



# Letterland Poems at Home



## Guidelines for Parents

Here is a special way you can help your child to learn to read. As he or she gets to know the 26 letters of the alphabet, the school will be sending home a poem about each Letterland character. All you need to do is to read it together several times, as described below. You'll be helping your child in three good ways,

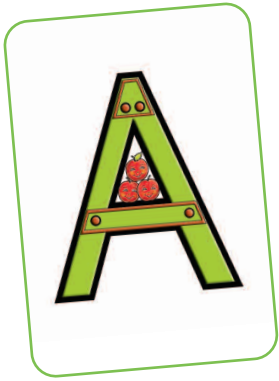
- a) to realize that every spoken word can be written down and 'kept' on a page. This is why using finger pointing, as described below, is useful.
- b) to discover what it might be like one day to really read all the words like a grown-up, and,
- c) to discover that reading with you is something you can both really enjoy doing together every day. Research has shown that learning to love reading is **one of the most important factors in success at school and on throughout your child's adult life**. So simply having a good time reading together right now is very valuable for your child!

**Step 1** Choose a time to sit together when there is nothing your child would rather be doing. Read the poem up to the last word. Help your child to choose the best of the 4 given words to complete the sentence and finish the poem. The word needs to both rhyme and make sense. Write the word in the blank space.

**Step 2** Read the poem slowly 2 or 3 more times, and point to the words. Then say, "You say it with me, this time." Guide the child's hand and first finger, pointing to the words while you both say them together. Do this 'echo reading' one or two more times. Give praise and look impressed each time.

**Step 3** If you think the child can now say the words to you from memory, while pointing, ask him or her to try it alone. This time you just listen. Give lots of praise for 'reading' part of, or even the whole poem without your help! Keep the poem in a special place so you can make a collection.

As you collect more poems, let your child also choose one or two of the earlier poems to read again. For those more familiar poems your child could either take part (with or without finger-pointing) or just enjoy listening, and perhaps add the final word which you chose together. Don't rush it. Remember, your long term plan is for your child to love reading. That begins with feeling cosy and relaxed and letting the words in poems and books become a real pleasure to share.

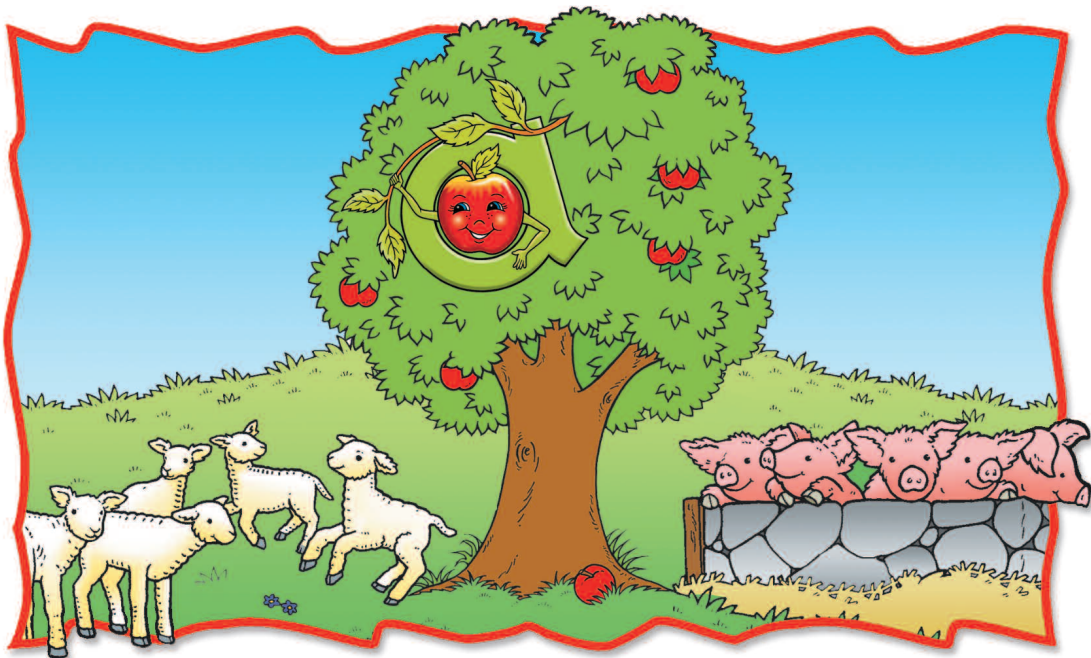


# Annie Apple



Annie Apple is in her tree,  
How many animals can she see?  
Five pink piglets in their pen,  
and five little lambs. That makes \_\_\_\_!

ten      six  
fun      ant



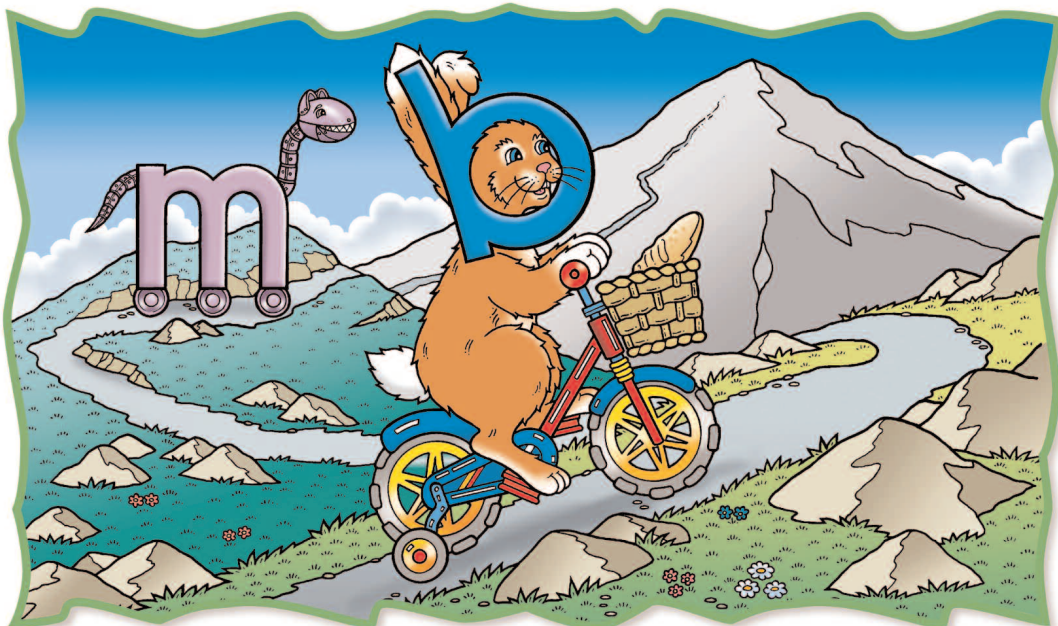


# Bouncy Ben



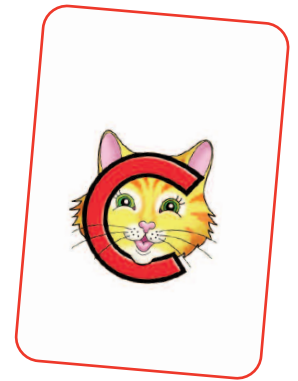
Bouncy Ben is riding  
on his bright blue bike.  
He's going up a mountain  
to visit Munching \_\_\_\_\_.

Mum      Mike  
kite      hike





# Clever Cat

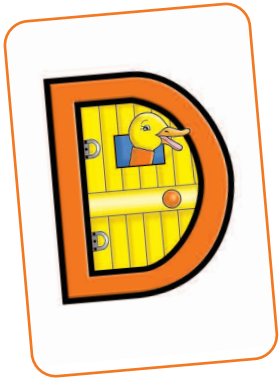


Clever Cat is playing.  
She's dressed up as a clown.  
She jumps into her car,  
and drives off to the \_\_\_\_\_.

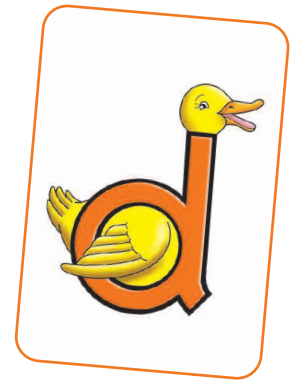
moon    hill  
town    cows







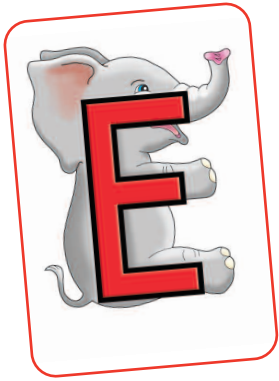
# Dippy Duck



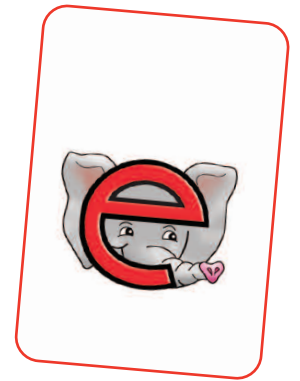
Here is the band from Letterland.  
Down the road they come.  
Look! Dippy Duck is at the front  
banging on her \_\_\_\_.

door      drum  
desk      pad





# Eddy Elephant

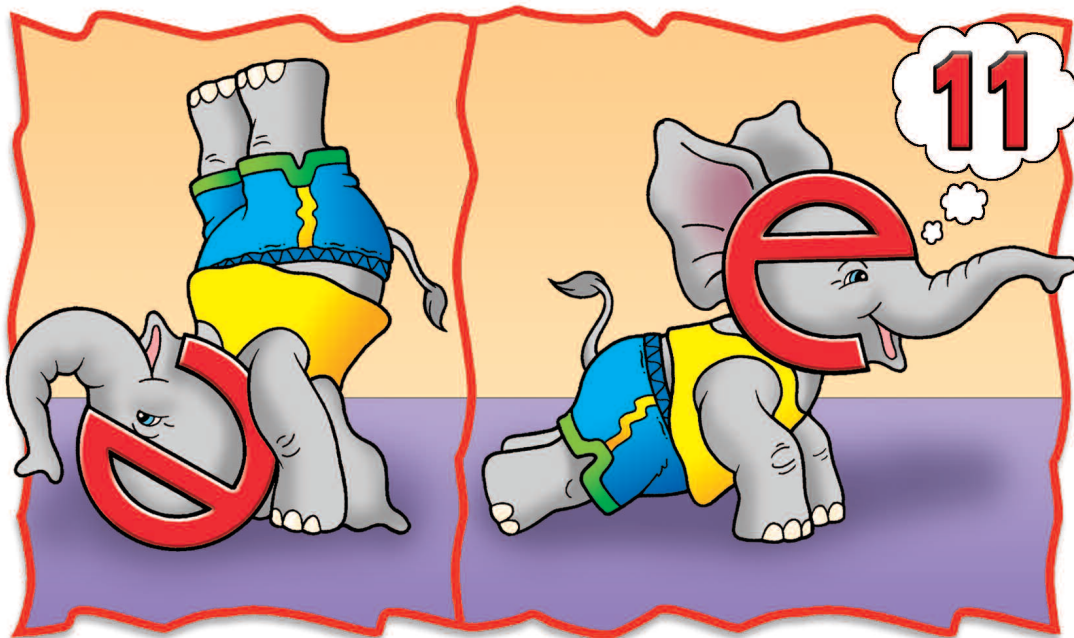


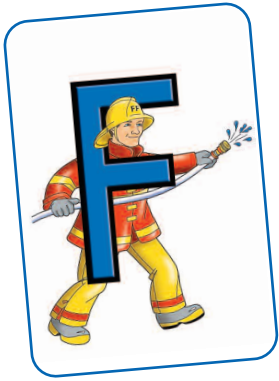
Eddy loves to exercise.

He likes to stand on his head.

But sometimes he prefers to do  
eleven push-ups \_\_\_\_\_.

next    in town  
in bed    instead





# Firefighter Fred



Firefighter Fred is going to work,  
all set in his fireproof suit.  
But what will he put on his feet?  
There's a frog inside his \_\_\_\_\_!

tooth shoe  
food boot





# Golden Girl



Round and round the garden,  
her go-cart rushes past.

Slow down, Golden Girl, slow down.  
You're going much too \_\_\_\_\_!

quick    far  
last    fast







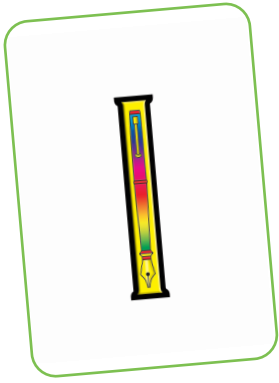
# Harry Hat Man



Harry Hat Man built his own house,  
but a storm blew his new roof away.  
So Harry decided to make a **huge** hat  
to keep his house dry night and \_\_\_\_.

cold      hay  
old      day



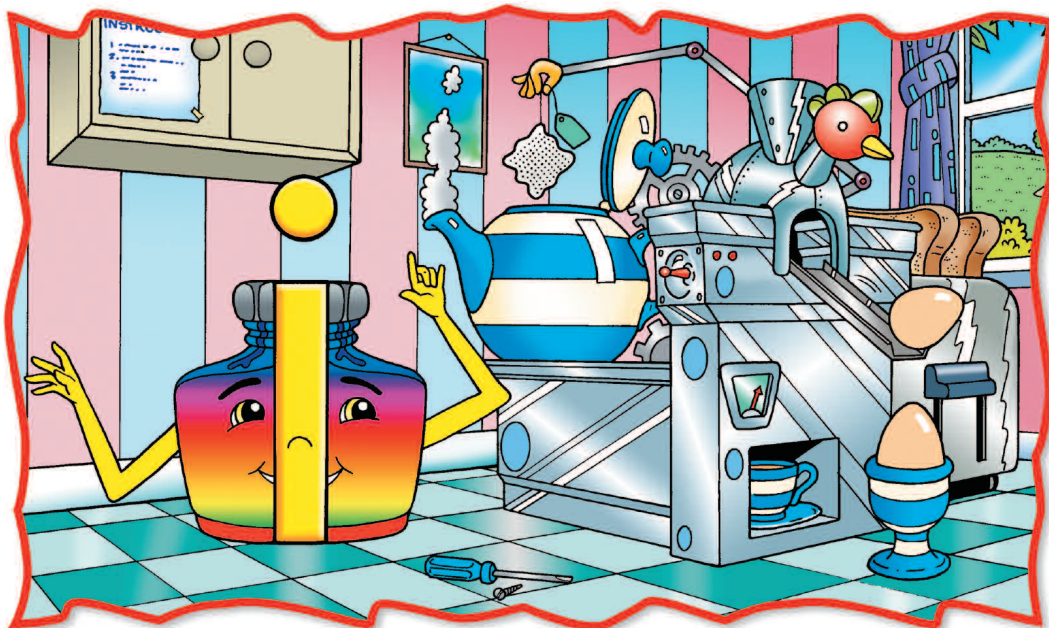


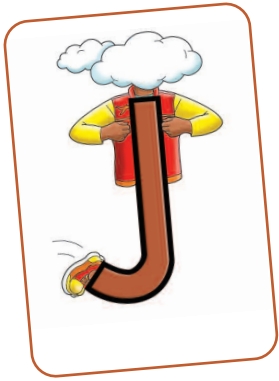
# Impy Ink



Impy Ink's invention is  
an amazing breakfast robot.  
It makes your toast, boils your egg,  
and gives you your tea in a \_\_\_!

mop      hot  
pot      bottle





# Jumping Jim

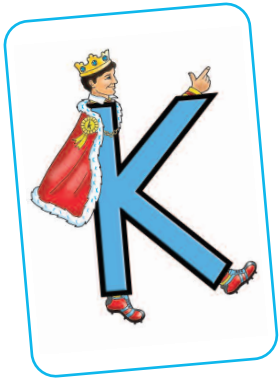


Jumping Jim wants a drink.  
He takes out his nice new jug,  
and pours the yummy fruit juice,  
into his nice new \_\_\_\_.

tub      slug  
pocket      mug





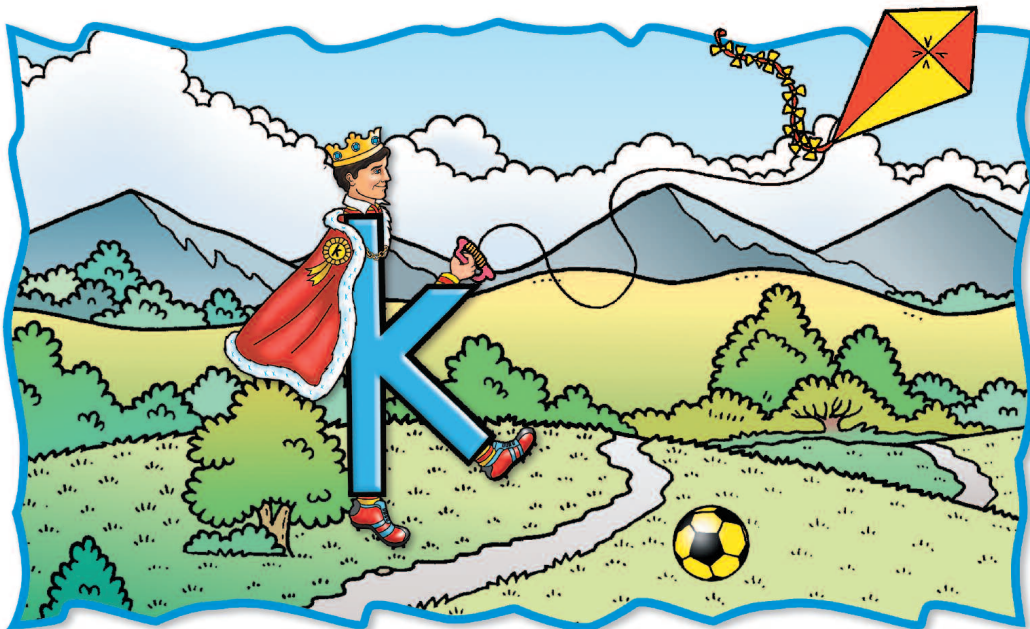


# Kicking King



Kicking King likes to kick his football way up high. But on windy days he loves to fly his kite in the \_\_\_\_.

wind      sky  
mud      rain





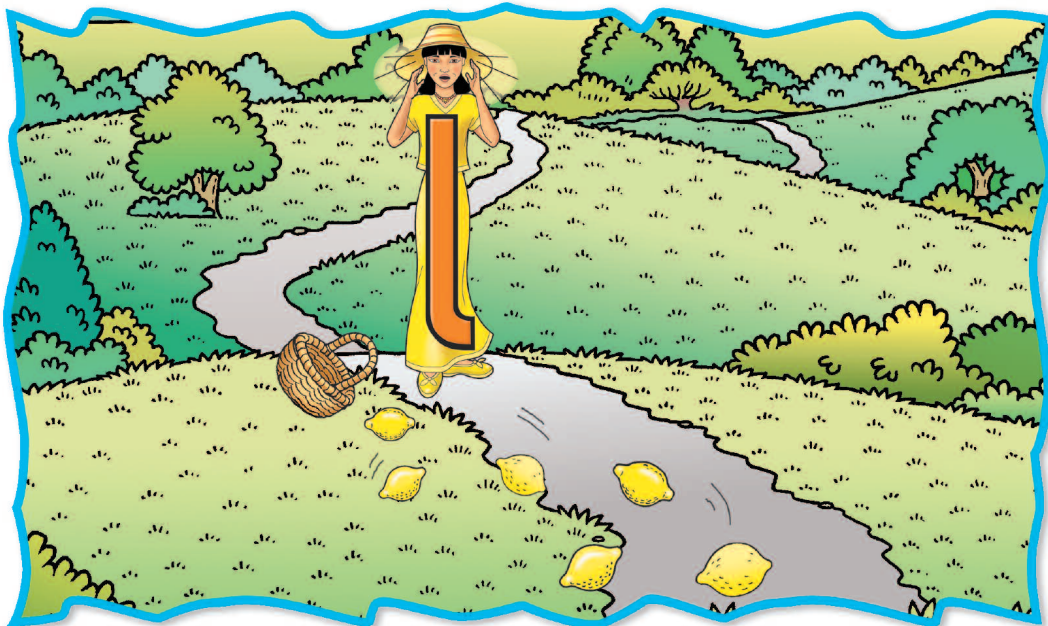


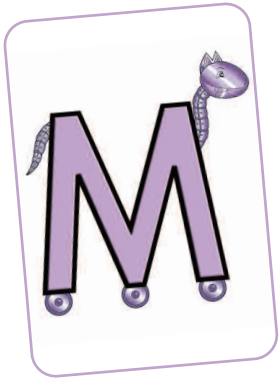
# Lucy Lamp Light



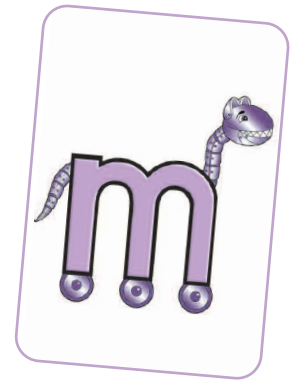
Look out, Lucy Lamp Light!  
You've let your basket spill.  
Now all your lovely lemons  
are rolling down the \_\_\_\_\_!

grass    mill  
hill    rock



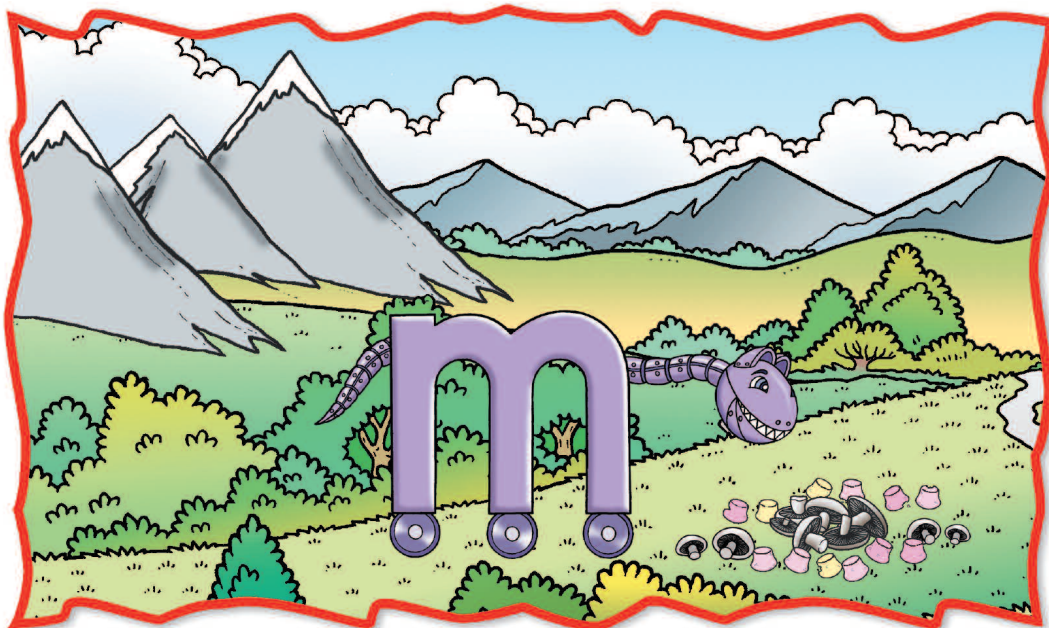


# Munching Mike



Munching Mike is hungry!  
What would he like to eat?  
Mushrooms and marshmallows  
will make a tasty \_\_\_\_\_!

map      dinner  
treat    seat





# Noisy Nick



Noisy Nick is nibbling...  
nineteen nuts, crunch, crunch.  
Never has Nick nibbled  
nicer nuts for \_\_\_\_\_!

crunch bunch  
lunch supper



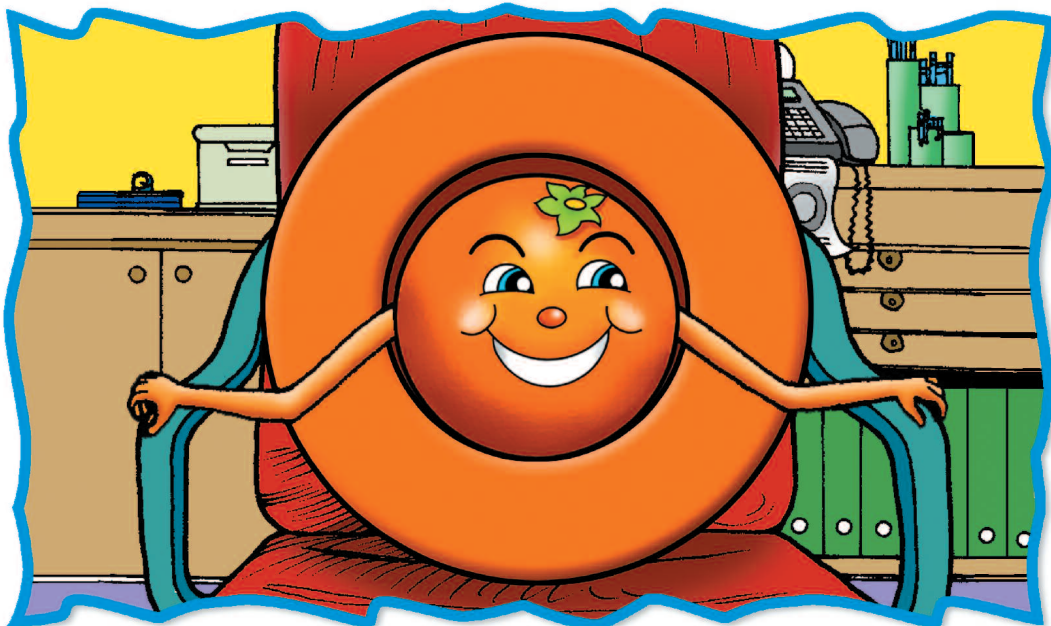


# Oscar Orange

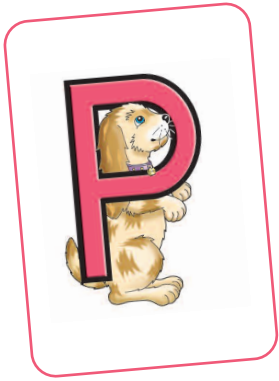


Oscar Orange is in the office.  
There's nobody else in there.  
Oscar pretends that he's the boss  
and sits in the comfy \_\_\_\_\_!

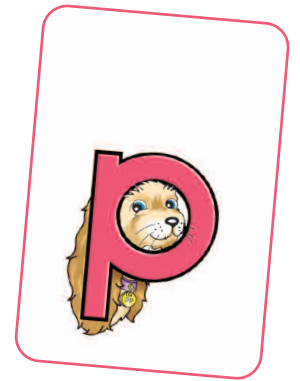
pillow spot  
bed chair





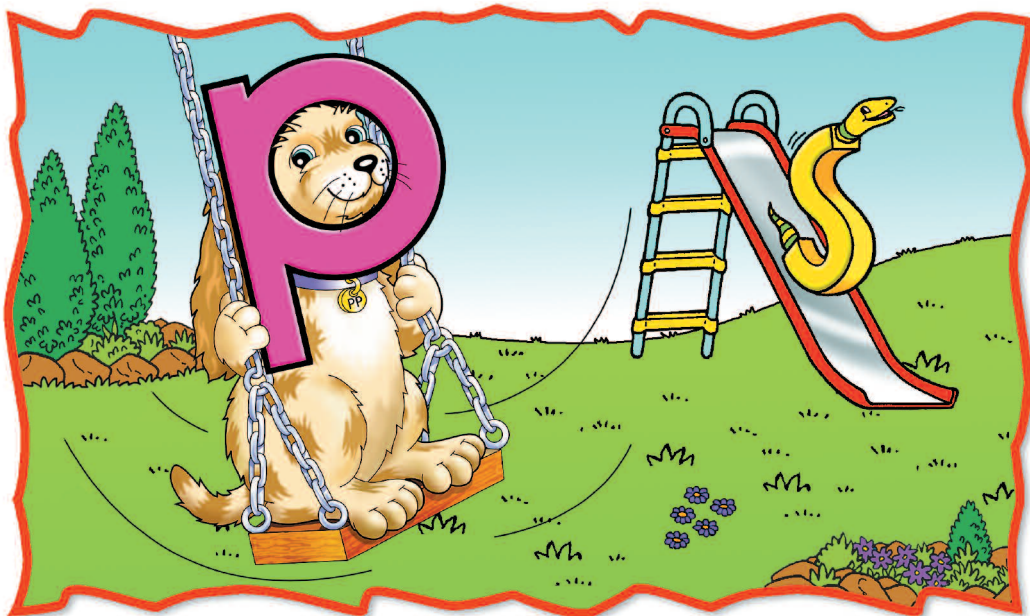


# Peter Puppy



Peter Puppy is in the park.  
He's playing on the swing.  
Swinging, up, up in the sky  
is such a wonderful \_\_\_\_\_!

pond      game  
ring      thing





# Quarrelsome Queen



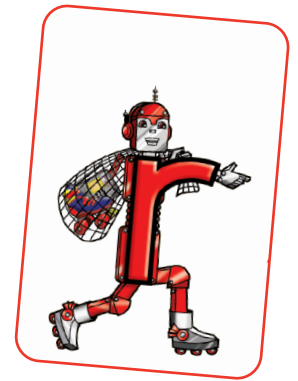
Quarrelsome Queen writes  
her letters with a quill.  
She must be very careful  
that the ink does not \_\_\_\_\_.

drip      sting  
spill      fill





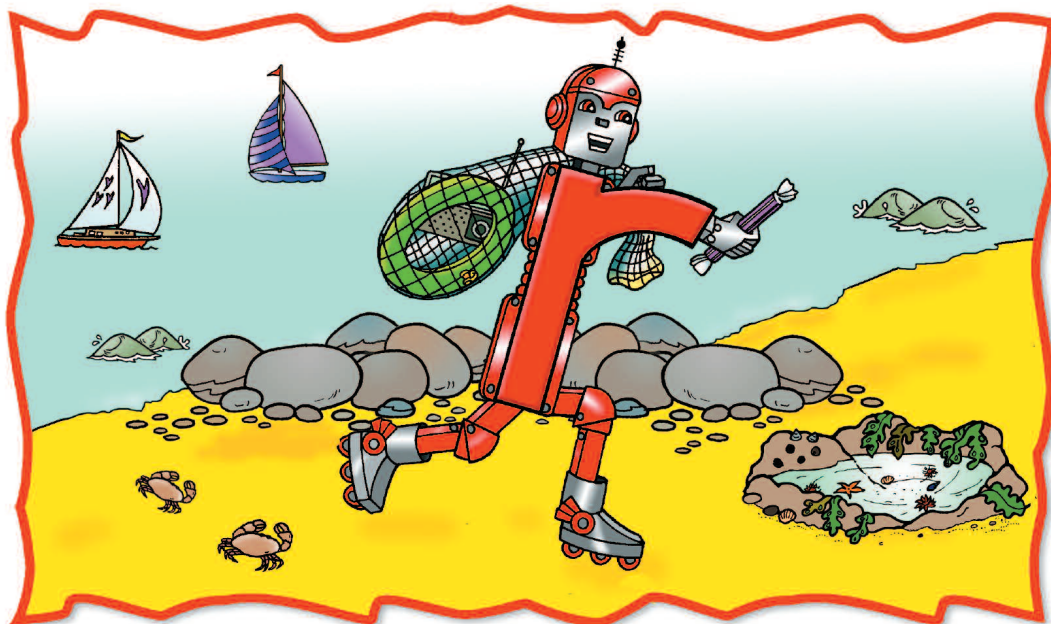
# Red Robot

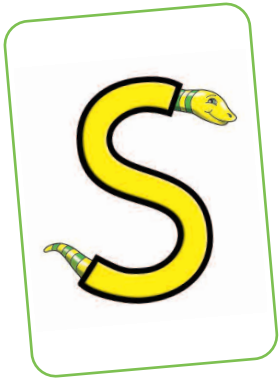


Red Robot often takes things,  
and puts them in his sack.

If you ever see him stealing, shout:  
“Red Robot, put that \_\_\_\_\_!”

away    down  
pack    back





# Sammy Snake

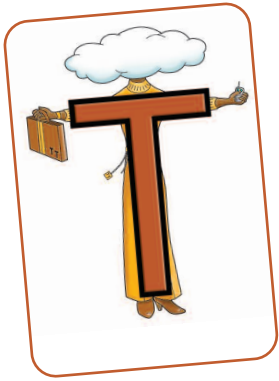


Sammy Snake sometimes goes  
and has a snooze in the sun.  
But he thinks a swim in the sea  
is sssso, so much more \_\_\_!

run      bun  
fun      sun







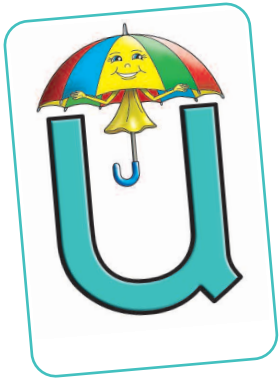
# Talking Tess



Talking Tess's toothbrush  
keeps her teeth all clean.  
They really are the cleanest teeth  
that you have ever \_\_\_\_\_.

green    been  
seem    seen





# Uppy Umbrella

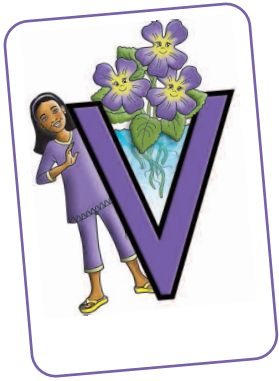


Up, up she goes, up, up in the sky,  
right over the mountain top.

Uppy Umbrella goes up so high,  
we wonder when she will \_\_\_\_\_!

hop      stop  
fly      jump





# Vickie Violet



Vickie grows fresh vegetables.  
She says, “I’ll bet you know.  
They’re full of healthy vitamins  
that help to make you \_\_\_\_\_.”

jump    glow  
slow    grow





# Walter Walrus



Whoosh! The wind blows hard  
and makes the waves leap high.  
Wheee, watch Walter Walrus  
splash as he whizzes \_\_!

try      away  
by      splash







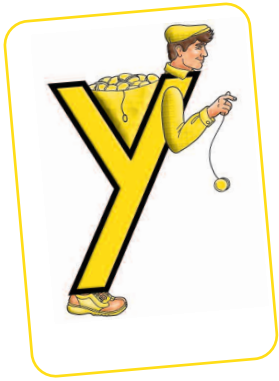
# Fix-it Max



If you have some broken toys,  
or a puncture in your ball,  
I know who can mend the lot.  
Give Fix-it Max a \_\_\_\_\_.

call      tall  
fall      wall



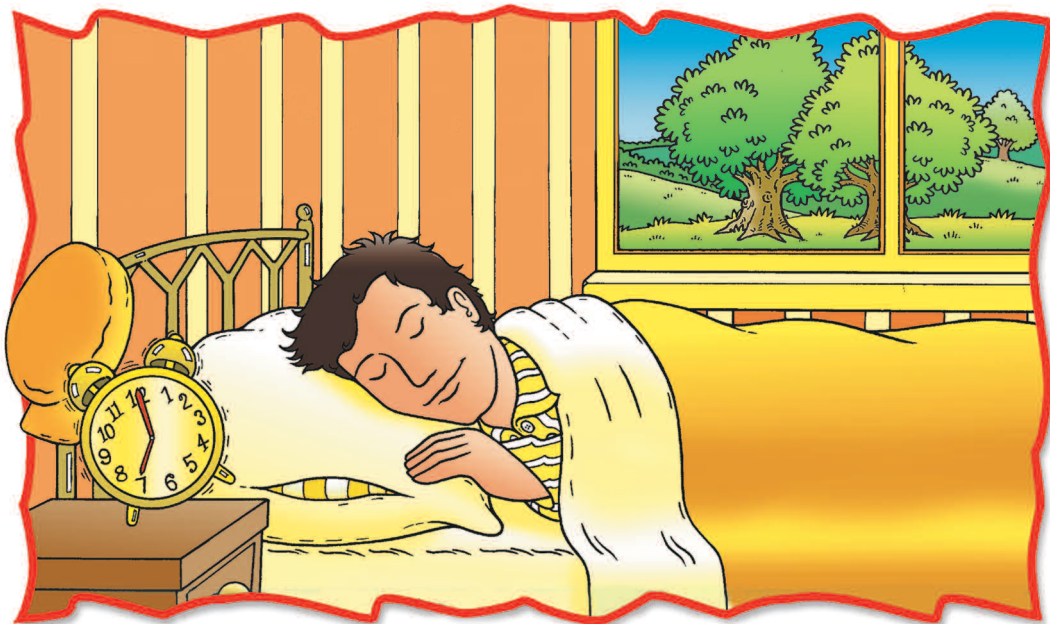


# Yo-yo Man



Yo-yo Man is fast asleep.  
He doesn't hear the bell.  
Shall we try to wake him up?  
We think we'll have to \_\_\_\_\_!

shout try  
yell spell





# Zig Zag Zebra



Zig Zag and Zoe are having a race.  
They whizz like the wind, whiz-whizzy.  
With all those stripes zoom-zooming by,  
they make us feel quite \_\_\_\_\_!

funny      fizzy  
fuzzy      dizzy

