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The *Ladybird Readers* Beginner level helps young language learners to become familiar with key conversational phrases in English. The language introduced has clear real-life applications, giving children the tools to hold their first conversations in English.

This book focuses on “There are” and provides practice of saying prepositions of place, such as “in” and “under”, in English. The pictures that accompany the text show an outdoor setting, which may be used to introduce one or two pieces of topic-based vocabulary, such as “garden”, if the children are ready.

There are some activities to do in this book. They will help children practice these skills:



Speaking



Listening\*



Writing



Reading



Singing\*

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Based on the Learning Time with Timmy TV series  
created in partnership with the British Council  
Watch the original episode "The Boat Race" online.



## Picture words



Timmy



Otus



Finlay



Osbourne



Stripey



race



sneeze



win



Otus and Finlay are in  
a boat race.

Three, two, one . . . go!



There are two boats in the race.



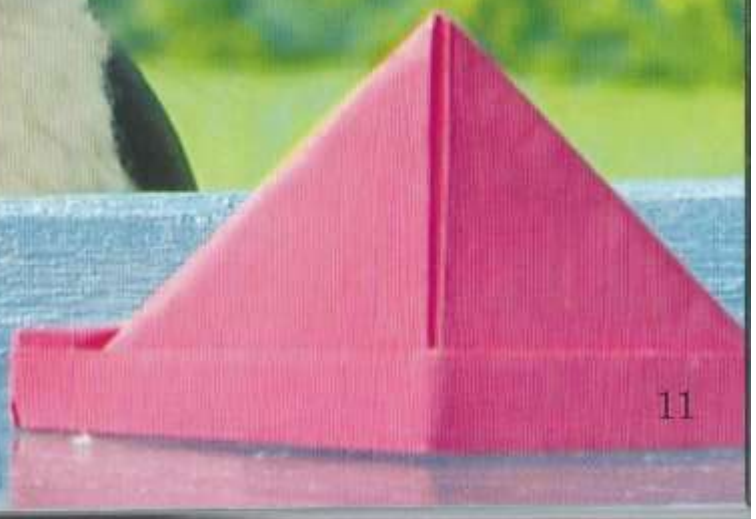
Timmy does not have a boat.  
He is sad.



# Stripey sneezes!



Timmy's hat goes in the water.



Timmy has a boat!  
There are three boats in the race.



Finlay's boat goes  
under the water!  
Finlay is sad.



There are two boats in the race.

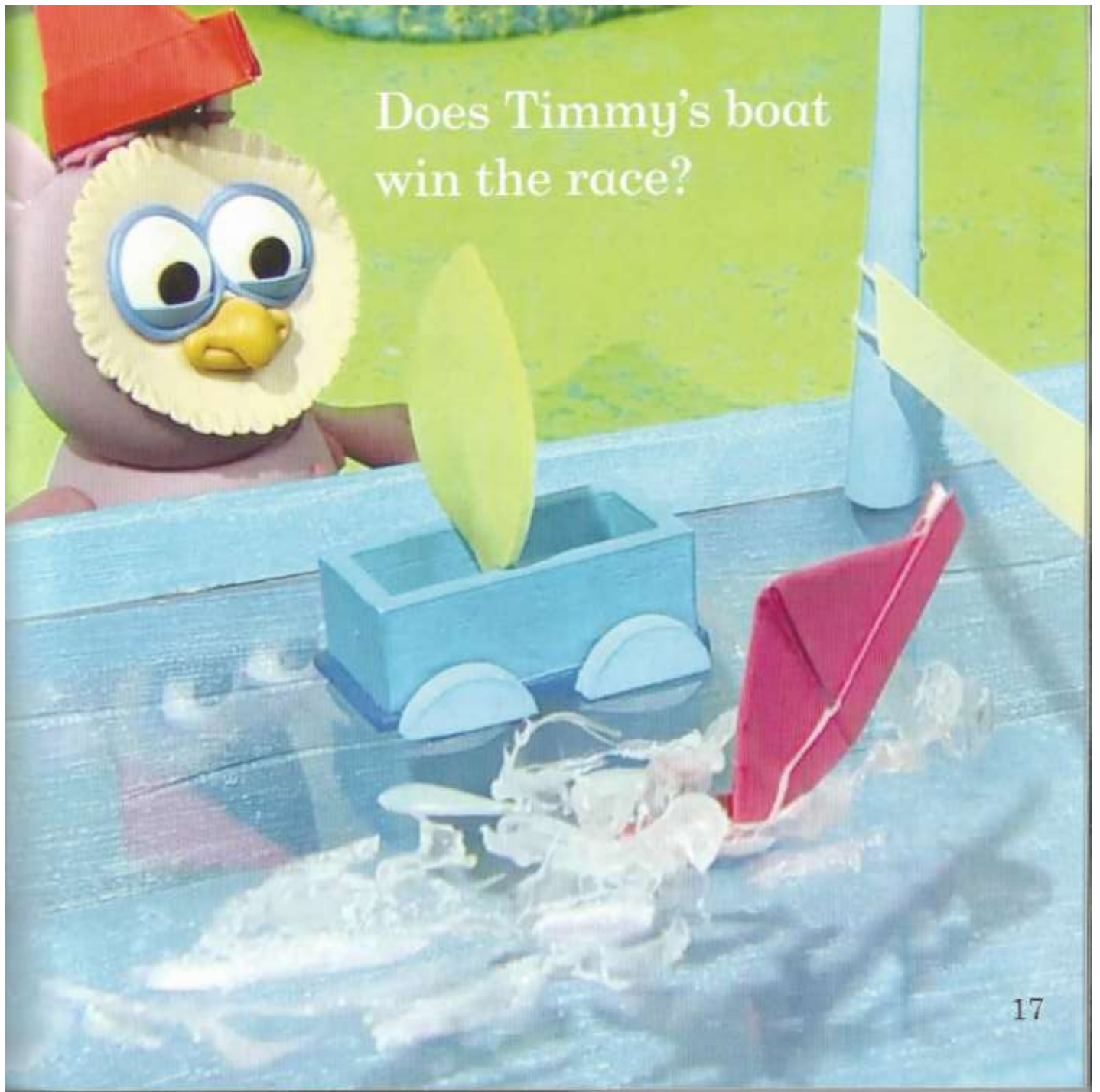




# Stripey sneezes!



Does Timmy's boat  
win the race?



Yes! Timmy's boat wins the race!




Timmy is happy.



# Your turn!



1 Talk with a friend. 



How many boats are there?

There are two boats.

How many hats are there?

There are two hats.

2 Listen and read. Match.  

1 Timmy is sad.





2 Finlay is sad.



3 Otus is happy.



3 Listen. Put a  by the correct words.  

1 a Three, two, one . . . go!

b Goodbye!

2 a Stripey sneezes!

b Stripey does not sneeze.



3 a Timmy has a boat.

b Timmy has two boats.

4 a Stripey's boat wins the race!

b Timmy's boat wins the race!



4 Listen. Write the first letters.  

1



r ace

2



b oat

3



w ater

5 Sing the song. 

Timmy has a boat! He is happy.

Three, two, one, go!

Timmy's boat wins the race.

Three, two, one, go!

Timmy's hat goes in the water.

Three, two, one, go!

Finlay is sad and Stripey sneezes.

Three, two, one, go!

There are three boats in the race.

Three, two, one, go!

Timmy's boat wins the race!

Three, two, one, go!

## Does Timmy's boat win the race?

**Ladybird Readers** is a series of traditional tales, modern stories, and nonfiction. The Beginner level helps children to learn and practice their first words in English.

- introduces everyday phrases, such as "hello" and "thank you"
- focuses on vocabulary that children can use daily
- supports understanding with simple text and repetition
- includes speaking and listening activities to develop confidence

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