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Trent Gets a Pet

Focus:
Adjacent
consonants
and short
vowel sounds


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Help your child to read!

This book practises words with more than one consonant next to each other, plus short vowel sounds (like 'crunch' or 'felt').

Read these words with your child:

flat bench plan slug

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

he there was no the little I have all

Before reading

- Look at the cover picture and read the title together. Read the back cover blurb to your child.
- Ask your child: *What is Trent looking at in the cover picture? Do you think a slug would make a good pet? Why or why not?*

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: b-l-o-ss-o-m-s, blossoms.
- 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: *Why couldn't Trent have a normal pet like a dog or cat?*
- *Would you like a slug as a pet? Why, or why not?*

Can you spot the
chameleon on 6 pages?



Trent wished he had a pet.



But there was no room in his flat.



Trent picked blossoms
and herbs for the slug.

crunch!
chomp!

The slug munched them all up.

The splendid slug munched turnips.
It crunched pumpkins.



Soon, the slug was a star!



Retell the story

