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.

ve pronounced /v/ le pronounced /l/ or /ul/ se and ce pronounced /s/ ze and se pronounced /z/

Practise reading these words containing the focus sounds together.

live apple house fence squeezed please

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.

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Talk about the book

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

What things do you notice about the house in the cover picture? What is the girl doing to it?

While you are reading, look at page 11.

Who do you think Mum is talking about when she tells Olive not to forget to feed Sparkles?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

A **skittle** is a wooden object that you try to knock down with a ball.

The **attic** is the room in a house below the roof. Things are often stored there.