

Before reading

Tips for reading with children

Available to download from www.schofieldandsims.co.uk/mylettersandsounds.

Say the sounds

These are the focus sounds that your child will practise in this book. Encourage them to point to each group of letters and say the sound.

oa oo (long) oo (short) igh oi
ow ur or

Now practise reading these words containing the focus sounds together.


moan zoo rook sigh soil
frown hurts scorching

Some of the words in this book are 'tricky words'. They have a letter or letters that make an unexpected sound. Practise reading these tricky words together.

said so have like do

Talk about the book

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


 What do you think the people in the cover picture are doing?

While you are reading, look at page 5.

 What type of insects do you think the children might see in the garden?

Vocabulary check

Read and discuss the new words using the definitions below.

 **Scorching** is a word used to describe very hot weather.

 **Ointment** is an oily substance that you rub onto your skin if it is sore.