

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 v w y z ch sh th
ng ai oo (long) ar or ur
ow oi 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.

fair short coils wetter

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.

he she was her all

Talk about the book

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


 What kind of hair does the girl in the cover picture have?

While you are reading, look at page 7.

 How do you think Viv feels about her hair getting wet?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 **Loops** and **coils** describe things that are shaped or twisted into curves or circles.

 If hair is **fair**, it is a light colour.