



Phonics

Please Do Not Sneeze



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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title and look at the cover. Ask: What might happen in the story?
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

Say the sounds

These are the focus sounds and alternative spellings your child will practise in this book.

ieel as in frisbee, sea, sunny, relief, donkey, be, these
ie/ as in head, head

These are the alternative pronunciations your child will practise in this book.
er as in her, er as in better

Sound the words

These words practise the focus sounds and spellings for this book.
Encourage your child to say the sounds from left to right to read new words.

frisbee sneeze beach sunny relief handkerchief
donkey be these bad head her better

Read these words together

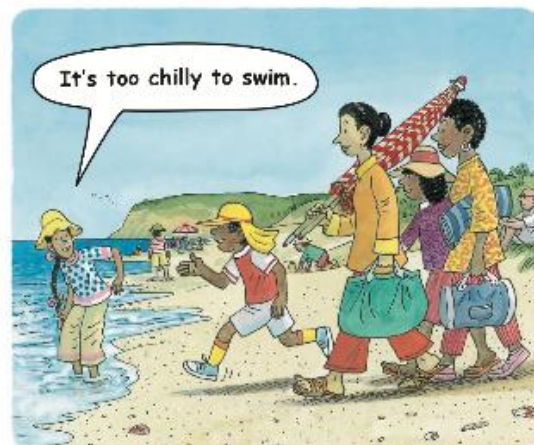
These words are common but children may find them harder to read.

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Enjoy reading and talking about the book together!

Anneena was on the beach with Wilf and Wilma. It was sunny, but the sea was chilly.



There were lots of people on the beach.
Wilf had a frisbee.
"Catch," he called.



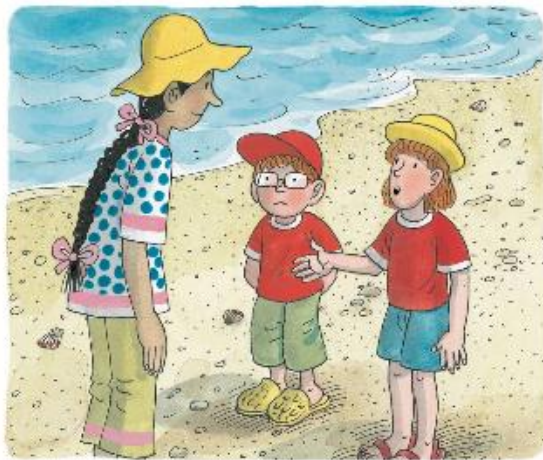
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Anneena ran to catch the frisbee.
She nearly ran into some children.
The children looked upset.



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The children were lost.
"We can't see Mummy and Daddy,"
said the girl.



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The children were called Lily and
Charlie. Anneena and Wilma took
them to the Lost Children's Hut.



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"We will wait with you until your mummy comes," said Anneena.



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"Let me tell you a story," said Anneena. "In a far off land, there was a princess. But she had a problem ..."



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The princess was called Sophie. The problem was her sneeze.



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When she sneezed, it sounded as if she was saying funny things, like 'cheesy feet' or 'stinky socks'.



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People said Sophie was shouting at them. They did not like it.



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The queen was cross with Sophie. "You need better manners," she said.



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"Mossy teeth!" Sophie sneezed into her handkerchief.



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Even the king was cross with Sophie. "Tut, tut," he said. "You bad girl." Sophie sneezed harder and harder.



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"I do not mean to be bad," said Sophie.
"But when I sneeze, people think I am shouting at them."



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Sophie was so unhappy that she ran off. She ran deep into the forest. But soon she was lost.



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She sat down on a bed of leaves.
"I will rest my head on these leaves,"
she said, and she soon fell fast asleep.



She was asleep all night. To her relief,
she did not sneeze at all.



Sophie sat up with a start. A field mouse, an owl and a donkey were looking at her.

"You must be the sneezing princess," said the little mouse.



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"Yes, I am," said Sophie. "But out here in the forest I did not sneeze at all."

"People sneeze a lot," said the donkey. "There is too much dust in their houses."



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The king and queen ran up.
 "Sophie!" said the king. "We have
 found you. What a relief!"



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Just then, Charlie saw his mummy.
 "Charlie! Lily!" she said. "I have
 found you! What a relief!"



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"We did like the story," said Lily.
 "Did Sophie stop sneezing?"
 "What do you think?" asked Anneena.



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AFTER READING

Hunt for /ee/ words

- Look for words which include the /ee/ sound, such as: fridges, leaves and relief. Point out the different spellings for the same sound.

WHAT IS BLENDING?

For reading (decoding) say the sounds from left to right of the word and blend the sounds to hear the whole word.

How to blend

Point under each grapheme (letter or letter group) as you say the sound, then run your finger under the whole word as you say the whole (or blended) word.

e.g. s-n-ee-ze sneeze

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