

The Big Sleep

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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 ALTERNATIVE PRONUNCIATIONS OF GRAPHEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes

a (hat, what)	e (bed, she)	i (fin, find)	o (hot, so)
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			

GPC focus: /a/e/

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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A long time ago there was a road that crossed a river. Under this road lived a troll. The troll's name was Frank. Frank liked taking tolls.



Whenever a traveller, such as this chap right here, tried to cross his river, Frank leaped out and shouted, "I am a troll and I want a toll!"



And, like this clever man, most people did just that.



A toll for a troll might be anything; coins, jewels, paper or food. One man even handed Frank his ragged robes.



Frank was a fair troll. He didn't mind what the toll was, as long as the person giving it was afraid of him.



Some people are just not that smart. Some people, feeling a bit too brave, would challenge Frank to a fight!





Those brave people had lots of time to think about it as they collected their things from the riverbank.

One day, a man in long robes and a pointed hat came to Frank's road. As always, Frank leaped out in front of him and demanded his toll. But the man did not pay.



Frank got set for a fight. The man in the pointed hat pulled a wand out and gave it a wave. Frank had made a big mistake!





The wizard, because that is what he was, cast a spell on Frank that made him sleep for a thousand years.



Frank slept, and when he woke things were not the same. There were new roads, new things had been invented, and people had forgotten all about wizards and trolls.



Frank let out a big yawn. His road over the river was still there so Frank did what Frank always did and started collecting tolls.

Coming along the road was an odd-looking cart with no horses. So, Frank stood in the road and shouted, "STOP!!!"



Now, to people who had not been asleep for a thousand years, it was clear what was coming right at Frank. It was a truck!





HONNNNNNK!!!!!! Frank dived out of the way just in time. The lorry rumbled past him. "What was that?" Frank asked himself.



Soon a man came walking up to Frank's road.
"Second time is the charm," Frank said, and
leaped onto the road.

"I am a troll and I want a toll," shouted Frank at the man.

"Wow, cool outfit," said the man, dropping some coins into Frank's hand.



Frank was sad. He sat down at the side of the road and started to sob. No one was afraid of him. Everything was different. What was he going to do?



"Are you okay?" asked someone from behind Frank. "I sit here sometimes too when I am feeling sad." It was a boy.



The big troll turned to the small boy and wiped a tear from his eye. "What can I do now?" he said. "Taking tolls was my life."



"I have an idea," said the boy. "My dad has a job on a toll road. You can help him by taking tolls where even the big trucks have to stop."





"Will they be afraid of me?" asked Frank.
"Oh yes," said the boy. "They will be so
afraid! And they will always pay you."

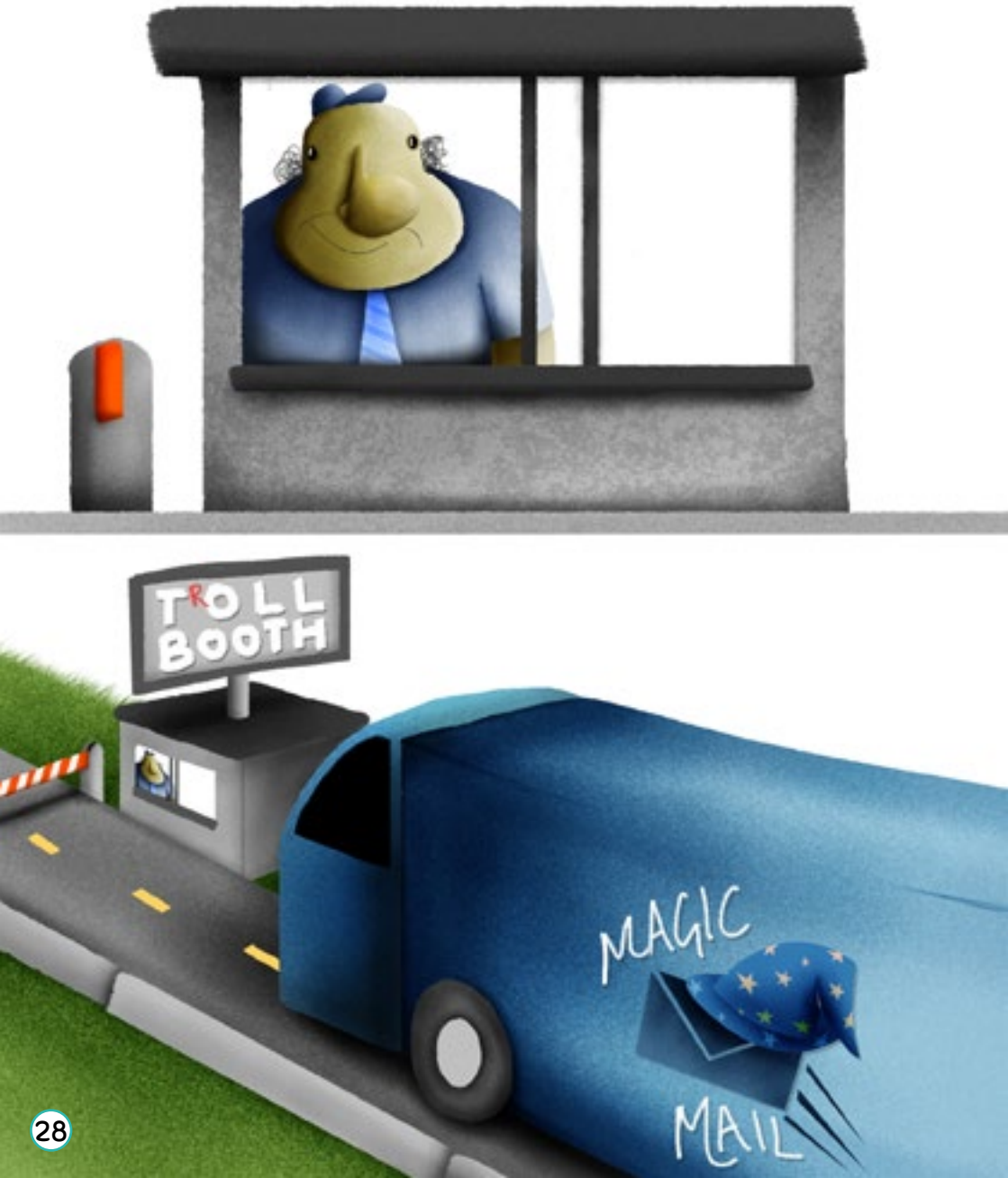
And so, the boy took Frank to meet his dad.
The boy's dad took the troll to meet his boss.
The boss offered Frank a job taking tolls on a
big road.





It didn't take long for Frank to adapt to his new job. It was a lot like his old job. But he did not have to wait under the road.

Now, each day, Frank stands on a big road,
where big trucks stop to pay a big troll his
toll.



It was not just Frank that things were not the same for. "Time to pay that toll," Frank said, seeing a familiar man in a truck.



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1. What does Frank live underneath?
2. What is a toll?
3. What did Frank think was a horseless cart?
 - (a) a helicopter
 - (b) a truck
 - (c) a car
4. After Frank woke up, a man took a picture with him and gave him some money. Why do you think he did this?
5. Do you think that Frank will be happy in his new job? Why?

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