

Before reading

Say the sounds

In this book, your child will practise reading words with two consonant letters in a row. Practise reading these words together.

stop next drops grabs

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.

chimp crowd paint

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.

so were there

Talk about the book

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

 This story takes place in a zoo. Have you ever been to a zoo? What animals did you see there?

While you are reading, look at page 5.

 What do you think the chimp might do next?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 A **keeper** is someone who looks after animals, usually in a zoo or wildlife park.

 If someone **smears** something, they spread something onto a surface.

 **Hectic** means very busy.