

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 zz ch th oo (long)
ar 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.


chin hard rear fatterer

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.

you they her

Talk about the book

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





 This book is all about pigs. How many pigs are there in the cover picture?

While you are reading, look at pages 2 and 3.

 How do you think you will be able to tell the piglets apart?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

-  A **sow** is a female adult pig.
-  A **litter** is a group of baby animals born at the same time.
-  A **hoof** is the hard part on the feet of some animals, such as horses and pigs.
-  If you **tell something apart**, you spot the difference between similar things.