

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.

must from plan left

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.


trail frown swing

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.

said like there one

Talk about the book

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


 This story is about a clown. Have you ever been to see a clown?

While you are reading, look at page 3.

 What tricks do you think Buster might do in tonight's show?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 If you have a **flair** for something, you have a natural skill that makes you good at it.

 An **act** is a short performance by an entertainer.

 A **cannon** is a large gun used in past times to fire heavy metal balls.