

TOP TIPS to read this book at home



Sound blending

- ▶ Ask you children to read the word on the right hand page (do not read the word to the child first).
- ▶ Ask you child to say the sounds and blend the sounds together, working out what the word says.
- ▶ If they hesitate, ask them to say the sounds quicker and have another go.
- ▶ Then ask your child to turn the page to check if he or she is right using the picture to check.

Red Ditty Books

- ▶ Always start by turning to the front of the book to explore the 'story green words' and 'red words'. Ask your child to practise reading these by 'Fred talking' the green words and saying the red words. If they are unsure on the red words, you can help them.
- ▶ If your child hesitates, help them to sound-blend the word.
- ▶ Re-read each sentence or page to keep the plot moving. (sometimes it's hard for the children to focus on reading the words and the story plot at the same time.)

Questions you could ask

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- ▶ Can you use the word ____ in a sentence?
- ▶ What is happening in the pictures linked to the words? Can they relate to the picture

Red Ditty Books

- ▶ What happened on this page in the story?
- ▶ Can you tell me how this character felt in this part of the story?
- ▶ Who comes in to join ____?
- ▶ What does ____ say to ____ at this point of the story?
- ▶ Where did ____ sit/hide/run to in the story?
- ▶ Can you remember what happens next?

