



# We went for a Sail

Early Reader No. 55

Story by Jennifer Cooper-Trent  
Illustrations by Anthony Mitchell

© Fantastic Phonics.  
[www.early-reading.com](http://www.early-reading.com)

No part of this Publication can be reproduced without a license



Page 1a

## Complex Combinations

This story has several challenging words, "through", "howling", "forced".  
Take the time to explain the complexities of each word.

### Phonic Decoding

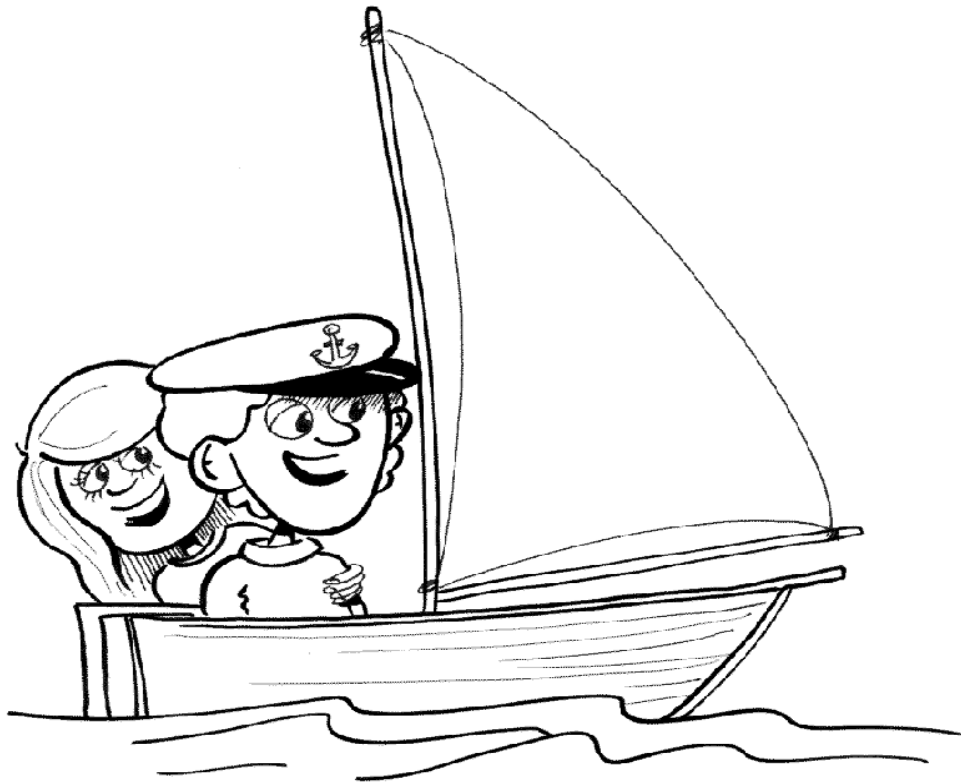
The Sound 'ail' - as in the word 'sail'

### Carefully Explain

Silent 'h' as in 'whale' | The 's' sound in 'forced'

## Try These New Words

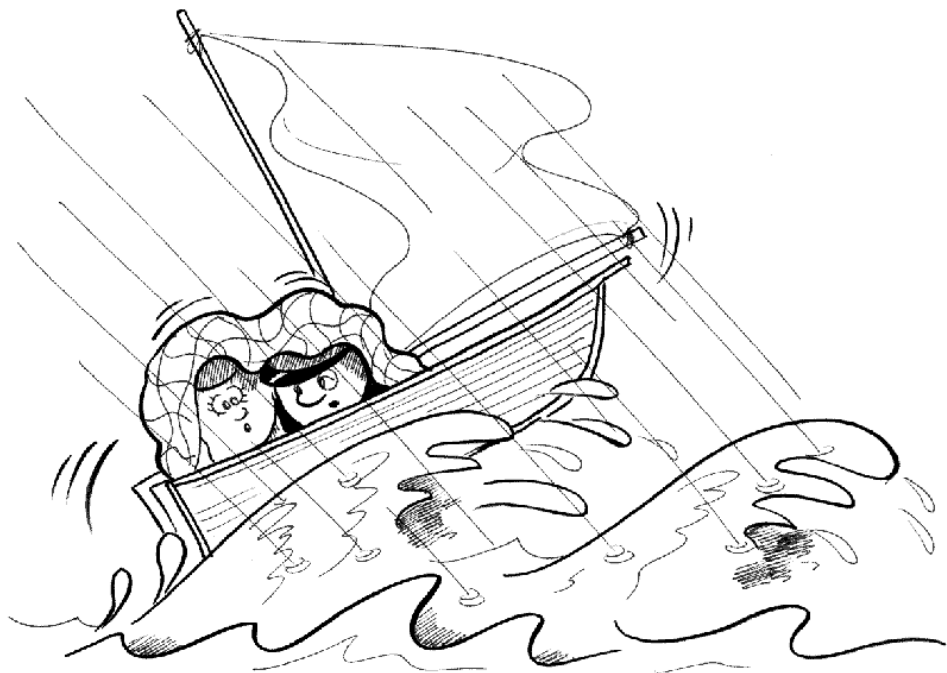
sail tail hail trail snail wail  
wailing whale buckets lashed  
snapped captain through



We went for a sail to search for a whale.

✂  
Cut 'n  
Staple

Page 2a



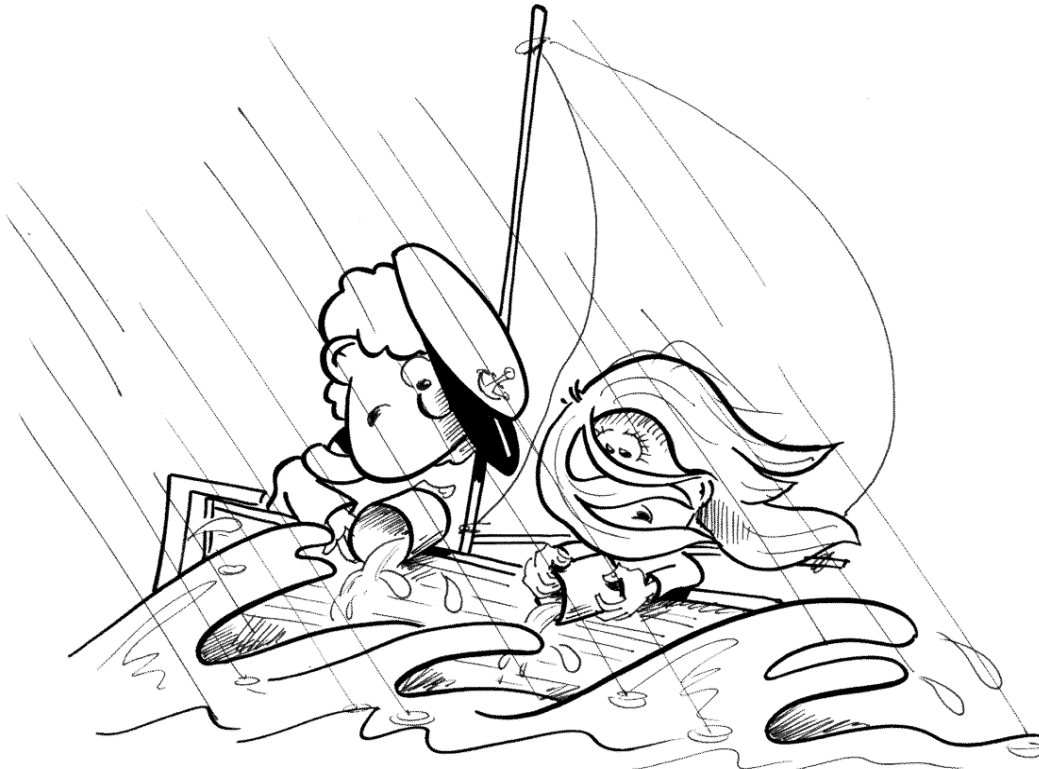
When a wild storm hit us, with a  
howling wind and buckets of hail.



The waves broke over our frail boat  
as we tried to sail.

✂  
Cut 'n  
Staple

Page 3a

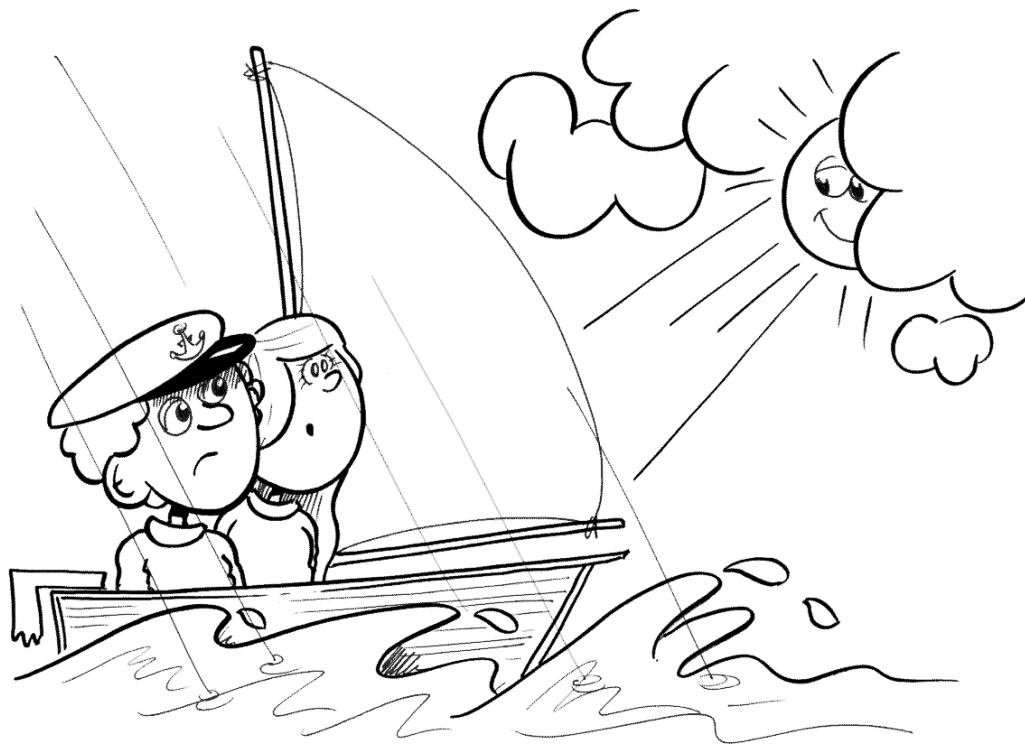


The water rushed in, and  
we were forced to bail.

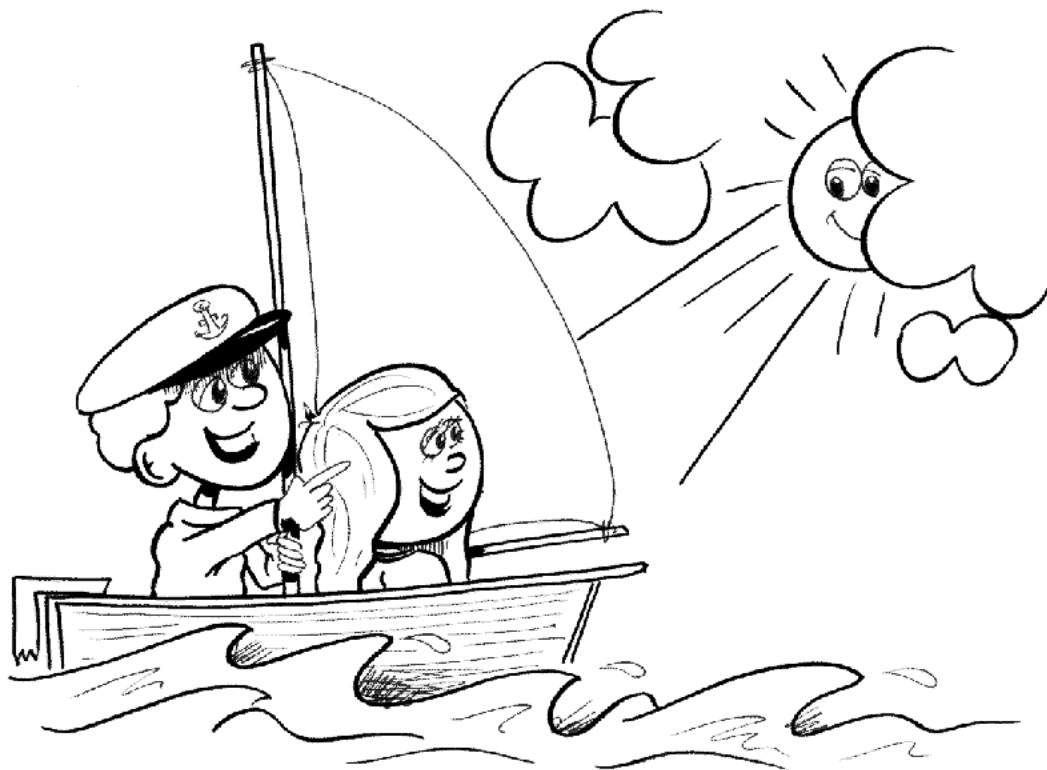


The wind lashed our sail and the storm snapped our tail.

✂  
Cut 'n  
Staple

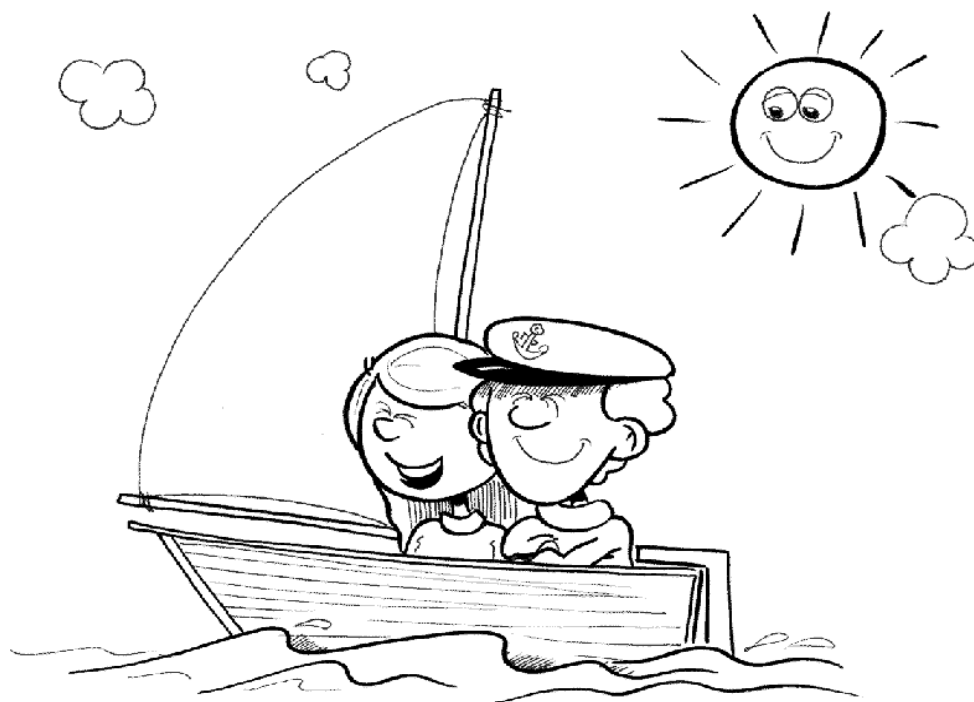


Then through the dark clouds a ray of sun struck our sail.



The captain of the ship said,  
"Let's follow the sun's trail".

✂  
Cut 'n  
Staple



So we sailed back home - no sight of a  
whale, but we had an exciting time, and  
it was a fantastic tale!

## Extra Words

mail fail bail frail  
stale shale pale

**Comprehension**

1. What animal were the children looking for?
2. The storm dropped buckets of what?
3. What happened when the water rushed in?
4. What did the storm break?
5. What struck the sail from the sky?



Cut 'n  
Staple

Page 6a

Complete the sentences with these words.

waves, broke, nail, tail.

The \_\_\_\_\_ snapped a \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_ off our \_\_\_\_\_.