

# Dak

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## WARM UP

Activate phonics knowledge by coaching readers to decode words in isolation.

“Sound out the words and read them!”

tap	cap	mad	pad	pat	pass
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## INTRODUCE THE BOOK

Share a gist of the story and highlight any story words.

“I’m so excited to introduce you to the first book in a new series about a yeti named Dak.” Show the cover and title. “The title of the book is the character’s name. Read it with me, *Dak*. Dak is a yeti. A yeti is a mythical creature who spends a lot of time in the snow.” Turn to the back blurb and point to the word *yeti*. “This is the word *yeti*. Read it with me, *yeti*. A yeti like Dak spends a lot of time in the snow.” Turn to page 1 and point to the word *snow*. “This is the word *snow*. Read it with me, *snow*.”

Invite readers to preview the text. Then, coach them as they read independently.

“Let’s take a sneak peek to find out what kinds of things Dak does in the snow.” Study the cover, read the back blurb, and flip through the first few pages. Invite readers to say what they notice and to share ideas or predictions about the story. “Oh, you’re noticing Dak is very big and super strong. Dak can do so much in the mountains. I wonder if yetis ever rest. Let’s read and find out!” Distribute copies of the text. Then, listen in and coach as needed.


## TALK ABOUT THE BOOK

After reading, engage in a conversation to support text-based comprehension.

Invite readers to share ideas and use supporting details from the text.

Ask questions like:

- What have you learned about Dak?
- How does Dak pass the dam?
- Dak found a cave at the end. Who do you think lives there?
- How do you think Dak feels at the end of the story? What makes you think that?



See me?  
I am in the snow.

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Here I am!

This is Dak.  
Dak is a yeti.



A dam!  
Can I pass?





Dak can pass.  
Dak is a yeti.

A snow cap!  
Can I pass?

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Dak taps the snow.



Dak can pass.  
Dak is a yeti.





A pad?  
Can I nap?

Dak likes naps.

I can.  
I am a yeti!



## Letter-Sound Correspondences

- m, t, n, s, p, d, g, c, k, r, ă
- tt, nn, ss, dd
- -s

## High-Frequency Words

me, a, the, I, like, my, look, see, here, is, this, it, in

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Dak is a yeti.  
Look! A dam!  
Can Dak pass?

### CVC Words, Series 1

- 1 **Dak**
- 2 The Cave
- 3 Hungry
- 4 Follow Me!
- 5 A Big Sled
- 6 Dak Sips
- 7 Can Dak Skate?
- 8 Pam?

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