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Help your child to read!

This book practises these letters and letter sounds.
Point and say the sounds with your child:

ar oi ear air

Your child may need help to read these common tricky words:

I to my you me we the are

Before reading

- Look at the cover picture and read the title together. Read the back cover blurb to your child.
- Ask your child: *Have you played at being an astronaut? What was it like?*

During reading

- If your child gets stuck on a word, remind them to sound it out and then blend the sounds to read the word: j-oi-n, join.
- If they are still stuck, show them how to read the word.
- Enjoy looking at the pictures together. Pause to talk about the story.

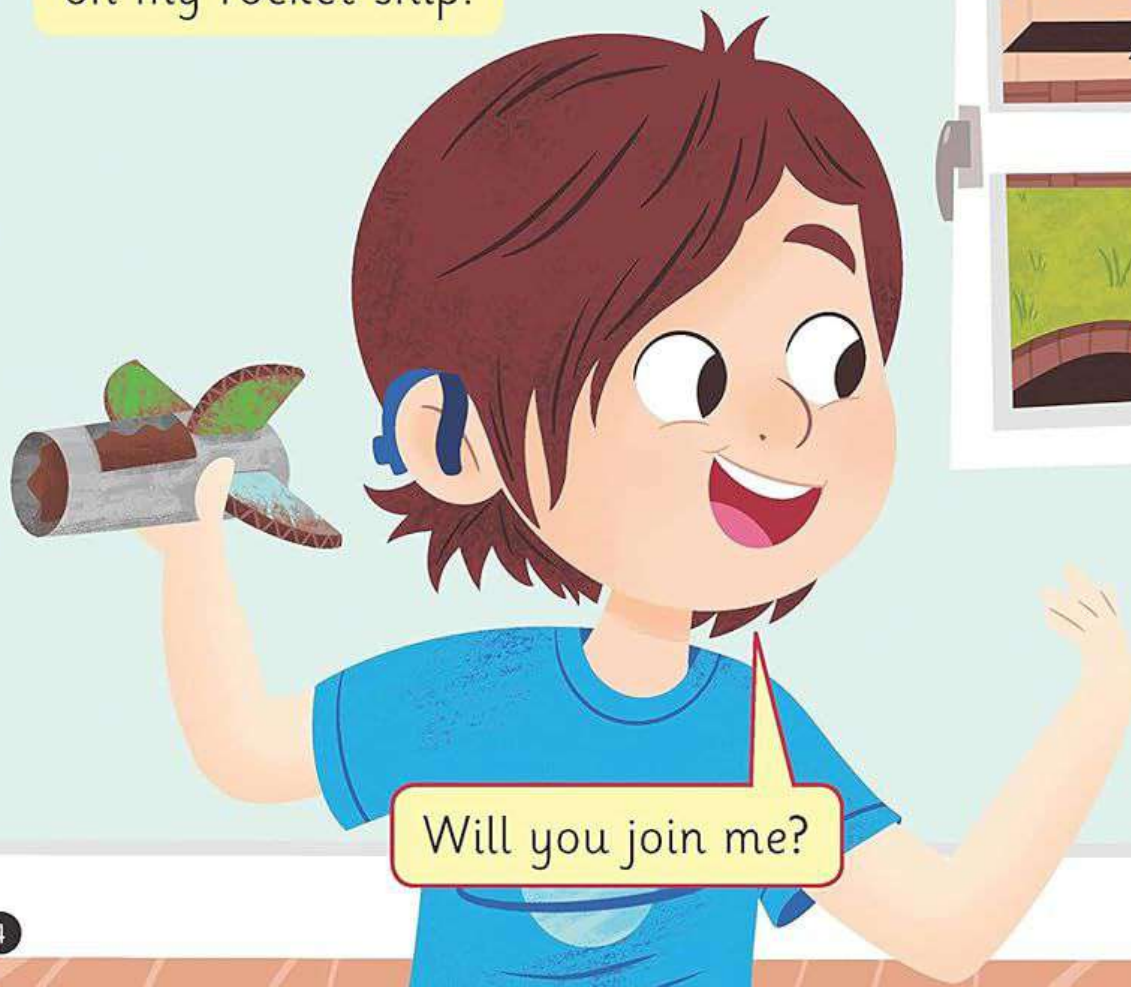
After reading

- Ask your child: *Did the ship really go to Mars? Why not?*
- *Where would you like to go, if you could choose anywhere at all?*

Can you spot the
parrot on 6 pages?



I am off to Mars
on my rocket ship.



Will you join me?

We are near the sun.
It is boiling hot!



Turn back!



We are near Mars.

The soil is
red powder.



Retell the story

