

Before reading

Say the sounds

These are the focus sounds that your child will practise in this book. Encourage them to point to each letter or group of letters and say the sound.

w y ch th ng ai ee igh

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.

such then need right

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.

we be was


Talk about the book

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

 Where do you think the children are in the cover picture?

 Why do you think they might be sad?

While you are reading, look at pages 4 and 5.

 Do you think the children will find the right gap to get out of the maze?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new word using the definition below.

 A **gap** is an empty space in something or between two things.