Before reading

Tips for reading with children

Available to download from www.schofieldandsims.co.uk/mylettersandsounds.

Say the sounds

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

ou pronounced /oa/, /oo/ (long) and /u/

Practise reading these words containing the focus sounds together.

shoulder group young

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.

different thought

Talk about the book

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

What are the children in the cover picture doing?

While you are reading, look at pages 2 and 3.

What sort of things do you think Lou and Yousef will do in the countryside?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

- A **zip wire** is a long, thick wire attached between two points, one higher than the other, that you can move along quickly.
- Archery is the sport of shooting with a bow and arrow.
- **Bouldering** is an activity where people climb on large rocks without ropes.
- If a fire is **smouldering**, it is burning slowly without a flame.