Before reading

Say the sounds

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

grab help street twist

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.

fr<u>igh</u>t sh<u>ee</u>ts <u>th</u>und<u>er</u>

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.

Why do you think the girls in the cover picture look scared?

While you are reading, look at page 12.

Have you ever made a den? Where would you like to make one?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

A **power cut** is a short period of time when the electricity in a building is cut off.

If you **construct** something, you build or make it.

Snug means comfortable and warm.

If someone is **skulking**, they are moving around trying not to be seen.