

## Before reading

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### Tips for reading with children

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### Say the sounds

These are some of the focus sounds that your child will practise in this book.

**oi and oy pronounced /oi/**      **ow and ou pronounced /ow/**

Practise reading these words containing the focus sounds together.

joined    enjoyed    owl    found


Some of the words in this book are 'tricky words'. They have a letter or letters that make an unexpected sound. Practise reading these tricky words together.

house    mouse

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### Talk about the book

Look at and discuss the cover picture and title before asking the following question.

 What kind of bird can you see in the cover picture?

While you are reading, look at page 8.


 What do you think will happen when the egg cracks?

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### Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 If a bird **roosts** somewhere, it goes there to rest or sleep.

 If a bird **breeds**, it has baby birds.

 An **owlet** is a young owl.

 **Down** is a fine layer of soft feathers that birds have.