

## 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.

best sand step crab

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.

thrush cliff steep

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 some come were there


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### Talk about the book

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

 What is the boy looking at in the cover picture?


While you are reading, look at page 3.

 How do you think Josh feels at this point in the story?

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### Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 **Robins, thrushes, sand martins, gulls** and **rock pipits** are all birds.

 **Surf** is the white foam caused by waves breaking in the sea.

 If something is **damp**, it is a little wet.

 **Shrimps** are little sea creatures that can be eaten.