



ai j oa ie ee or

Notes for Parents

The Jolly Phonics Activity Books are designed as a fun and multi-sensory way to help young children become familiar with letter sounds and to begin reading and writing. Research shows that children who start school knowing all their letter sounds learn to read faster. These activity books can be used with the Jolly Stories and the Jolly Songs. Each sound is introduced with a short story for you to read to your child. Each sound is also accompanied by an action, which your child can do to help them remember the sound.

Letter Sounds

The sounds are grouped in the following way and should be learned in this order:

Book 1: s, a, t, i, p, n

Book 2: ck, e, h, r, m, d

Book 3: q, o, u, l, f, b

Book 4: ai, j, oa, ie, ee, or

Book 5: z, w, ng, v, oo, oo

Book 6: y, x, ch, sh, th, th

Book 7: qu, ou, oi, ue, er, ar

Letter Formation



You need to check that children are holding the pencil correctly when writing. Look at the diagram above and ensure that the pencil is held between the thumb and the first two fingers. Each letter has a correct starting point and this is indicated by a large dot. In this book there is letter formation practice on pages 3, 5, 11, 15, 19, 23, 27 and 33.

Blending for Reading

Once a group of sounds has been learned, children can start to look at letters, say the sounds and try to blend them together to make the word. Help your child develop this blending skill by pointing to each letter in a word, and saying its sound, for example, 's-u-n'. Once your child can hear the word when it is sounded out, they are ready to say the sounds themselves. Blending needs practice and can start as soon as the first group of sounds has been learned. In this book there is blending practice on pages 8, 31, 32, 34 and 35.

Identifying Sounds for Writing

Your child will need to identify the sounds in a word so as to be able to write that word. The first sound is easiest but your child will need to pick out the others too. Practice for this is on pages 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25, 27, 28 and 29.

Tips for Parents



The lightbulb icon shows where to look for helpful tips and advice on how to use the activity books with your child. Sometimes there are suggestions for further activities you may want to try.

Revise your Sounds

CAN YOU Remember these sounds from Activity Books 1, 2 and 3?

Can you sound out these words?

leg Pin bat dot cup sit

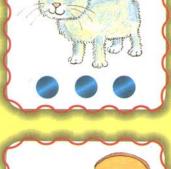
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More words to sound out!













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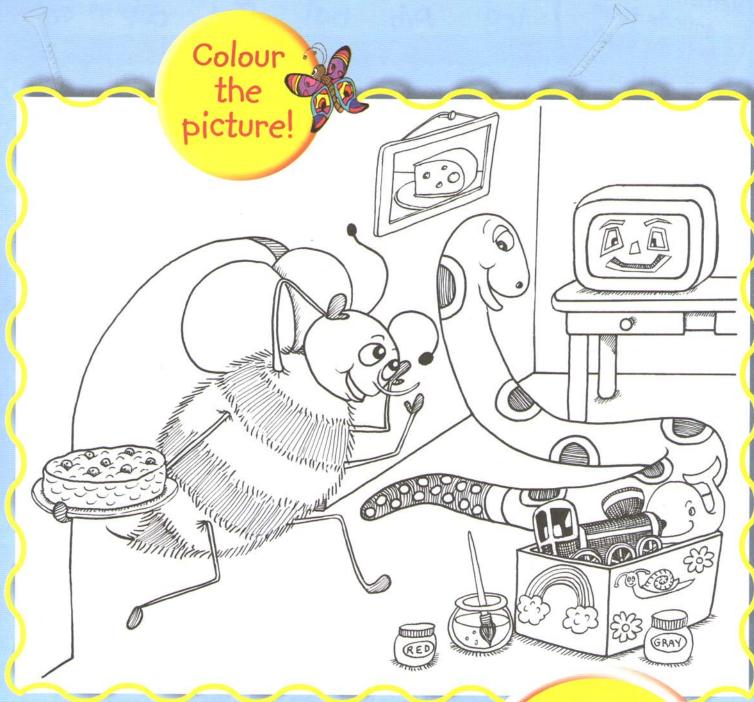
Write the letters and sound out the words?





ai

Bee was late arriving at the mouse hole as she had been in the hive, cleaning out the wax in the honeycombs. She must have got some of it in her ears and was having trouble hearing. "You are going for a picnic in the Vowel Forest," said Phonic. Bee put her hand behind her ear and said, "ai?"





Action

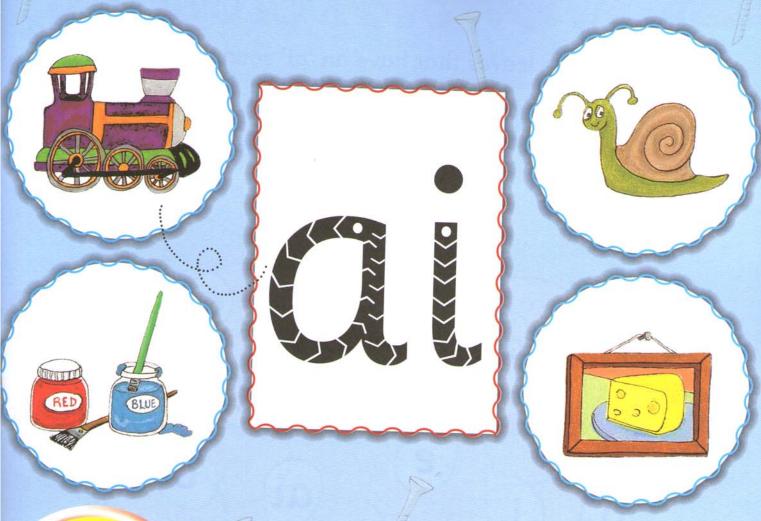
Cup your hand over your ear and say ai?

NOW YOU CAN

Do the action and say the sound!

Which of these things have the sound 'ai' in them?

Join them to the 'ai'.



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Write the letters.
Start on the dot
and join the
letters.









Inky says,
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joined
letters!"

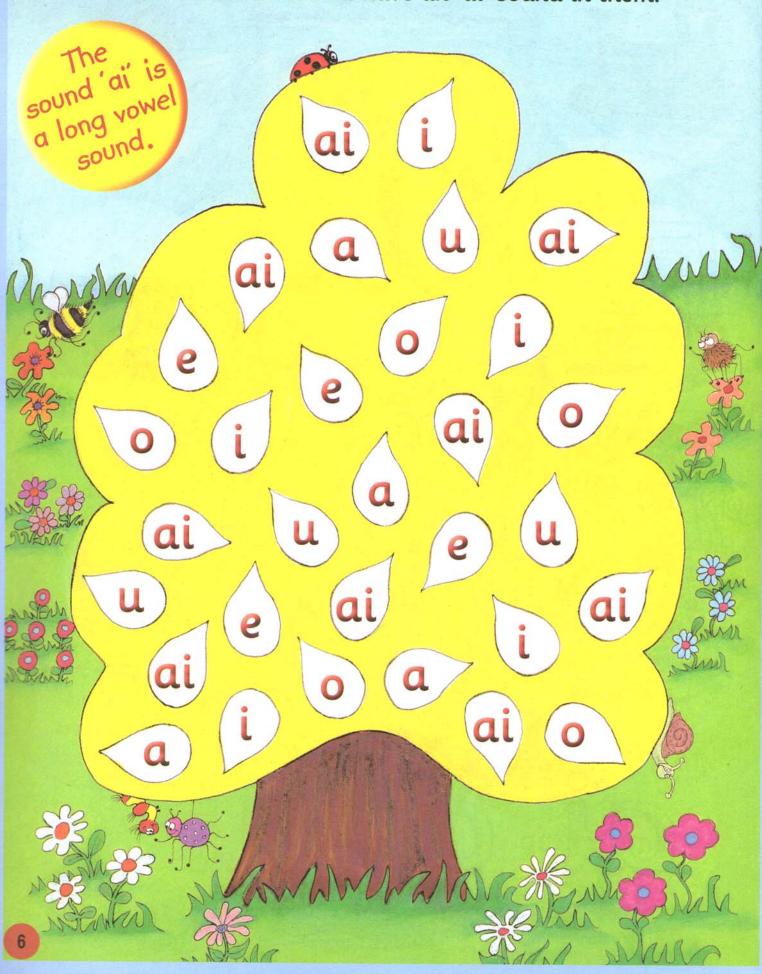


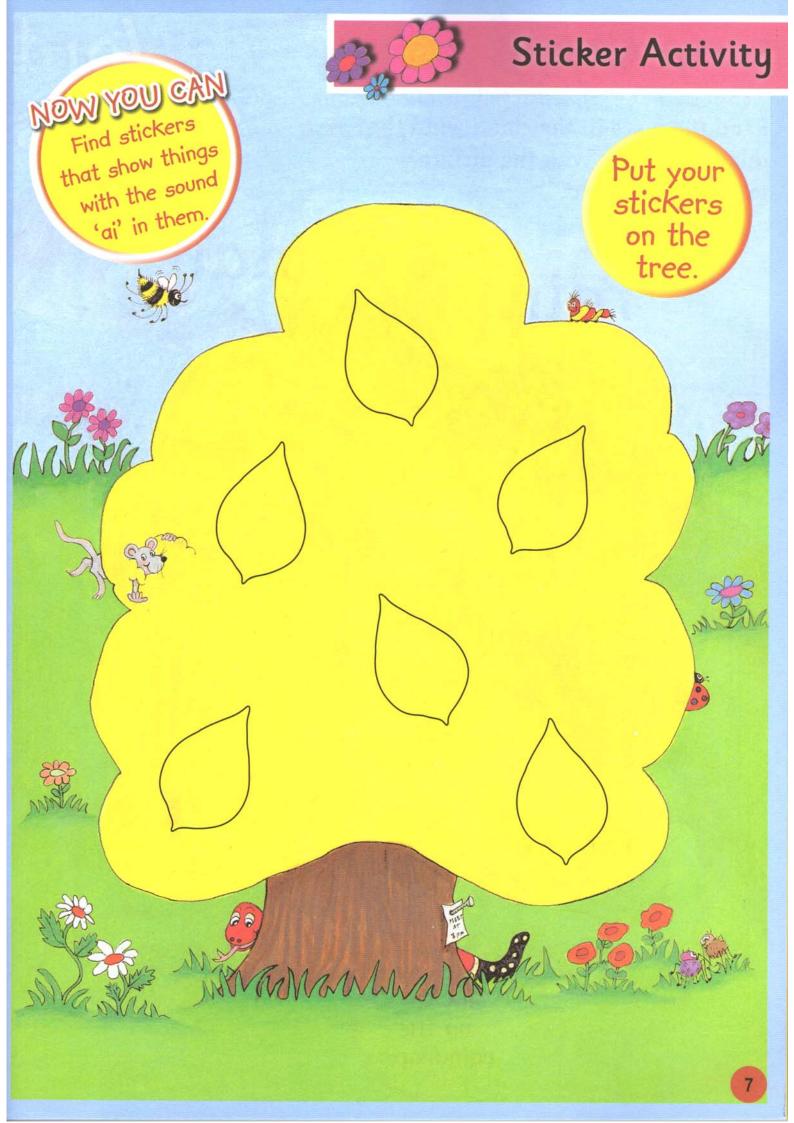
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Introducing joined-up writing at this point is a good way to help children remember that two letters are needed to make this sound.

Vowel Forest

Colour the leaves that have an 'ai' sound in them.





Sticker Activity



Word

Read the word in the cloud. Find the raindrop sticker with the picture to match the word.

rain

nail

tail

paint

snail

train

Put your stickers on the raindrops.

WRITE THE WORD

Look at the picture and say the word, listening to each sound.

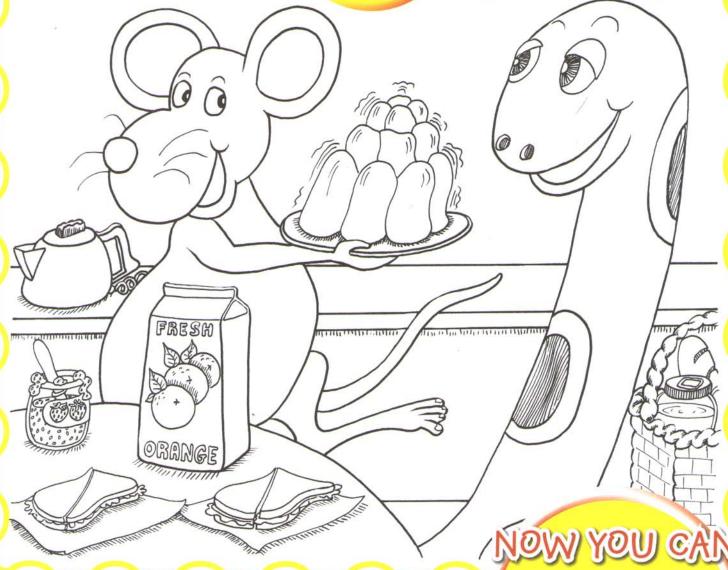
Write the sounds underneath to spell out the word.



Ji

Inky was making jam sandwiches for their picnic. She had also made a lovely, jiggerly j-j-j-jelly. "Look," she said, holding it up for Snake to see.

Colour the picture!





Action

Pretend to wobble on a plate and say j, j, j, j.

Do the action and

say the sound!

Which of these things have the sound 'j' in them? Join them to the letter 'j'. Mam Lan Cyn Write the letter. Start at the top! Try different colours! Inky says, "Hold your pencil correctly!"

Make a Multi-Coloured Jelly

- 1 Take three different coloured jellies.
- Make one of the jellies according to the instructions on the packet. Leave it to set in the lowest part of the mould.
- Make up the next jelly and leave it to cool a little, then add it to the middle of the mould. Leave it to set.
- Finally, make the third jelly and leave it to cool a little, then add it to the top of the mould and let it set.
- 5 When set, turn the jelly out and watch it wobble!

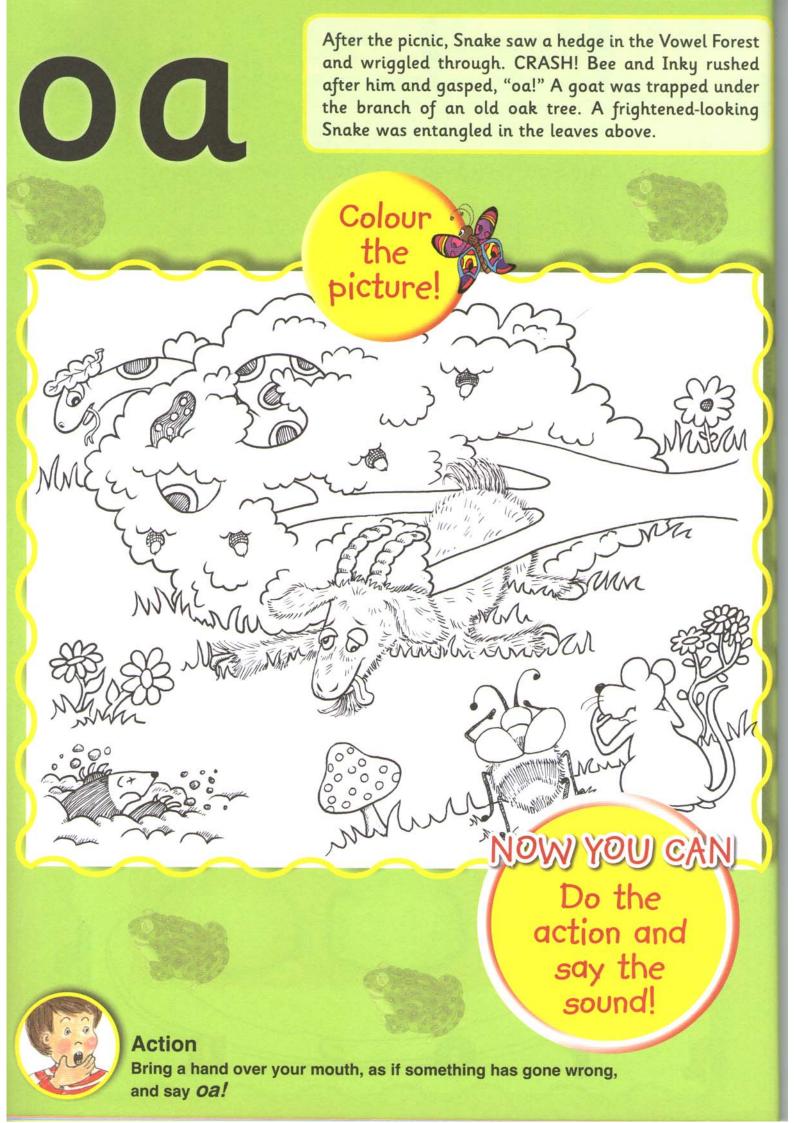


Jelly Letters

Say the sounds around the edges and practise writing them.

Can you write one sound in each jelly?





Which of these things have the sound 'oa' in them?

Join them to the 'oa'.





Inky says,

"Hold your

pencil

correctly!"

NOW YOU CAN Write the letters. Start on the dot and join the letters.



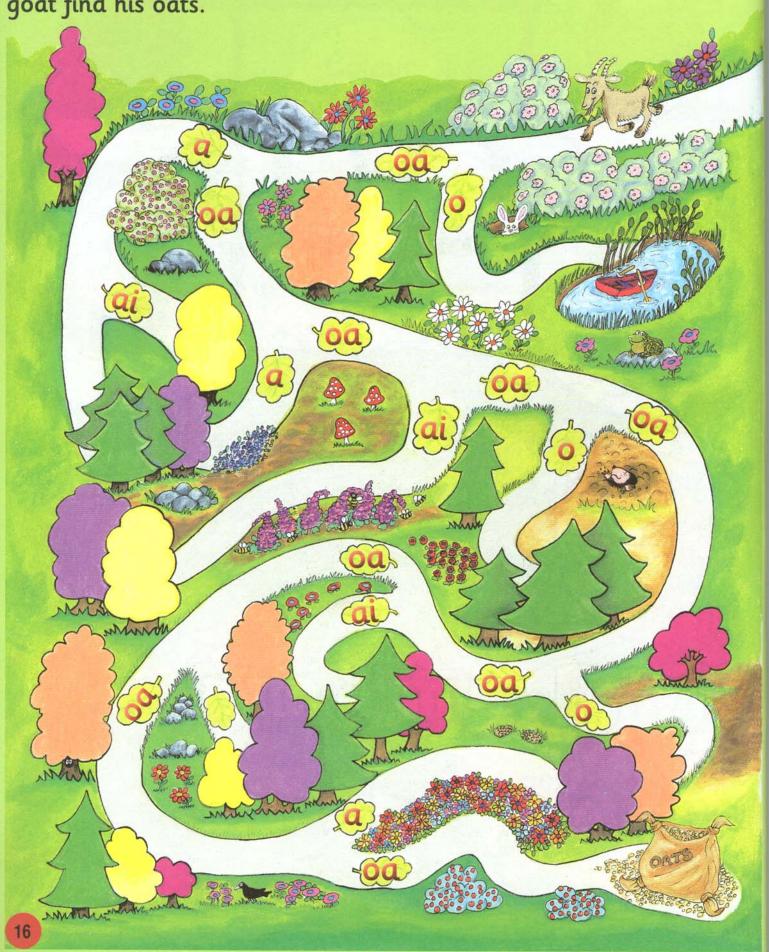


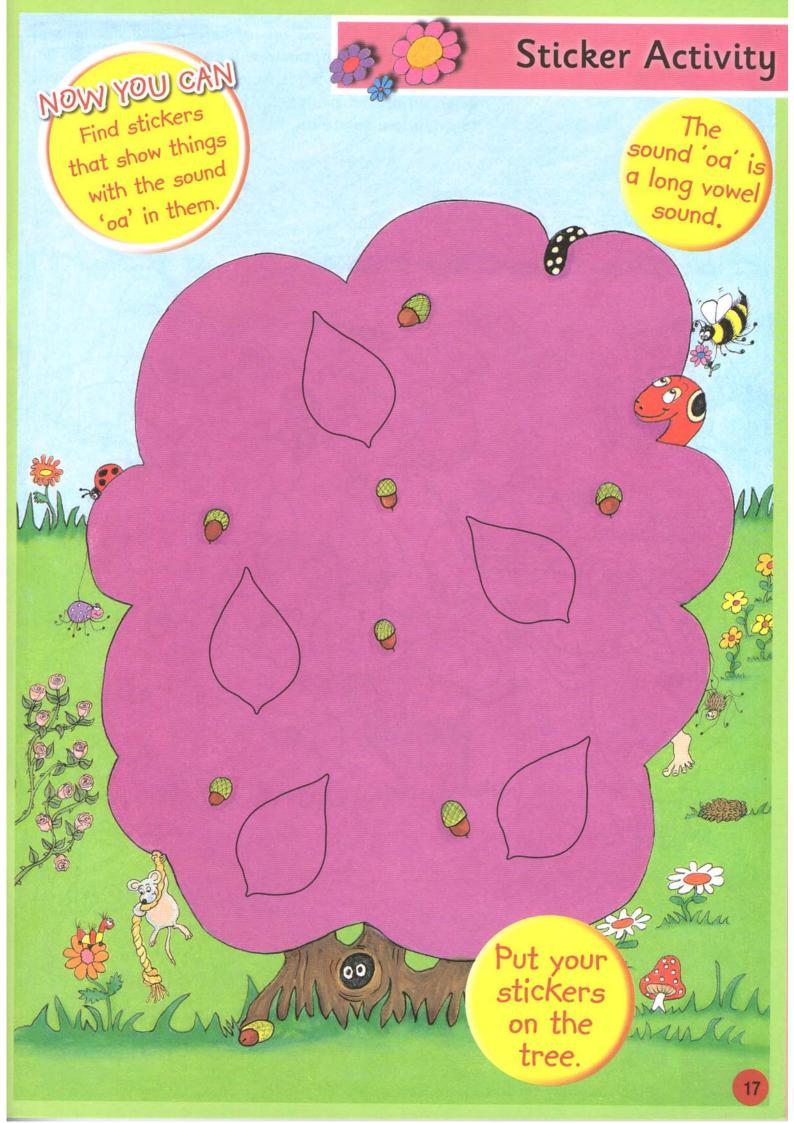
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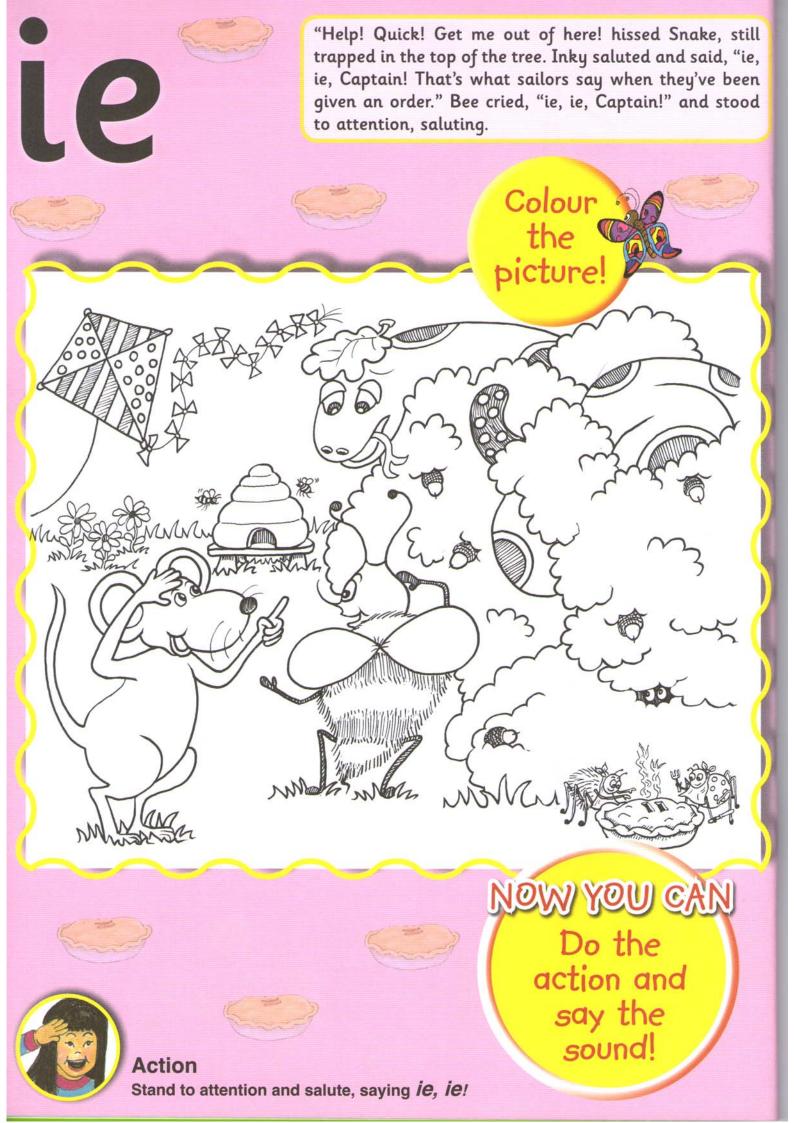
When joining 'o' and 'a', write the 'o' as usual, go straight across, STOP, come back and do caterpillar 'c' to start the 'a'.

Vowel Forest

Don't get lost in the Vowel Forest! Follow the trail of 'oa's to help the goat find his oats.







Which of these things have the sound 'ie' in them?

Join them to the 'ie'.



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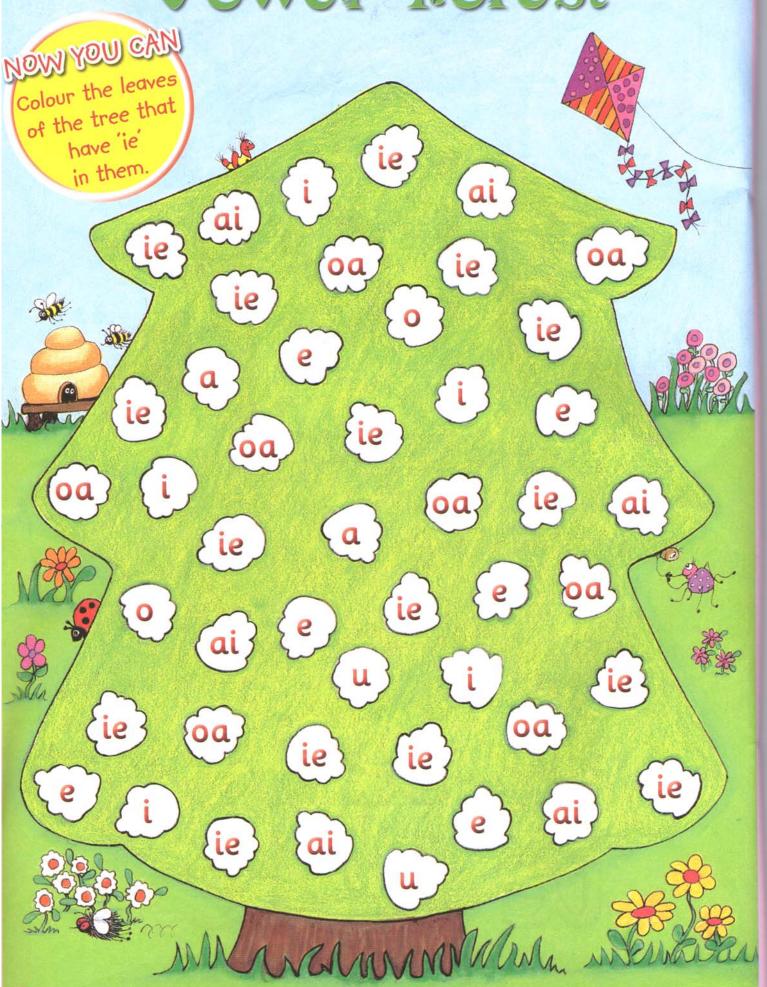
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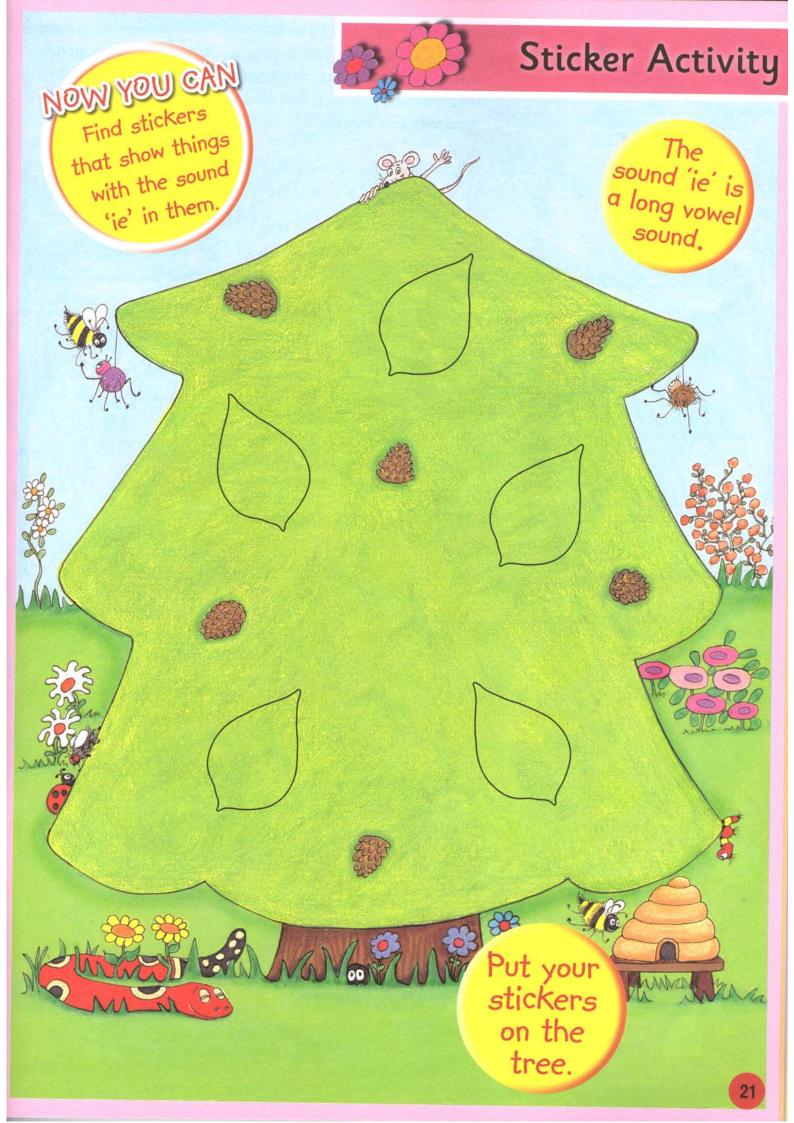


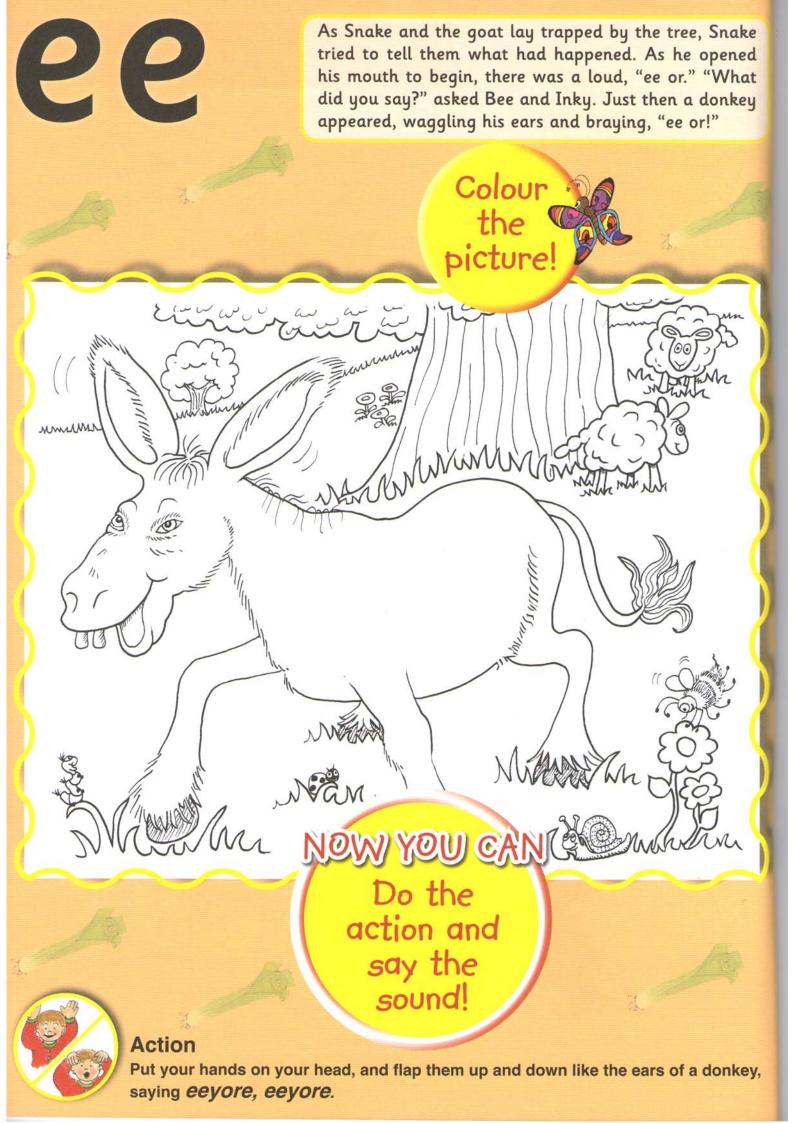
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When joining 'i' and 'e', write the 'i' as usual then take the joining tail up and across to start the 'e'.

Vowel Forest







Which of these things have the sound 'ee' in them?

Join them to the 'ee'.



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Start on the dot
and join the
letters.



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pencil
correctly!"

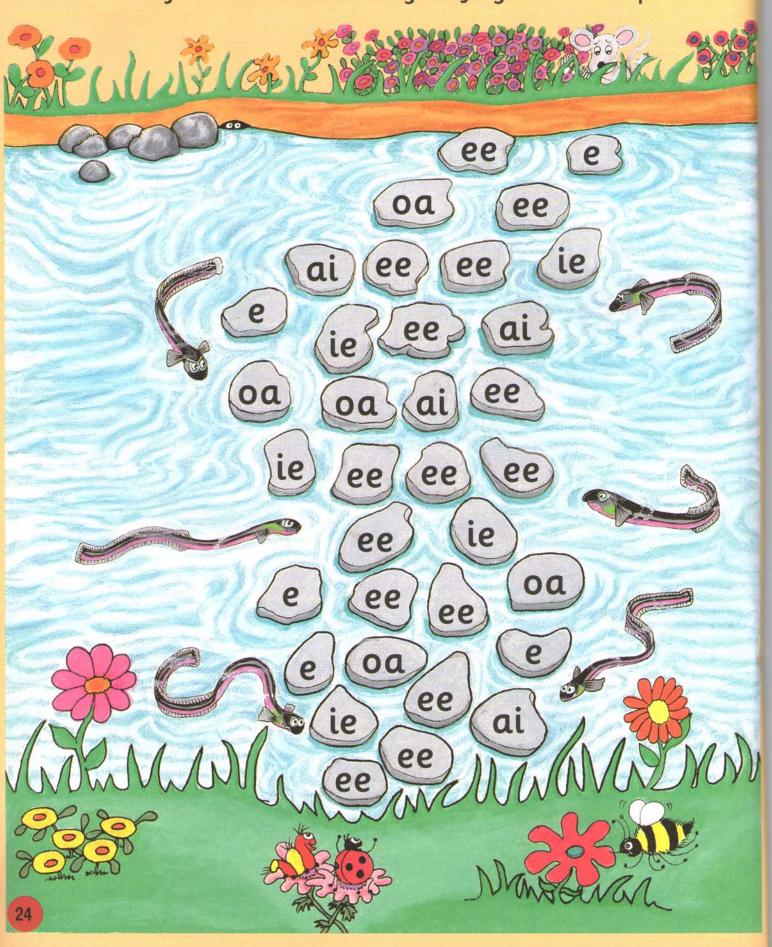
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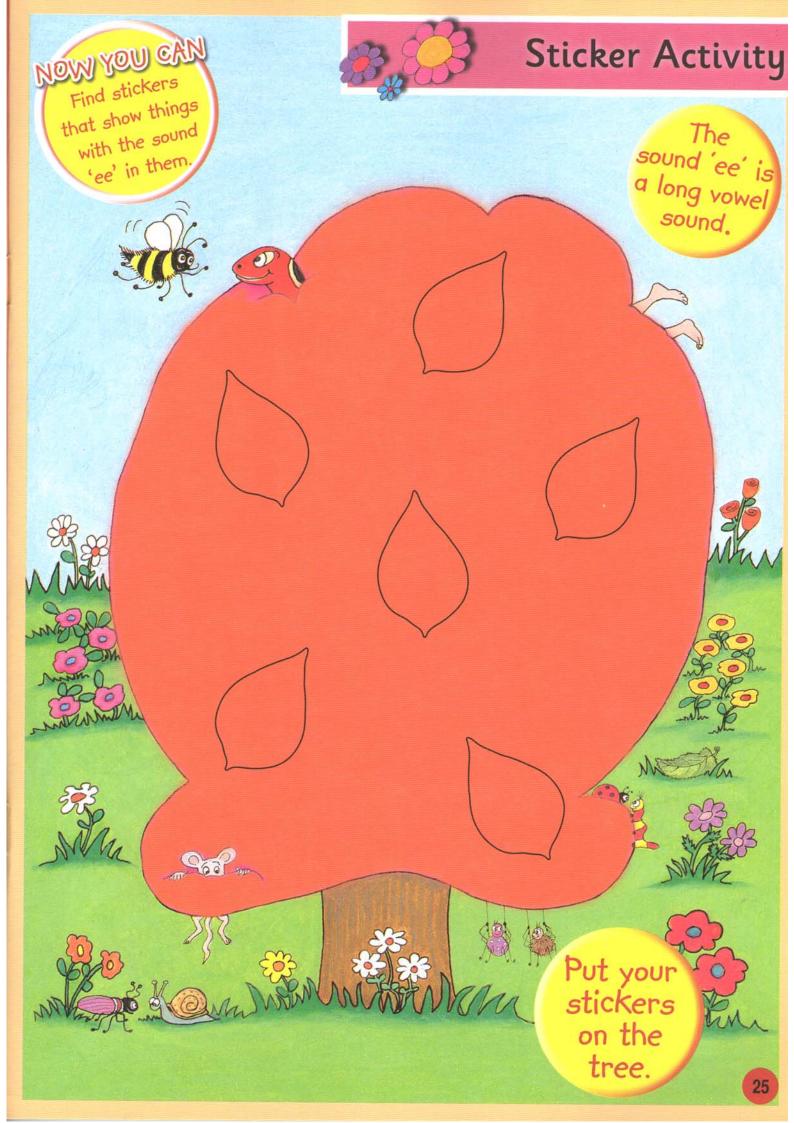


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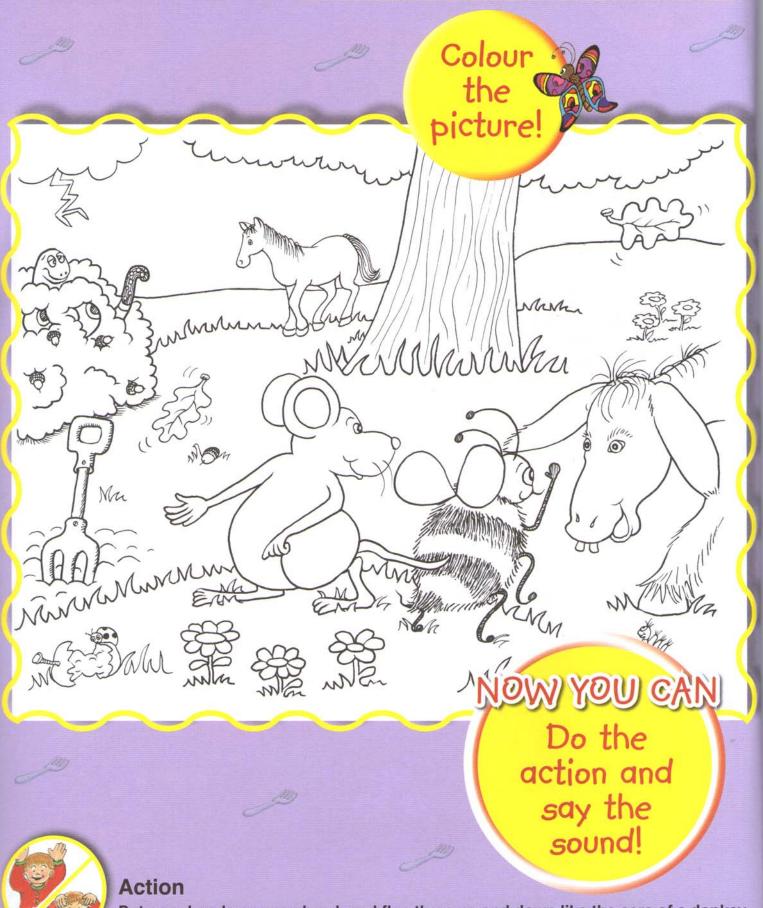
Stepping Stones

Avoid the eels by finding the 'ee' stepping stones to cross the river. You can follow the 'ee's with your finger or use a pencil.





The donkey looked over at Snake and the goat and brayed, "ee or!" That goat is always butting things and getting into trouble," he sighed. "You help Snake out of the tree and I'll go and get Farmer Green. He will be able to rescue the goat."



Put your hands on your head, and flap them up and down like the ears of a donkey, saying *eeyore*, *eeyore*.

Which of these things have the sound 'or' in them?

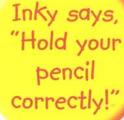
Join them to the 'or'.



NOW YOU CAN

Write the letters.
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and join the
letters.







Tips for Parents

When joining 'o' and 'r', write the 'o' as usual then go straight across to where the 'r' starts.

Cut out the pictures and sounds.





New you can
Unscramble the
sounds to make
the words.



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t | g |oa



t ee f



ai n p t

Now you can Find the letter sound stickers.

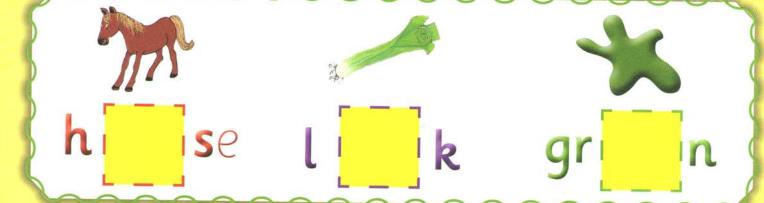


Sticker Activity

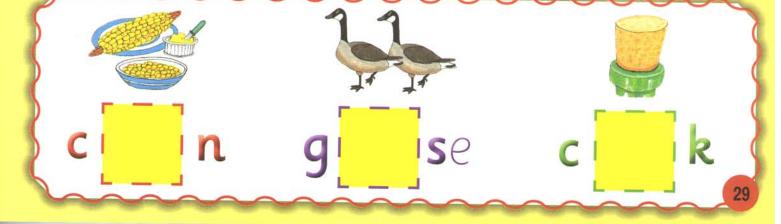
Make a Word

Add the sound 'ee' or 'or' to each word to complete it.









Sound Cards

How to use these cards

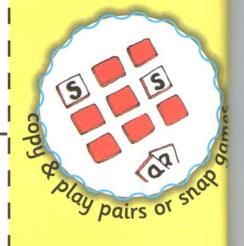
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Tips for Parents

Cut out each card and use them in the ways suggested. Keep them and add them to the sound cards in the other activity books.

Word and Picture Matching

Join the words to the pictures and later you can cut out and match.





pen

hip



cat

boat

fork



toast



rain



jeep



tie

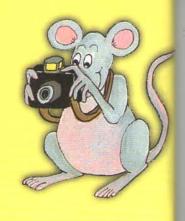


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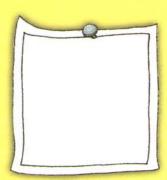




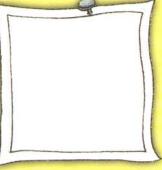
Find the sticker that matches each photo.



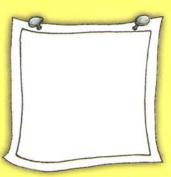
red frog



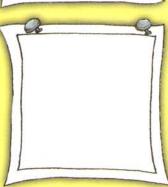
black paint

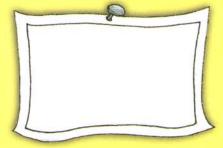


green frog

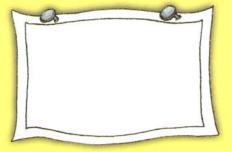


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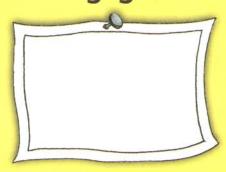




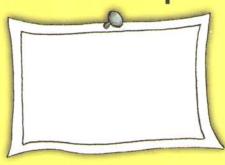
a big goat



a duck on a pond



a little goat



a boat on a pond

Practise Writing the Letters

Start on the dot and try to stay inside the lines!



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Sticker Activity

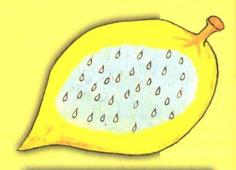


Match the words on the stickers to the pictures in the leaves.

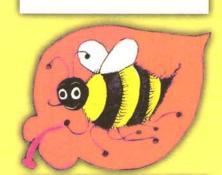
Falling Leaves







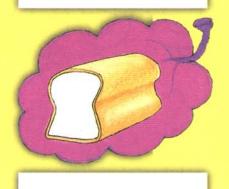


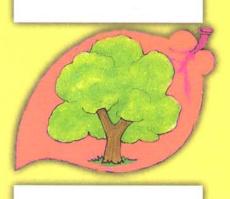


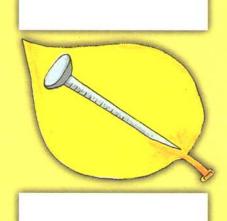
















I Can Read!



Colour each box when you can read the word.

jam	pain	meet	toad
jet	hail	speed	coat
job	paid	lie	for
jug	see	die	sort
jog	seed	goat	sport
jump	need	soap	pork
just	deep	oak	fort
junk	free	road	storm
sail	jeep	coast	corn



Tips for Parents

















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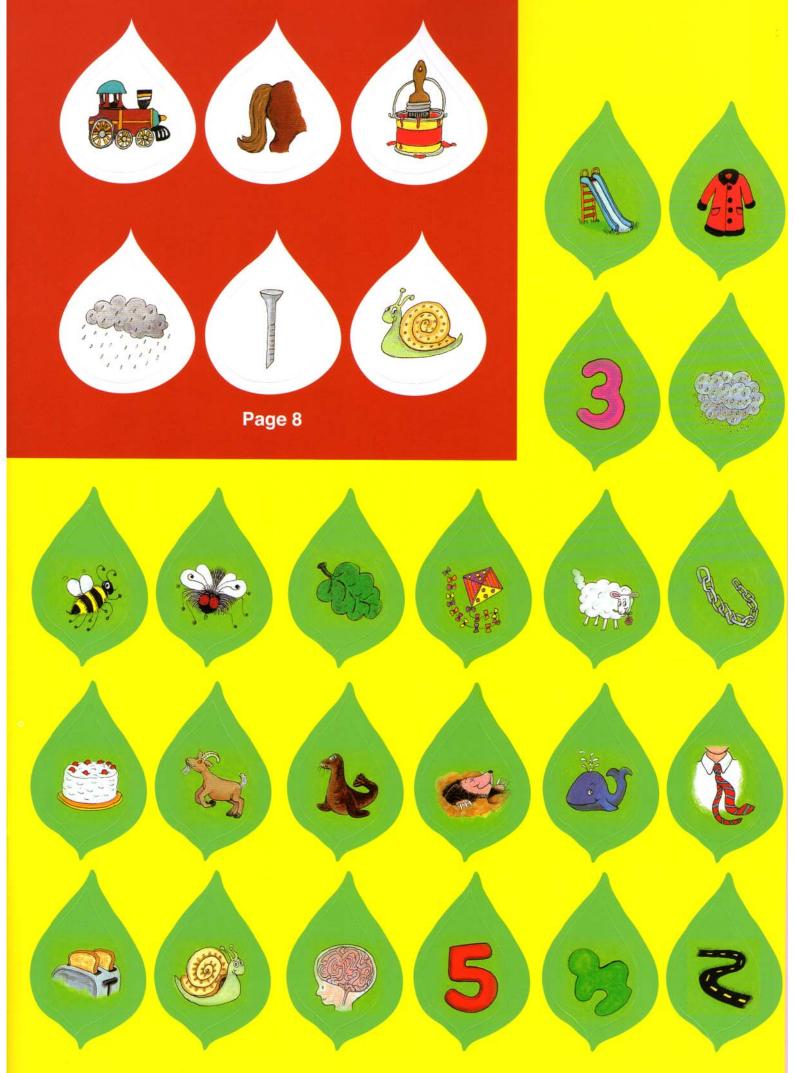
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