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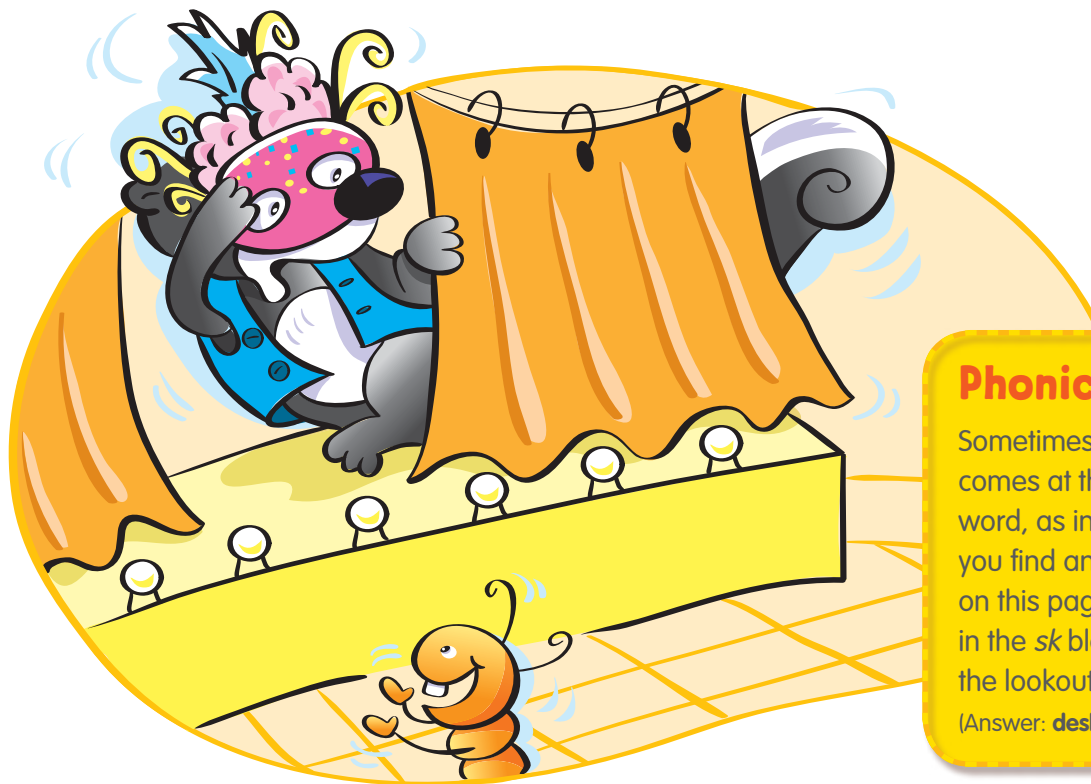
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Skippy Skunk has many **skills**. **Skippy Skunk** can **sketch** pictures.

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Phonics Fact

Sometimes the **sk** blend comes at the end of a word, as in **mask**. Can you find another word on this page that ends in the **sk** blend? Be on the lookout for more!

(Answer: **desk**)

Skippy Skunk can make **masks**. **Skippy Skunk** can do **skits**.



Skippy Skunk can skate. Skippy Skunk can ski.

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Skippy Skunk can even **skydive**! But there is one **skill Skippy** does not have.

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Tisk! Tisk! Someone named **Skippy** should know how to **skip**.

Skippy Skunk can not **skip**! Every time **Skippy** tries to **skip**, he trips and **skins** his knee.


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♫
Skip, skip, skip to my Lou,
Skip to my Lou, my darlin'.
♫

One day, a **skinny skunk** in a purple **skirt** **skipped** by. Her name was **Skylar**.

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You are a very **skillful**
skipper, Skylar.

Thanks, **Skippy**!

♪
Skip, skip, skip
♪ to my Lou...
♪

“Can I **ask** you a favor?” said **Skippy**.

“Will you teach me to **skip** like you?”

“Sure,” said **Skylar**. “That will be an easy **task**.”

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Then **Skylar** taught **Skippy** a special song to help him **skip**.

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Skippy sang **Skylar's skipping** song as he tried to **skip**. **Skippy** did not trip. **Skippy** did not **skin** his knee.



Skippy Skunk was **skipping**! Before long,
Skippy was **skipping** as **skillfully** as **Skylar**!

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I could **sketch** Skylar a picture.

I could make Skylar a mask.

Skippy wanted to thank **Skylar** for teaching him to **skip**. But how?

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I have too many feet to **skip**.

“I know!” said **Skippy**. “**Skylar**, would you like to learn a new **skill**?”

“Sure,” said **Skylar**.



The **sky** is pretty at **dusk**.

Skydiving is even more fun than **skipping**!

So **Skippy Skunk** took **Skylar** skydiving.
Now they both have a brand new **skill**.
And a brand new friend!

SK Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right *sk* word from the box. (Hint: Sometimes the *sk* appears at the end of the word.)

Word Box

skip	skinny	skunk	task	sky
sketch	skin	desk	skirt	skis

- 1 Girls might wear this instead of pants or shorts.
- 2 It's a job you have to do.
- 3 This animal can have a bad smell.
- 4 It's usually blue and sometimes has clouds.
- 5 This covers your whole body.
- 6 It means the same thing as *draw*.
- 7 It is the opposite of *fat*.
- 8 This is where you sit at school.
- 9 It rhymes with *trip*.
- 10 You wear these to zip down a snowy mountain.



SK Cheer

Hooray for *s-k*, the best sound around!

Let's holler *s-k* words all over town!

There's **skunk** and **skip** and **skit** and **mask**.

There's **skin** and **sketch** and **desk** and **task**.

There's **skate** and **sky** and **skill** and **dusk**.

There's **skirt** and **skull** and **ski** and **tusk**.

S-k, s-k, shout hip-hip-hooray,

For a sound that takes great **skill** to say!



Make a list of
other *sk* words.
Then use them
in your cheer.