

## Before reading

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### Tips for reading with children

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### Say the sounds

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

**eer and ere pronounced /ear/**      **are, ear and ere pronounced /air/**


Practise reading these words containing the focus sounds together.

deer    persevered    dare    bear    there

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### Talk about the book

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

 Why do you think the bear in this story might be lonely?


While you are reading, look at page 4.

 What do you think Blair will do when he leaves the lair?


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### Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 A **lair** is a place where a wild animal lives.

 A **lemming** is a small, short-tailed rodent that lives in the wild.

 If someone **careered** somewhere, they moved in a very fast, clumsy and uncontrolled way.

 If you have **persevered**, you have continued doing something even though it is very difficult.