

Sooty Woods — Teacher Guide (Overview)

Purpose

Use Sooty Woods to build decoding fluency, prosody, and comprehension in Reception–Year 3. Stories are decodable and aligned to focus sounds.

Session Flow (15-20 min)

1) Sound warm-up (2–3 mins). 2) Teacher model + echo read (3–4 mins). 3) Paired or whisper read (5 mins). 4) One comprehension prompt and a vocabulary quick win (3 mins).

Differentiation (SEN)

Reduce visual load by increasing text size. Read in short chunks. Pre-teach tricky words orally. Offer trace-and-say for key graphemes.

Assessment

Track accuracy (%), rate (WPM for Y2+), and prosody notes. Re-read across days to consolidate.