

## 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.

land nest drop from

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.

much paint litter road

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.

said so like have

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### Talk about the book

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

 This story is about a crown. What is a crown? Who wears one?

While you are reading, look at page 2.

 Where do you think the king might have lost his crown?

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### Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 To **vanish into thin air** means to disappear.

 If someone is **weeping**, they are crying.

 A **grin** is another word for a smile.

 A **moat** is a deep hole, often filled with water, that goes all the way around a castle.