

## Before reading

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### Tips for reading with children

Available to download from [www.schofieldandsims.co.uk/mylettersandsounds](http://www.schofieldandsims.co.uk/mylettersandsounds).

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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.

j ch th ng ee oo (long)  
or ow ear air er

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.

bedroom chair them summerer


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.

 This story is about a pet-sitter. What do you think a pet-sitter does?

While you are reading, look at page 7.

 How do you think the pet-sitter is feeling at this point in the story?

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### Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 If you go **back and forth**, you go backwards and forwards.