Before reading

Tips for reading with children

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

Say the sounds

In this book, your child will practise reading words with two consonant letters in a row. Practise reading these words together.

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Some of the words in this book have lines under the letters. The line shows that the group of letters makes one sound. Practise reading these words together.

pi<u>ck</u> t<u>ai</u>l t<u>orch</u> h<u>ear</u>

Talk about the book

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

- This book is called 'The Best Dog'. Why do you think the dog in this story will be the 'best' dog?
- Where do you think the dog is in the cover picture?
- What colour is the dog's collar?
- Have you ever played with a dog? What did you like about it?

While reading

Look at page 11. How do you think Beth is feeling as she runs back to her mum?