

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.

step plan stems blooms

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.


bright paint winning flowers

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.


 What do you think is happening in the cover picture?

While you are reading, look at page 6.

 What do you think Helen's plan might be for them to win the contest?


Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 **Blooms** is another word for flowers.

 A **contest** is an event where people compete to win a prize.

 **Stems** are the long, thin parts of a plant that support the leaves and flowers.

 **Vivid** means strong and bright.