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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 NEW GRAPHEMES 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)		

**HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.**

Phase 5 Tricky Words			
oh	their	people	Mr
Mrs	looked	called	asked
could			

GPC focus: /ay/ou/

## 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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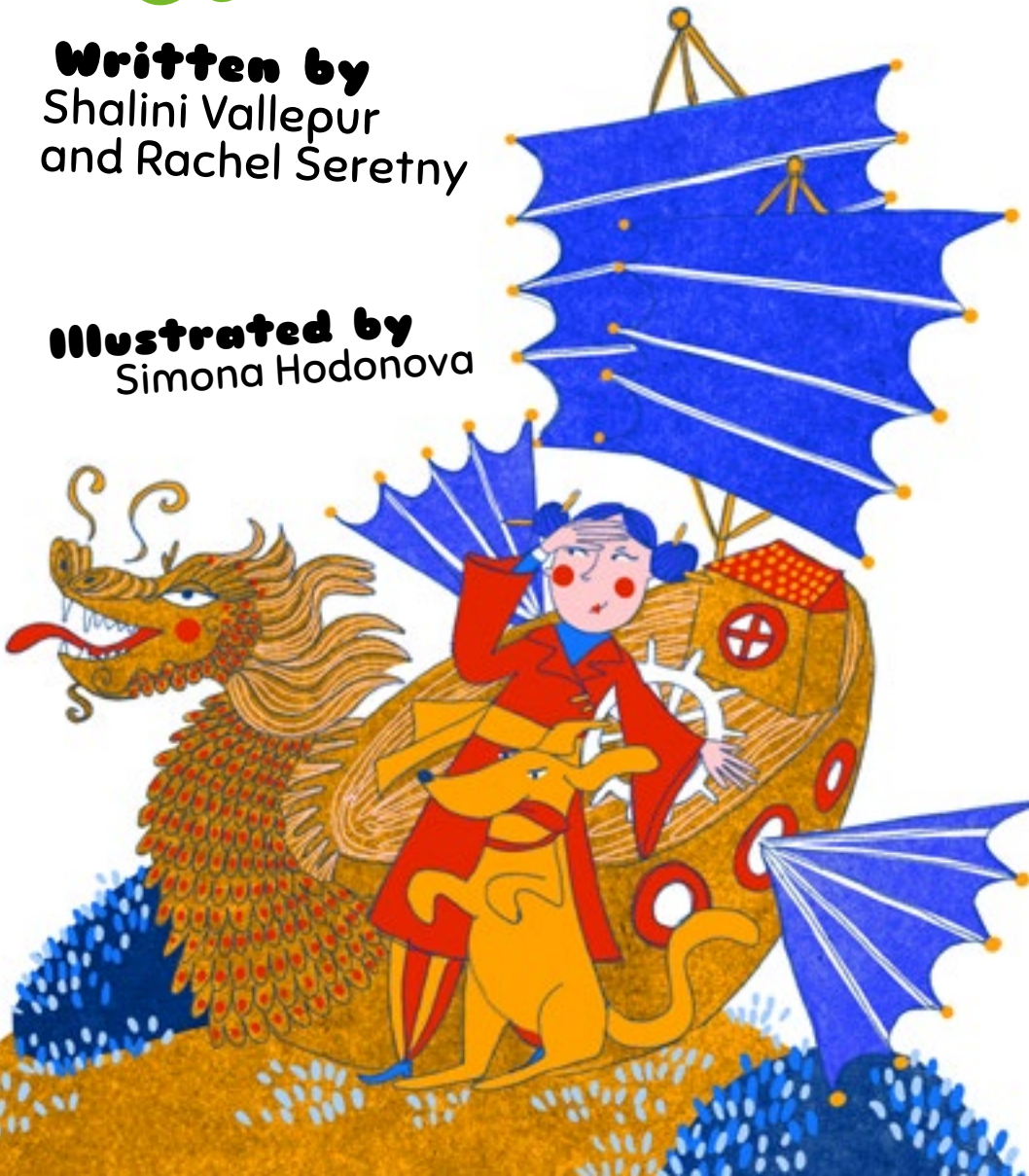
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“Lights out! The lights are out,” there  
was a shout.  
The town of Bray had run out of power.



“People are upset. They cannot see in the dark.”

“We need the Cloud Hunters,” said Queen Snout. “Get Ray Round!”





Ray Round and the Cloud Hunters had been called.

“Bray needs you to get power from the clouds,” said Queen Snout.



“We can do it!” said Ray Round as she put on her long red coat.





The Cloud Hunters were the best.  
Ray Round and her dog Flounder did not  
mess about.



Yin, Min and May were smart and strong.  
They could go up to the top and hoist the  
sails.



“Look, a storm of a thousand clouds is on its way,” said Queen Snout. “It will be a hard quest.”





“My Stormship and the Cloud Hunters are strong,” said Ray. “We will be back in less than a day.”



The Stormship set sail right away. It was the Cloud Hunters' job to trap clouds and lightning in a big net.





The clouds and lightning will be sent down to Bray, so the people can have their lights on again.

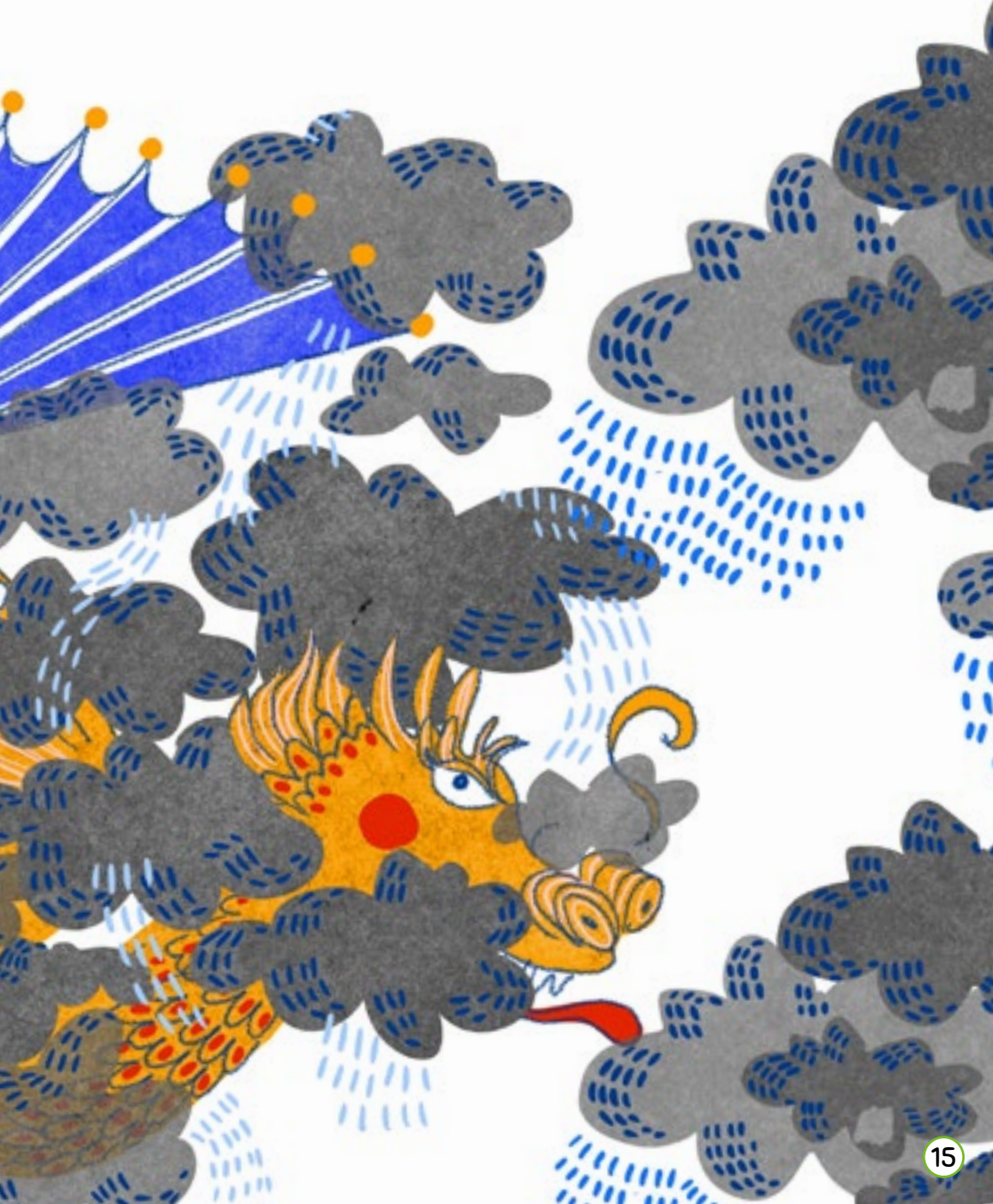




The wind was hard. The Stormship swayed to the right.  
“Hang on tight, Cloud Hunters!” Ray called.

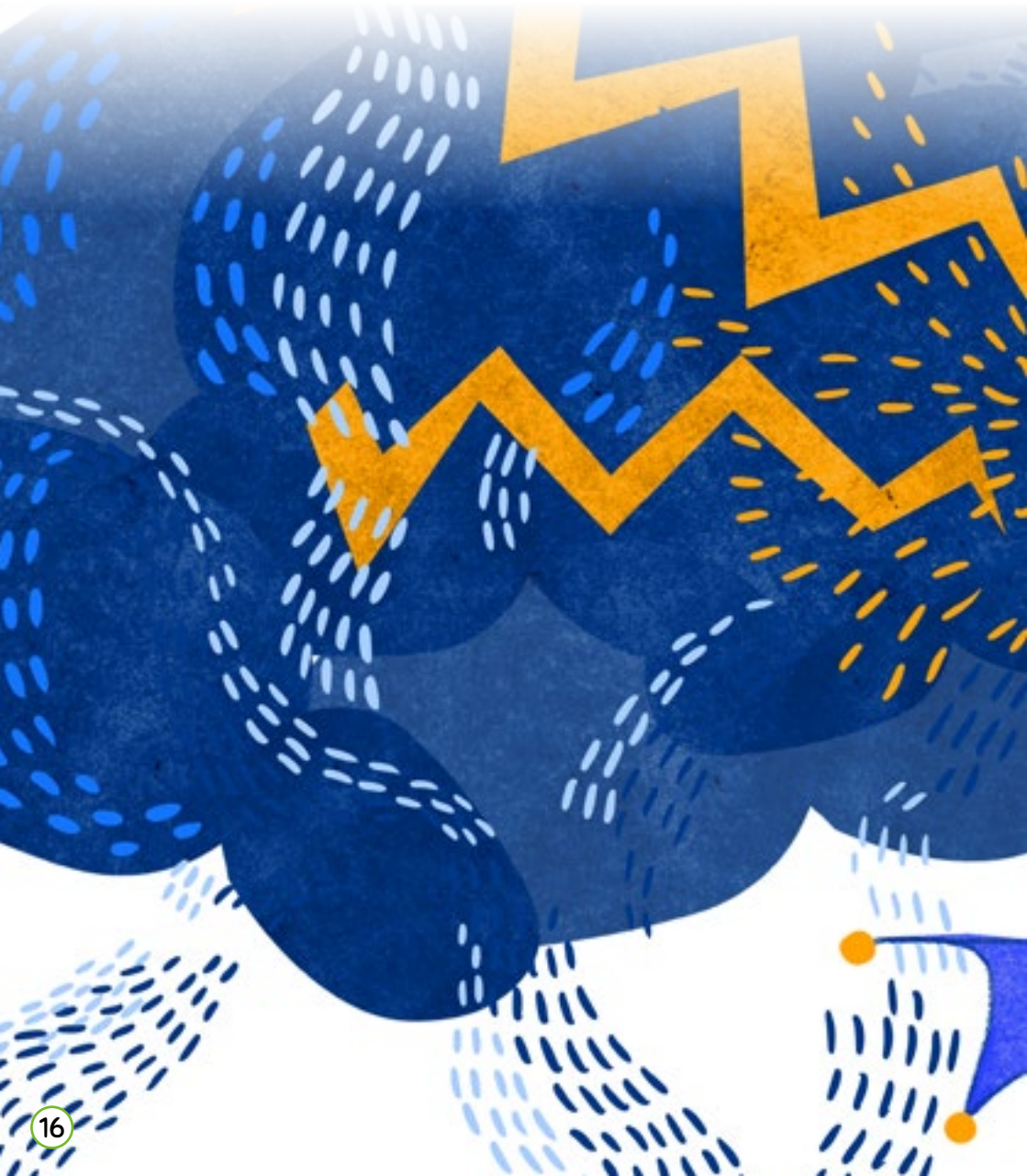


The spray from the rain hit them hard.  
There was a sudden loud sound.





It was a big boom of thunder and a bright flash of lightning. Shouts filled the air.





“Hit the deck!” said May.

“Lay down!” said Yin.

“The wind may be strong, but we must go on,” said Min.



“We are at the thousand clouds!” said Ray. “Drop the net, quick!”  
“On it, Ray!”







“There it is...” said Ray. The clouds were as black as night and the lightning was bright.

Just then, Flounder began to bark, louder and louder.

“What is it, Flounder?” Ray asked.





“Look, Ray!” said Min. “Some birds are stuck in the net! We must stop the Stormship!”



“We must free them!” said May.  
“I will go,” said Ray. “Steer the Stormship  
away from the thousand clouds.”





“Do not sway,” said Min.

“The wind is so strong,” said Ray as she held on to the net.



Ray took the net and shook the birds free.

"Come back up! Come up!" said May.





“Turn around, let us go back to the thousand clouds and help Bray!” Ray said.



With a groan, the Stormship turned around. With a scoop and a flash, the clouds and lightning went into the net.





“We did it! We got the clouds!” the Cloud Hunters said.

“Off we go, back to Bray,” said Ray.

“Good job, Cloud Hunters.”



That night, the town of Bray was well lit thanks to Ray Round and the Cloud Hunters.





Under the light of the street lamps, the  
Cloud Hunters sat.  
“Until the next quest!” said Ray.



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1. What happened to the town of Bray?
2. What is Ray Round's dog called?
  - (a) Rounder
  - (b) Flounder
  - (c) Cloud
3. How many clouds were there?
4. What was stuck in the net?
5. Getting power from the clouds is very dangerous. Would you have gone on the quest?



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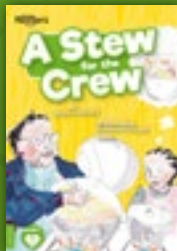
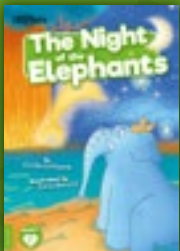
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