

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 x th ng ai igh oa

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.

licking tail fighting coat

The words in blue are known as 'tricky words'. They have a letter or letters that make an unexpected sound. Practise reading this tricky word together.

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Talk about the book

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

 What animals can you see in the cover picture? Where do you think they are?

While you are reading, look at page 7.


 There is one more baby animal in this story. What would you like the animal to be?


Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 A **bun** is a type of small bread roll.

 **Nipping** means gently biting something or someone.

 **Tugging** means pulling something with a lot of effort or with a quick, strong movement.

 A **tomcat** is a boy cat.