape. Click on the shape to remove it and reveal the letter.

The letters can be revealed in any order, though the initial, final and sometimes middle, letters or letter groups are most effective in providing information that will help to identify the word.

Identifying words by sampling these letters most closely matches sampling that occurs during fluent reading.

Using covered cloze encourages the development of effective reading strategies and provides opportunities for discussing the cues that readers use, including:

- meaning at the whole story level
- meaning at the episode level, and
- meaning at the sentence level
- supported by use of the grapho-phonics visual cues to assist in identifying words.

Look for other resources that accompany this story, including:

The Ice Cream Shop — an estory.

Two Scoops of Ice Cream Please! — an interactive problem solving activity.

My favourite ice cream — writing and drawing