

## Before reading

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### Say the sounds

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

lift bump dust went

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.

rocket yard much night


The words in blue are known as '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 question.

 Can you describe the different things you can see in the cover picture?


While you are reading, look at page 10.


 This picture shows Mark's bedroom. How can you tell that Mark likes space?

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### Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 If someone works a **night shift**, they work during the night instead of during the day, like a nurse or a factory worker.

 **Junk** is a word for old or unwanted things.

 A **yard** is a small, outside area at the back of a house.

 A **tick** is a very small amount of time – about a second.