

Before reading

Say the sounds

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

next test swim slip

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.


with hurt ring keep

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.

 Have you ever been swimming or paddling? What did you like about it?

While you are reading, look at page 6.

 Why do you think the children are taking a swimming test?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 A **locker** is a small cupboard that you can lock up.

 A **coach** is someone who teaches people how to improve at a sport or another skill.

 **Bopping** means bouncing around or dancing to music.