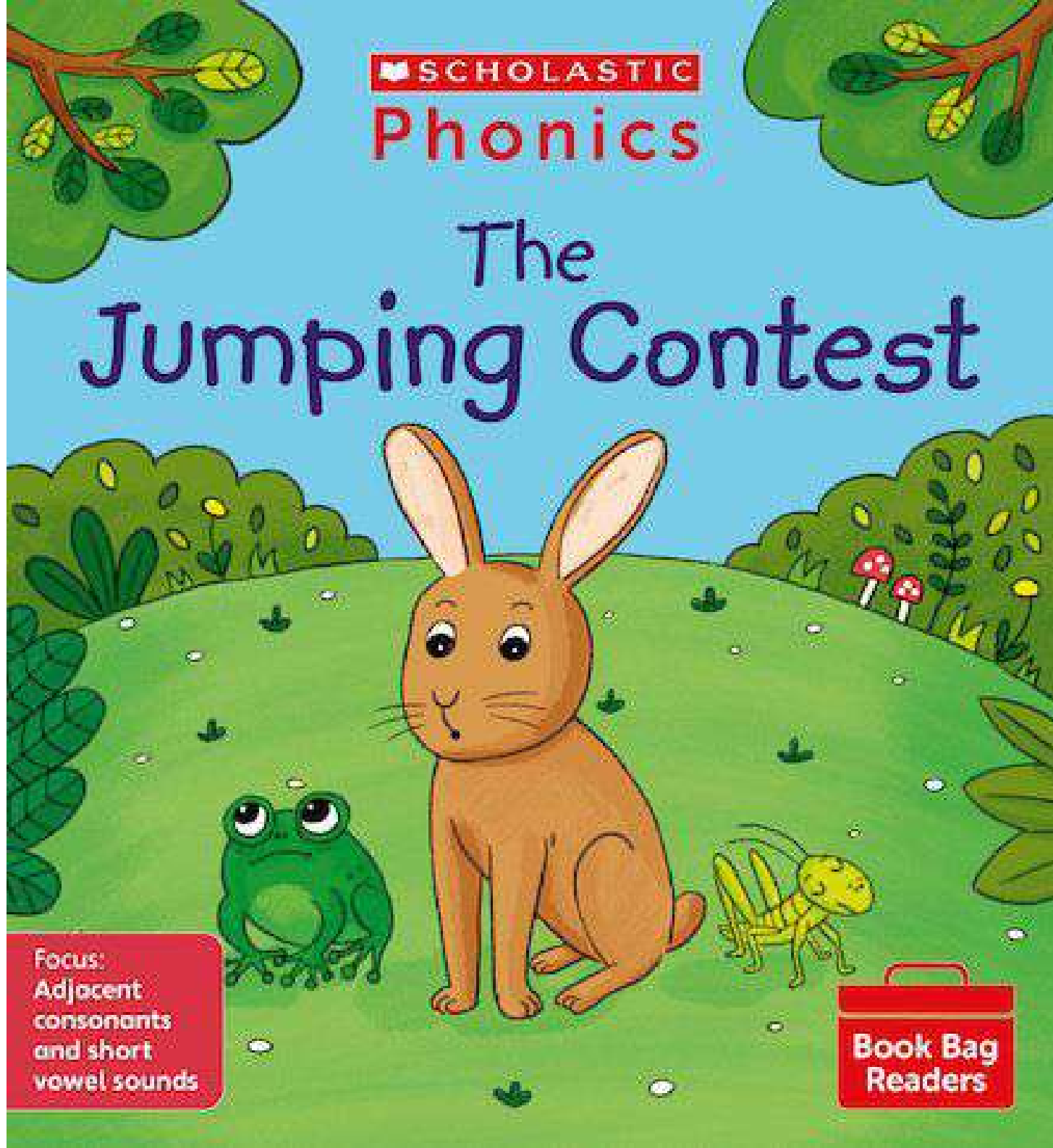


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Help your child to read!

This book practises words with more than one consonant next to each other, plus short vowel sounds (like 'best' or 'stuck'). Read these words with your child:

jumping cricket frog spring

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

the of I said no he be have go
she to

Before reading

- Look at the cover picture and read the title together. Read the back cover blurb to your child.
- Ask your child: *Can you point to the cricket, the frog and the rabbit on the cover? A cricket is like a grasshopper. Which one do you think would be best at jumping?*

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: s-p-r-i-ng, spring.
- 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

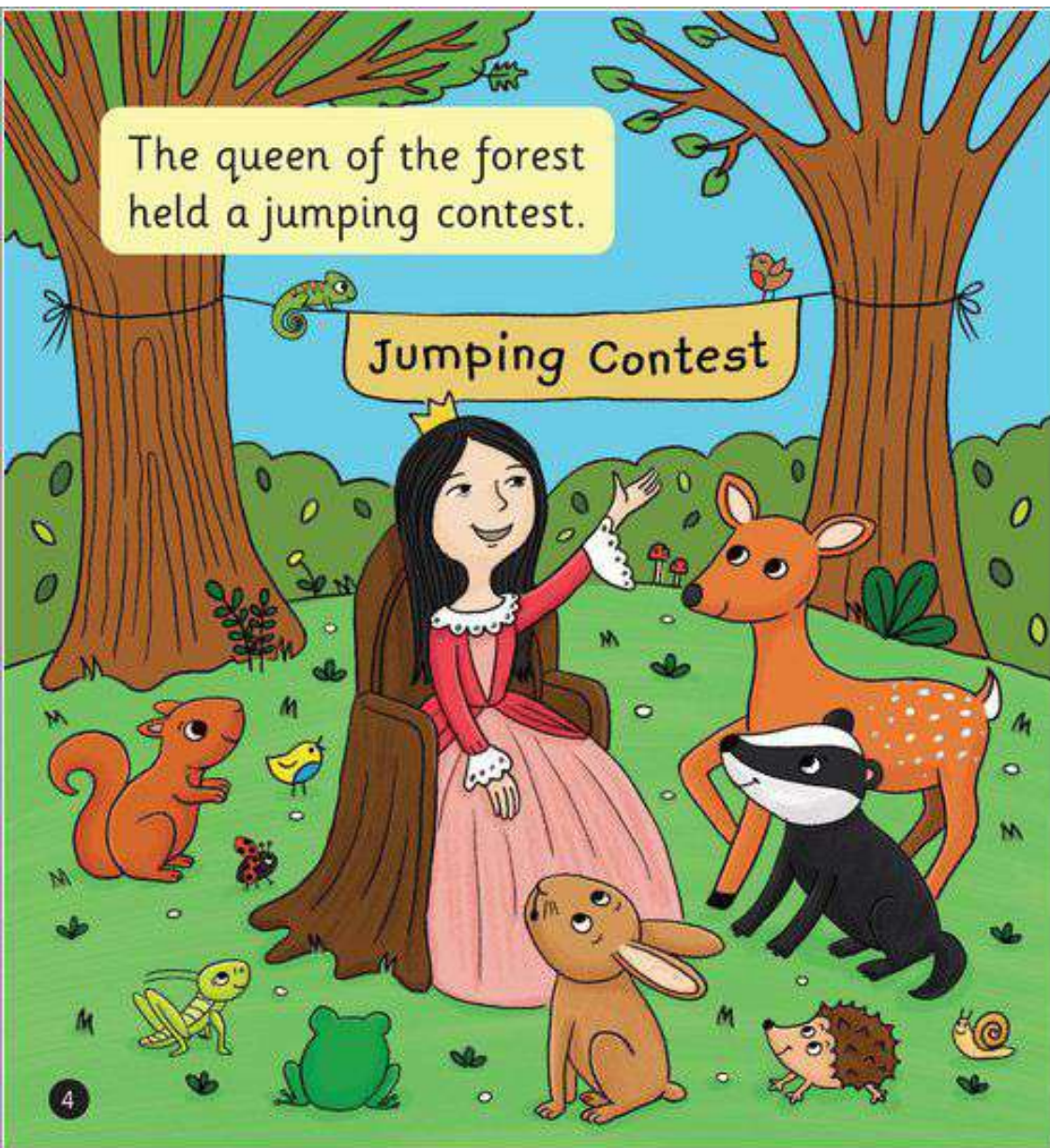
- Ask your child: *Were you surprised that the rabbit won the contest? Why?*
- Do you think this story has a message? What might it be? (For example: 'Don't be boastful; Try your best'.)

Can you spot the
chameleon on 6 pages?



The queen of the forest held a jumping contest.

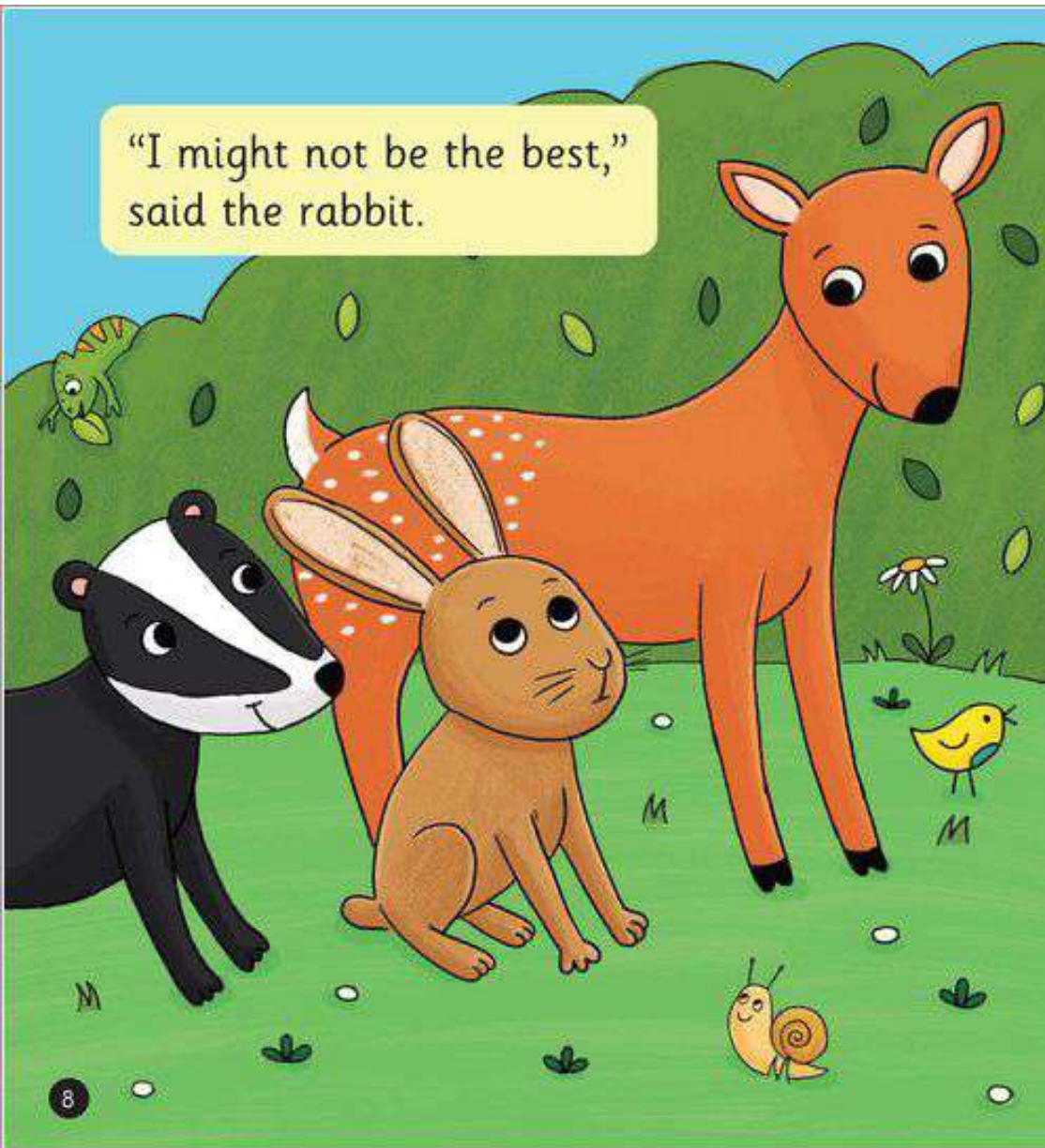
Jumping Contest



"I will win!" said the cricket.
"I can spring up high!"



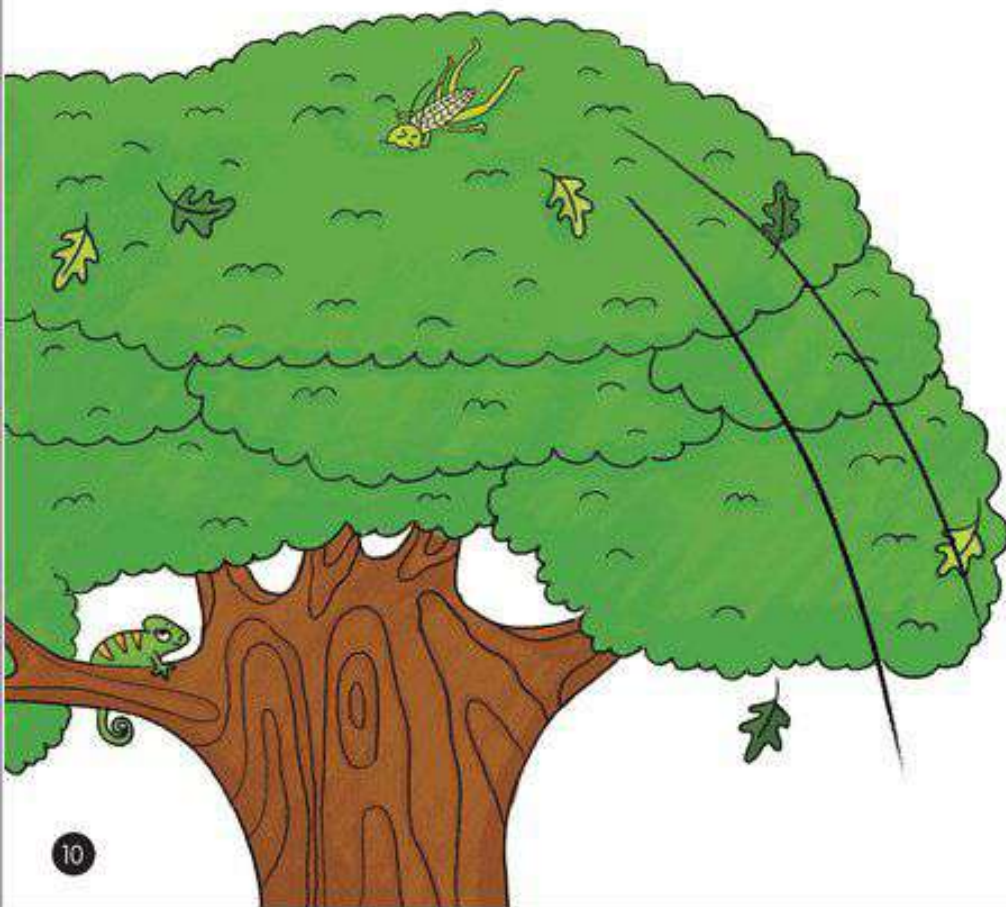
"I might not be the best,"
said the rabbit.



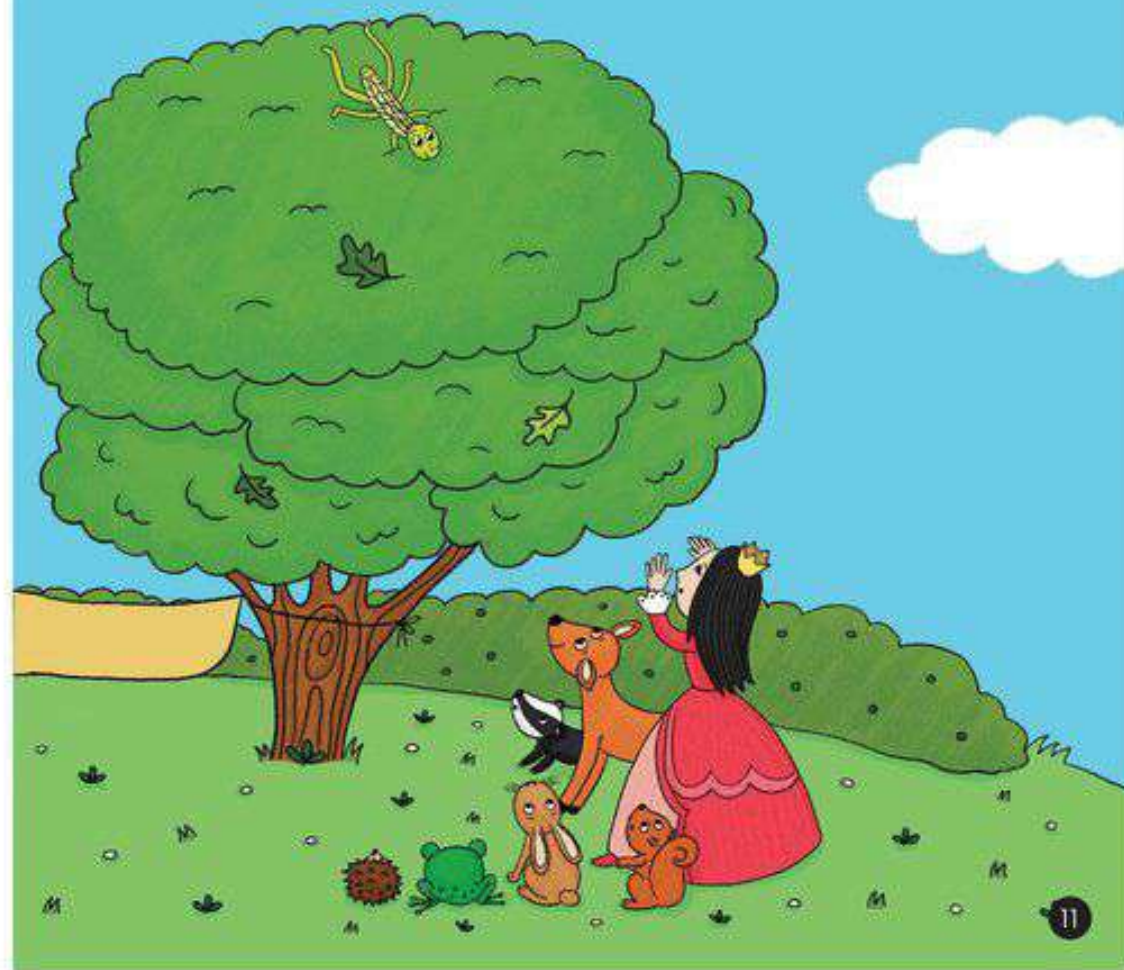
I will have a go!



The cricket sprang too high!
She got stuck.



She did not win.



Retell the story

