



Maud and the Big Witch Meet

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PHASE 5

/ue/oe
/au/

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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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Maud was a witch, but she was not good at being a witch. Witches have black hats, spots, broomsticks and pet cats.





Maud had a pink hat, pink cheeks and a little dog called Joe. Maud and Joe flew around on a giant oboe.

Maud and Joe lived in a little blue house in a forest. There were no eyeballs or frogs' toes in Maud's house.



In Maud's house, there were potatoes and tomatoes and a big cauldron. Maud cooked lots of food in her big cauldron.



One day, Maud was cleaning her clothes when she got a letter. It looked like an important letter. It even had a gold seal!



Maud opened the letter and let out a scream that went around the house.

"The Big Witch Meet!" cried Maud. "How did I forget?"



The Big Witch Meet happened every five hundred years. All the witches from around the world met up to flaunt their potions and argue over who the best witch was.



Maud didn't cook potions. She cooked stews with potatoes and tomatoes! She didn't even ride a broomstick!



"I do not make a good witch at all!" cried Maud. "All the other witches will think that I'm just a fraud."

Maud wanted to go, and this might be her only chance! After all, most witches only live to be two hundred and seven years old.





But then, Maud had a plan. She fetched the pot of glue from the kitchen and collected her oboe from under the stairs.





She ran around the house to find all the sticks that Joe had hidden. Some were in his bed and some were in the cauldron!

Then, Maud sat down and started picking all the lumps and bumps off her potatoes. Some had hair on, some were green, and some smelt bad.





Maud glued the sticks to the end of her oboe and the potato spots to her face.

"I'm just missing one thing..." said Maud.

"A black hat!"

Maud tipped chocolate sauce all over her pink hat until it looked black all over. Now Maud looked just like a witch!





When she was all set, Maud launched her oboe-broomstick up into the air. Joe was sitting at the back and her cauldron was swinging underneath.



When Maud and Joe landed, there was a big crowd of witches watching them. The witches all wanted to know who this new witch was.



"Look at those spots!"

"What an odd broomstick!"

"Is that a dog?"

Maud gulped. They knew that she was a fraud!



Maud stood as still as a statue, when out of nowhere...

"Cook isn't here, and we need our lunch!" shouted Paula, the witch in charge of the Big Witch Meet.

Maud knew how to cook, and she needed to hide away somehow.

"I can cook!" shouted Maud, as she pulled her cauldron across the grass.



She peeled the potatoes and chopped the tomatoes and put it all in her cauldron. The stew was getting hotter and hotter.



But as the stew got hotter, the glue on Maud's face and the sauce on her hat started to melt.



“Maud!” said all the witches together.
Maud stopped and looked down. There was
glue, chocolate sauce and potato spots all
over the floor.





"Maud, we love you just the way you are!"
said Paula. "Your oboe, pink hat and pink
cheeks make you special!"

“There’s more to being a true witch than just looking like one!” said Paula. “You saved the Big Witch Meet with your stew.”





All the witches applauded Maud, and they all lined up to give her a big hug and taste her potato and tomato stew.

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1. What is Maud's dog called?
2. Why do you think Maud dressed up to look like the other witches?
3. What did Maud make for the other witches to eat?
 - (a) A sandwich
 - (b) Chips
 - (c) Stew
4. What happened to Maud while she was cooking at the Big Witch Meet?
5. How do you think Maud felt when the other witches gave her a hug? What would you have said to Maud if you were at the Big Witch Meet?

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Maud is a good cook, but she isn't a very good witch. She wants to fit in with all the other witches at the Big Witch Meet, but how will she do it with her pink hat, pink cheeks and flying oboe?

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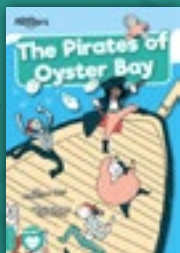
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