



The Next Best Thing



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Help your child to read!

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



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



Before reading

- · Look at the cover picture and read the title together. Read the back cover blurb to your child.
- Ask your child: What do you think the children are doing?

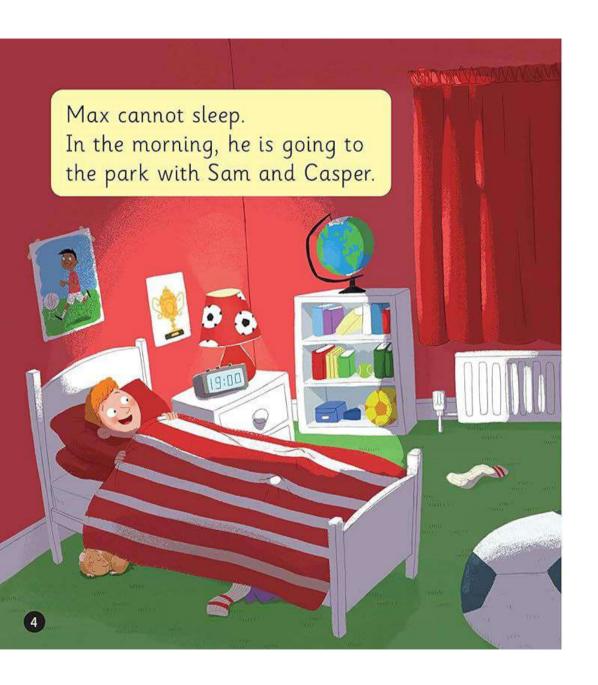
During reading

- If your child gets stuck on a word, remind them to sound it out and then blend the sounds to read the word: s-t-ar-t, start.
- 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 was Max disappointed?
- How do you think he felt at the end of the story, when he was in the tent with his friends? Why?

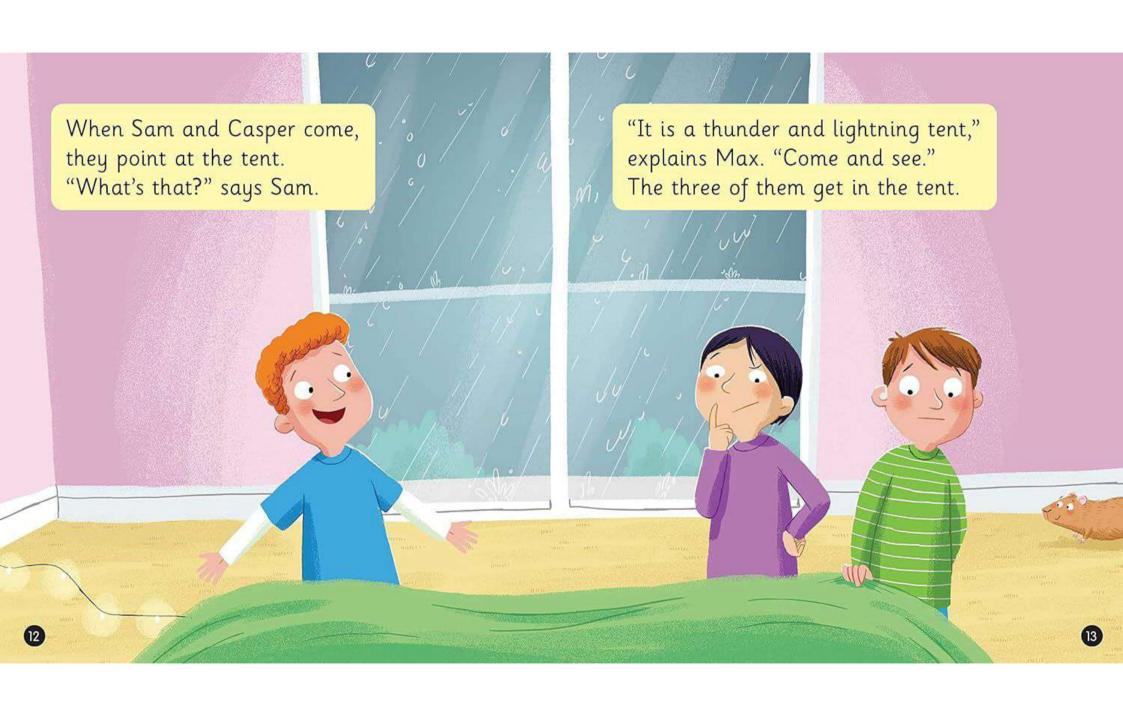




All he can think of is swooping the highest on the swings.







Retell the story

