

Oh No,  
My Hair!



Allie sits on the **carpet** with **picture** books and toys all around her. She picks up an old **picture** of her mum and holds it up with a grin. Her mum has short hair and a big, **pretty** smile.

'I want a **haircut** just like that!' Allie says. 'It cannot be a **mistake** to look like Mum!'





Allie finds her craft scissors and sits on the mat. She has never cut her own hair before, but how hard can it be? What could happen? Snip, snip, snip! Bits of dark hair scatter all around her.

Allie thinks she is all done. She picks up a little mirror to admire her new look.

But when she sees herself... oh no.

What an error!





Allie's haircut is horrid!  
Her hair pokes out in  
clumps, some long and  
some short. She wants  
her long hair back, but  
that cannot happen.

'What a mistake!' she  
whispers. 'What do I  
do now?'

Allie looks around the house. She finds a bowl of noodles and plops it on her head like a costume wig.

She holds up her mirror and peeks. Will noodles make her look pretty? No! And now her head is all wet!





Allie tries green beans next. She puts the long pods over her head like long, wild hair. Mum, Dad, and her **sister** spot her, and they all point and grin! The beans do not help and just make her head stinky!

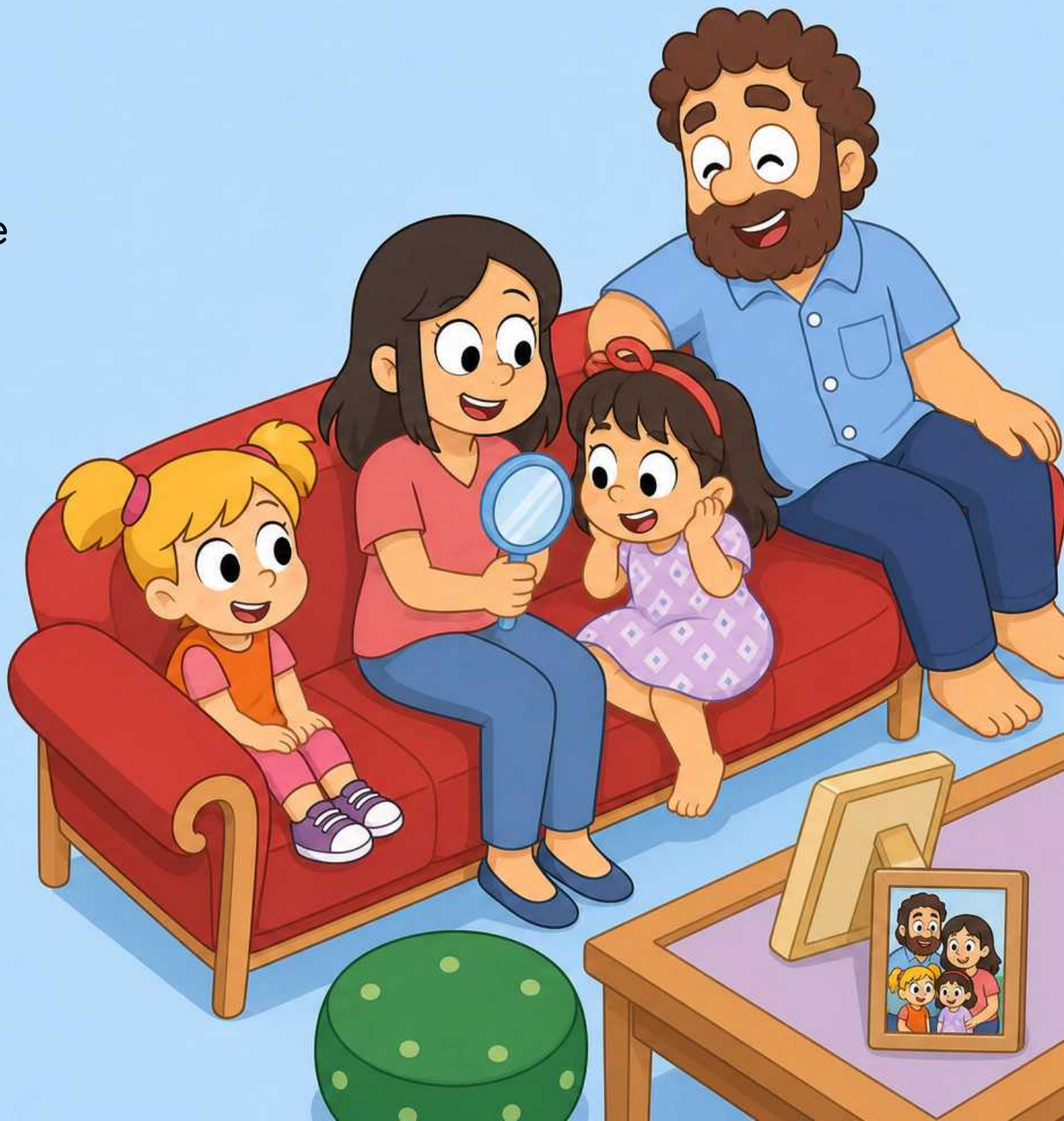
Allie will not give up.  
She piles spinach leaves  
on top of her head like  
a green **blanket**. Dad  
shakes and holds his  
**belly**, and her **sister**  
hugs a red ball. The  
spinach does not help  
either, and now her  
head is all itchy!





Allie does not want Mum or Dad to see this horrid mistake. She hides behind the big red couch. Her scissors sit on the carpet next to her. "Allie, come out of there," Mum calls from across the room.

Mum finds Allie and carries her to the couch. Dad sits on the arm, and her sister sits in close. 'You are always pretty,' Mum says. She slips a hairband onto Allie's head and holds up the mirror. Allie grins. This is no mistake. She looks perfect!





Allie closes her eyes and smiles. The red headband with its **pretty** bow sits just right in her short hair.

Maybe this haircut was not such a **mistake** after all. Short hair can look just as **pretty!** But next time, she will let Mum handle the **scissors.**



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When Allie spots an old photo of Mum with a short, pretty haircut, she decides she simply must have one too - so she grabs the craft scissors and gets snipping! But what happens when Allie sees herself in the mirror? Can noodles, green beans, or a blanket of spinach leaves really fix a haircut gone wrong? This decodable reader practises VC/CV syllables in words like 'haircut,' 'mirror,' 'scissors,' 'blanket,' and 'picture.'

**Reading Skills:** VC/CV division

admire, always, belly, blanket, cannot, carpet, carries, clippings, costume, error, hairband, haircut, haircuts, happen, harder, headband, herself, horrid, mirror, mistake, onto, perfect, picture, pretty, scatter, scissors, sister, whispers

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