Before reading

Tips for reading with children

Available to download from www.schofieldandsims.co.uk/mylettersandsounds.

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.

v x y z sh ng oa oo(long) ar ow ear

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.

ba<u>lloo</u>n p<u>ar</u>k h<u>ow</u>li<u>ng</u> h<u>ear</u>

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 questions.

What part of town can you see in the cover picture?

What different things are being sold from the market stalls?

While you are reading, look at page 3.

What other things do you think the boy might be able to hear from his balcony?