

Hairy Fairy Ears

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PHASE 5

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Level 6 – Orange

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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The fairies of Fairtown were small and sweet. They had short hair, long hair, or hair that went past their bottoms and all the way down the stairs.

The fairies looked after their hair. They liked trees and plants and putting nature in their hair. Flowers and twigs were perfect!



There was one fairy who was a little different to the rest. Talla had lots of hair, she'd spent years growing it, but...



Talla had hair growing from her ears!





Talla hated it. She had to put up with the fairies that pointed at her, called her horrible names and made fun of her ear hair.

"I hate my ear hair! This is not fair. I need to get a cure," Talla said, with tears falling down her cheeks.





There was a frightening forest near Fairtown where a wicked witch lived. All the fairies were afraid of the witch, but Talla knew that the witch had a cure for hairy ears.

The forest was dark. Talla saw owls peeping at her from the trees.





Talla arrived at the witch's cave. There was a horrible smell nearby. It smelt like manure!



"Hello my dear, do not be afraid. Come into my cave, I can help you find a cure for your hairy ears," said the wicked witch.



Talla sat down as she waited for the witch to bring her a cure.



The witch came in holding a big pair of shears. The sight of the shears made Talla shake with fear.

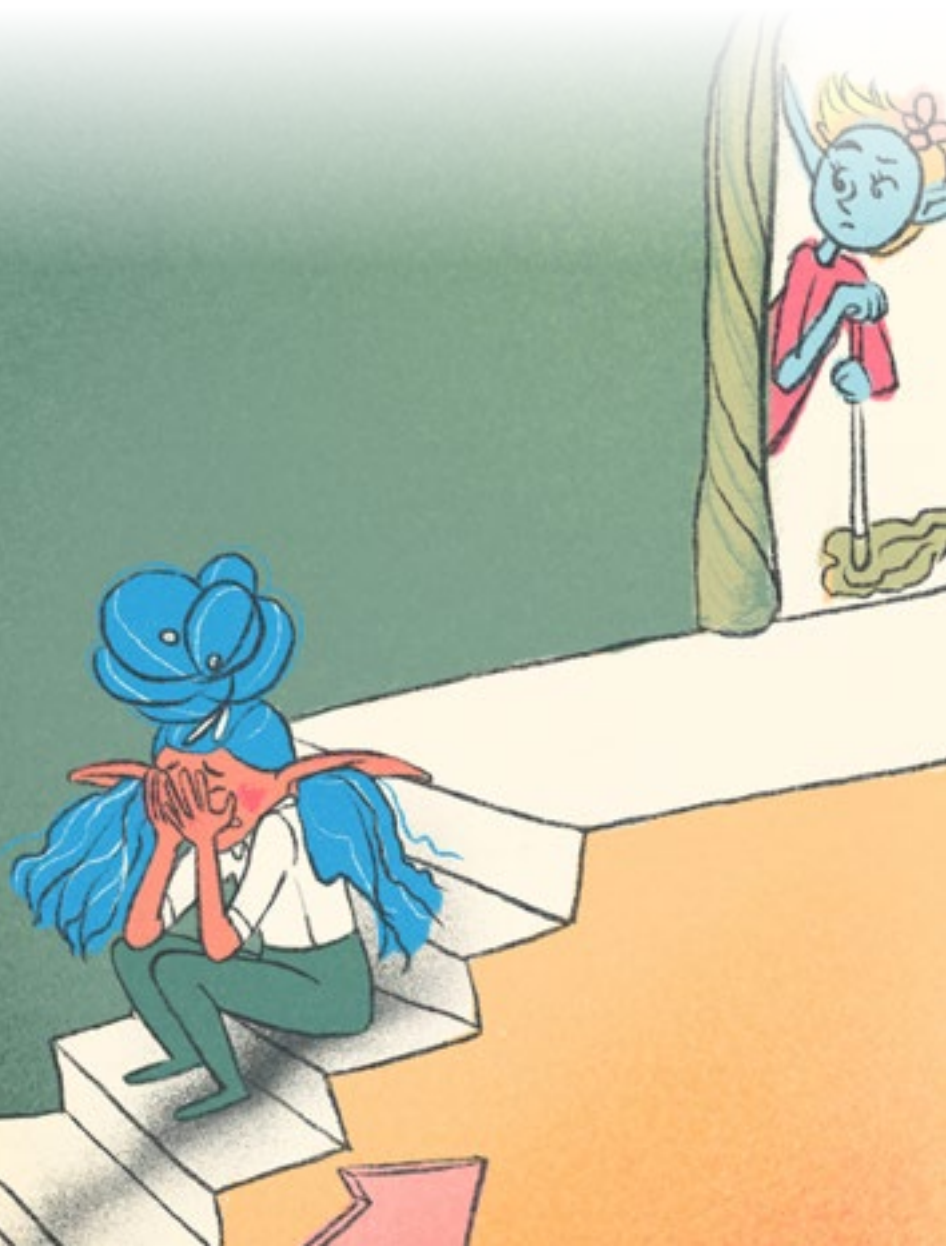
“My dear, have no fear! The only cure for hairy ears is to chop them off!” the wicked witch said with a cackle.





Talla jumped off the chair and dashed past the door. There had to be a way to cure her hairy ears without cutting them off!

Talla ran back to Fairtown and sat down on some stairs in a slump. "I will have to put up with my hairy ears forever," she said, with a big frown.





"Hairy ears? Come into my salon," said someone from behind Talla. It was Tessa the hairdresser.

Talla sat on the hairdresser's chair. The salon smelt like soap, and Tessa had proper gear for hairdressing. There were no shears in sight!



"I can't wait to get my hairy ears cured,"
said Talla.

"Cured? You don't need a cure, your hair is
perfect," said Tessa.



“All you need is a nice new hairdo. Let’s put some curls in your ear hair,” said Tessa.





"Do you like your new ear hair, Talla?" Tessa asked.

"I'm not sure it's the right look. Can we do something different?" Talla said.



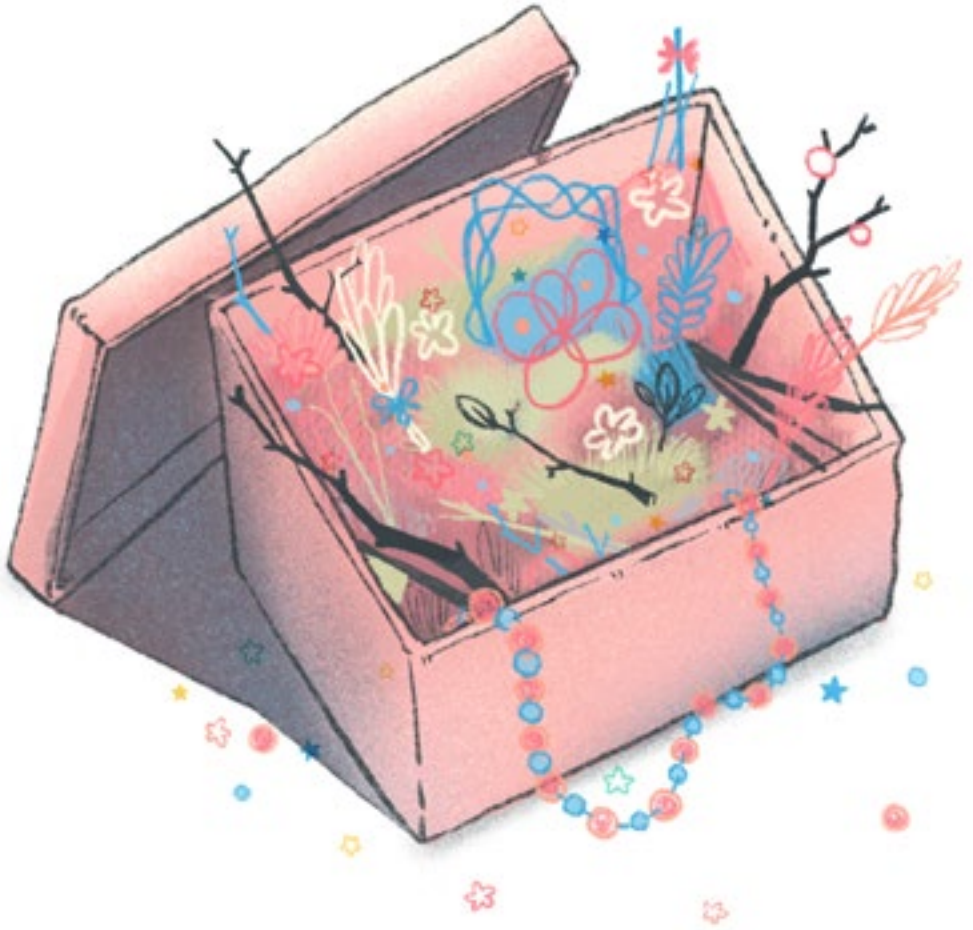
"Okay, let's put your ear hair into braids,"
said Tessa. "Do you like it like this, Talla?"



"I do! But there is something missing. Do you have any flowers to put in my hair?" Talla asked.

“Yes, I have lots of flowers and trinkets upstairs!” Tessa said, as she ran up the stairs.





Tessa came downstairs with a big box that was full of earrings, hairbands, and hairpins that had flowers on them. "Take the ones you like," said Tessa.

All of the fairies in Fairtown were shocked at how cool Talla's ear hair was.





Talla didn't care what the fairies were thinking, she liked how her ear hair looked. Talla liked having hairy ears!

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1. Where do the fairies live?
2. How did Talla's hairy ears make her feel?
3. What did the witch want to do to Talla's hairy ears?
 - (a) Cut them off
 - (b) Pull out the hairs
 - (c) Tickle them
4. What did Tessa do with Talla's hairy ears?
5. How would you feel if you were Talla? Would you try to change your hairy ears?

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Can she find a cure or will she find a way to
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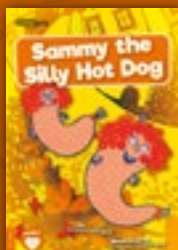
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