

The Big Outdoor Adventure

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Level 7 – Turquoise



Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE IS A LIST OF PHONEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5			
ay (day)	ou (out)	ie (tie)	ea (eat)
oy (boy)	ir (girl)	ue (blue)	aw (saw)
wh (when)	ph (photo)	ew (new)	oe (toe)
au (Paul)	a_e (make)	e_e (these)	i_e (like)
o_e (home)	u_e (rule)		

Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes			
a (hat, what)	e (bed, she)	i (fin, find)	o (hot, so, other)
u (but, unit)	c (cat, cent)	g (got, giant)	ow (cow, blow)
ie (tied, field)	ea (eat, bread)	er (farmer, herb)	ch (chin, school, chef)
y (yes, by, very)	ou (out, shoulder, could, you)		

HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.

Phase 5 Tricky Words			
oh	their	people	Mr
Mrs	looked	called	asked
could			

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out any focus phonics when they are used.
- Read through the book more than once to grow confidence.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage children to use illustrations as prompts.

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It was the school holidays and Rav was very, very bored. She had been stuck in the house for weeks!



Rav wanted to leave the house and explore,
but Scout was too afraid. All noises made
her jump and bounce like a little mouse.



"Come on, Scout," said Rav. "You can do it! I can stay with you if you want me to."



But Scout was too afraid. She crouched down behind Rav's skirt, too afraid to look out of the window.



Rav pulled her skirt and twirled around. She wanted to go up hills, jump in rivers and play in the dirt. Staying inside was boring!



“Just think of all the fun things we can do outside!” said Rav. “Don’t you want to explore with me?”



Scout growled. She went to sneak underneath the chair, but not before Rav pounced on her.

"Too slow, Scout!" said Rav.



"Come on, Scout," said Rav. "We can go out together, you and me." Scout growled and crept to the door.



Rav took a picnic blanket out into the garden
and laid it on the ground.
"I have treats out here!" called Rav.



Scout bounced out and looked around. There were tall hills with lots of fir trees on. Some of the hills were covered in snow.



Up high, there were lots of soft, white clouds that looked like bits of fluff.

"What can you see in the clouds, Scout?" asked Rav. "I can see bits of fluff."



Scout looked up and saw a mouse in a house,
a big smiling mouth and a cowgirl riding a
horse!



Cloud spotting was fun, but Rav wanted to explore some more. Rav found that resting for too long was very boring.



“Let’s look for an adventure!” said Rav.
She went back into the house and found
all of her things for exploring.



“For our first adventure, let’s look for a hill to go up!” said Rav. “We can go all the way to the top!”



Scout felt nervous again. Cloud spotting was one thing, but climbing hills was far more adventurous!



But Scout wanted to go. She wanted to go up hills and walk in the fir tree forest. She told herself to be brave.





Scout was the first one outside and the first one to reach the hill.

"Wait for me, Scout!" shouted Rav.

Up they went. They reached where the snow
fell and turned around.

"I can see our house from here!" said Rav.



As snow started to fall and block their house,
they knew it was time to go back. But when they
looked around they saw that they were lost.



They walked round and round, around the fir tree forest, but now they were even more lost than before!



Rav had a long, hard think.

"Let's go down," she said. So Rav and Scout went south, back through the fir tree forest.



Exhausted, they arrived home just as night started to fall. They were not lost! They were home!



"Let's stick to cloud spotting from now on!" said Rav. Scout nodded. It had been a long day, and they were pleased to be home.



Scout slouched down on the chair.
"I'm very proud of you, Scout," said Rav,
giving her a big hug.



Scout was no longer afraid, but she was worn out. Climbing hills was hard work and now she was all set for a nap.



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1. Why was Rav feeling bored?
2. Why do you think Scout might have been too afraid to go outside?
3. What did Rav see in the clouds?
 - (a) Bits of fluff
 - (b) A cowgirl on a horse
 - (c) An aeroplane
4. Where did Rav and Scout go on their adventure?
5. How do you think Rav and Scout were feeling while they were lost? Would you want to go on an adventure with Rav and Scout?

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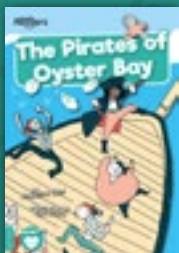
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