

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.

j w th oa ar or

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.


road for port jar

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.


be my

Talk about the book

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

 This story is about boats. Can you think of some different kinds of boats?


While you are reading, look at page 2.


 How do you think the family are feeling on their boat in the park?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 A **moat** is a deep hole, often filled with water, around a castle.

 A **port** is an area next to the sea where ships stop to load and unload goods and passengers.

 A **cork** is a small object that is pushed into the top of a bottle to close it.