

## Before reading

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### 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 ch sh th ee igh oa  
oo (short) ar ow

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.

wood coach carpark town


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.

 What type of building do you think the family are standing on top of?

While you are reading, look at page 5.

 What do you think the family might see next, when they climb even higher up the castle?

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### Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 **Moss** is a dark green plant without flowers that grows in damp places.

 A **coach** is a type of bus used for long journeys.