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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 ALTERNATIVE PRONUNCIATIONS OF GRAPHEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes			
a (hat, what)	e (bed, she)	i (fin, find)	o (hot, so)
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			

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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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“Tell us, Mister Clockson, will there be rain tomorrow and is the magical rainbow still over Tinkergem?”



“It’s good news, the magical rainbow is still high in the sky. Will this rainbow ever go away?”

“I’m glad to hear that! Now back to the news...”



“What do you think of the rainbow, Carla?”
said Carla’s dad.
The town of Tinkergem had a visitor. It was
a giant rainbow.





“I love it!” said Carla, gazing at the rainbow from the window. “I want to go up in the sky and see it up close.”

There was a special message that morning.
“The magical rainbow has been in the sky
for a few weeks now,” said Miss Gentle.



“The Town Elder knows that you all want to follow the rainbow, so he has said there will be a race in one week.”



“All citizens of Tinkergem, clever engineers and even strangers from afar have been invited to Tinkergem for the race.”



“The first airship, hot air balloon, blimp or zeppelin to go over the rainbow wins the race and a huge cash prize!” said Miss Gentle.



Carla elbowed her best friend, Willow.
“Willow, let’s go over the rainbow! Will you help me make a hot air balloon?” said Carla.





“How will we make it?” said Willow.

“My dad is an engineer! Or maybe he is a tinkerer,” said Carla. “I know he can show us what to do.”

“A hot air balloon?” said Carla’s dad.
Carla and Willow told Carla’s dad about the
big race.



“I suppose we can follow my old hot air balloon plans,” said Dad. “I never got around to making it.”

“Can it be yellow?” asked Carla.

“Can we paint it like a rainbow?” asked Willow.



The day of the race arrived. The racers were all lined up and waiting to go high in the sky. "Remember to stay safe," said Carla's dad. "You must help each other."





“I, the Town Elder, Virgil Rowan, am proud to start the first ever race over the rainbow!” said Elder Rowan.

“Look, there’s George Bowbottom. He will be hard to beat,” whispered Willow.

“You will never win with that balloon!” George smirked. “A little pigeon might rip through it!”





“Racers, let’s go!” called Town Elder Rowan. The engines began to roar. Steam filled the air. “On your marks... Get set... **BLAST OFF!**”

Carla and Willow were up in the air.
The wind was blowing through their hair.
“This is amazing! Look, we are getting closer
to the rainbow,” said Carla.



The hot air balloon was a bit slower than the other racers, but the girls were enjoying the rainbow.



But then, George whizzed past.



“You are so slow! You will never go over the rainbow!” George cackled.

George cackled so hard that he did not spot the pigeons and crows.





“George, look out!” yelled Willow.
George flew into the crows and pigeons. His
car wibbled this way and wobbled that way
and he fell out.
“Help!” he cried.

“Hold on tight, George!” Carla said. “We’re coming to help you. Go, Willow, go!” Willow sped the hot air balloon up.



“Quick, take my hand!” said Carla.
“But what about my car?” said George.
“The engine is off, you have to get in our
balloon,” said Willow, and George took
Carla’s hand.



George landed in the hot air balloon with a thump and a bump. George's car fell and crashed below.



“My car!” George wailed. “I’ll never go over the rainbow in this slow thing.”

“Hey! We cannot go over the rainbow because we stopped to save you,” Carla said.



“Carla! Look!” said Willow.
They had been arguing so much that they
had not realised how close they were to the
rainbow. It was stunning.





“Wow,” said Carla. “It’s huge.”

“Look, somebody is about to go over the rainbow,” said Willow.

“We lost the race, but it’s quite nice up here, don’t you think?” said George.

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1. What is the name of the city?
2. What will the winner of the race get?
 - (a) A hug
 - (b) Told off
 - (c) A huge cash prize
3. Who started the race?
4. What happened to George Bowbottom when he whizzed past?
5. Carla and Willow helped George but it caused them to lose the race. Were they right to help him? What would you have done?

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