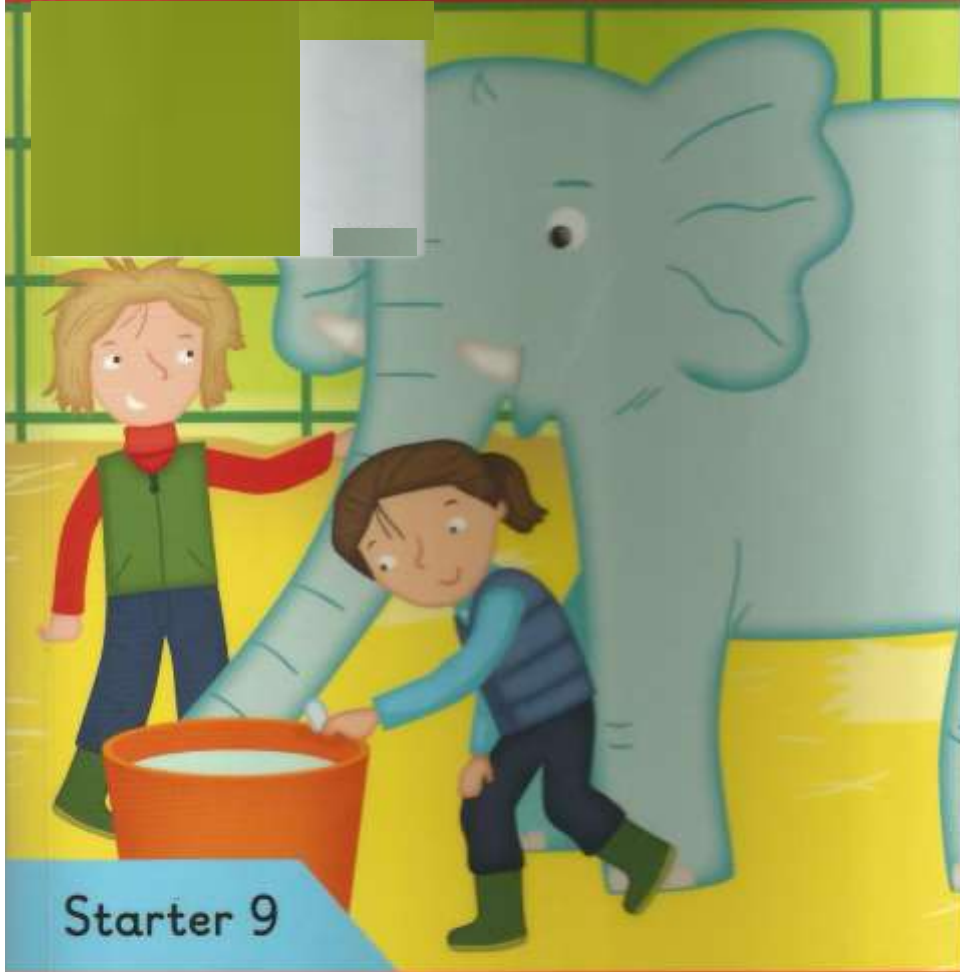


Ladybird Readers



Starter 9

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## Ladybird Readers Starter Level

Title	Phonics	Sight Words
1 Alphabet Book	A—Z	
2 Is it Nat?	e a t p i n	a is it
3 Nat Sits		an in sit
4 Top Dog and Pompom	m d g o c k	and can I into no
5 Top Dog is Sick		got not
6 The Fun Run	e u r h b f l	at get go has off the to up
7 Gus is Hot!		full his of on put
8 Jazz the Vet	j v w x y z qu	be but had he him she tell was
9 Vick the Vet		did well will
10 Dash and Thud		if ran then they with yes
11 Big Bad Bash	ch sh th ng	big long that this
12 The Big Fish	ai ee oa oo	her look see them
13 The Big Ship		let me my too
14 Martin and Lorna	ar or ur ow oi er	all are for
15 Farmer Carl		cut down good help now
16 The Big Dipper	igh ear air ure	as have like said some went you
17 The Silver Ring		come from so stop we what

First, go through the phonemes on page 4, and do the activity on page 5. Then, read the words in the first half of the book, focusing on pronunciation and blending.

The sight words are introduced in the second half of the book, first on their own and then in full sentences.

At the back of the book, there are activities and assessments practicing phonemes and sight words. These icons indicate the key skills required in each activity:



Spelling and writing



Speaking



Reading

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## Vick the Vet

### Look at the story



First, look at the words and pictures.  
Use the words to practice phonics.

# Phonics focus

j v w x y z qu



van



Jen



liquid



yellow



mix



zebra



wet



zoo



Vick

# Activity

1 Say the sounds. Circle the word with the same sound. 🗨️ 📖

1 v mix Vick wet

2 v Jen jet vet

3 z zebra Vick wet

4 j liquid zoo Jen

Aa Bb Cc Dd Ee Ff Gg Hh Ii Jj Kk Ll Mm Nn Oo Pp Qq Rr Ss Tt Uu Vv Ww Xx Yy Zz



Vick



van



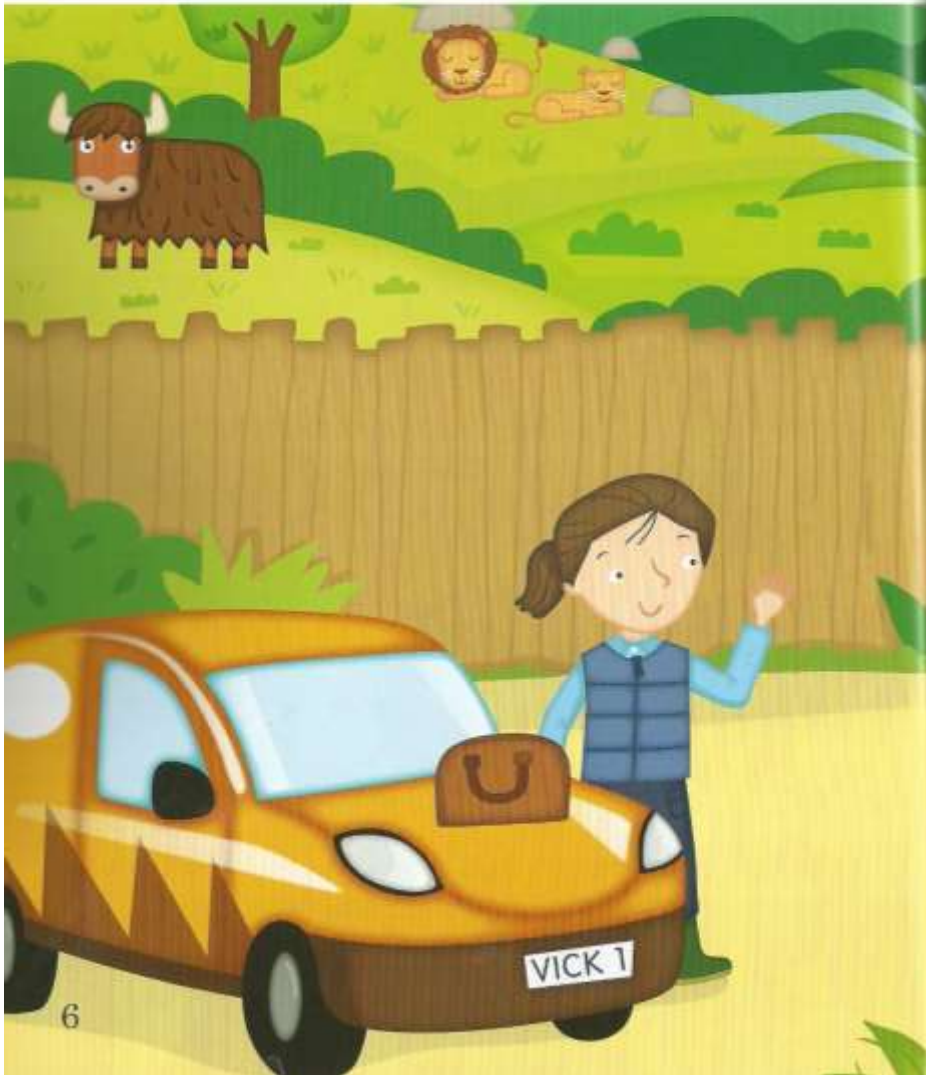
yellow



Jen



zoo





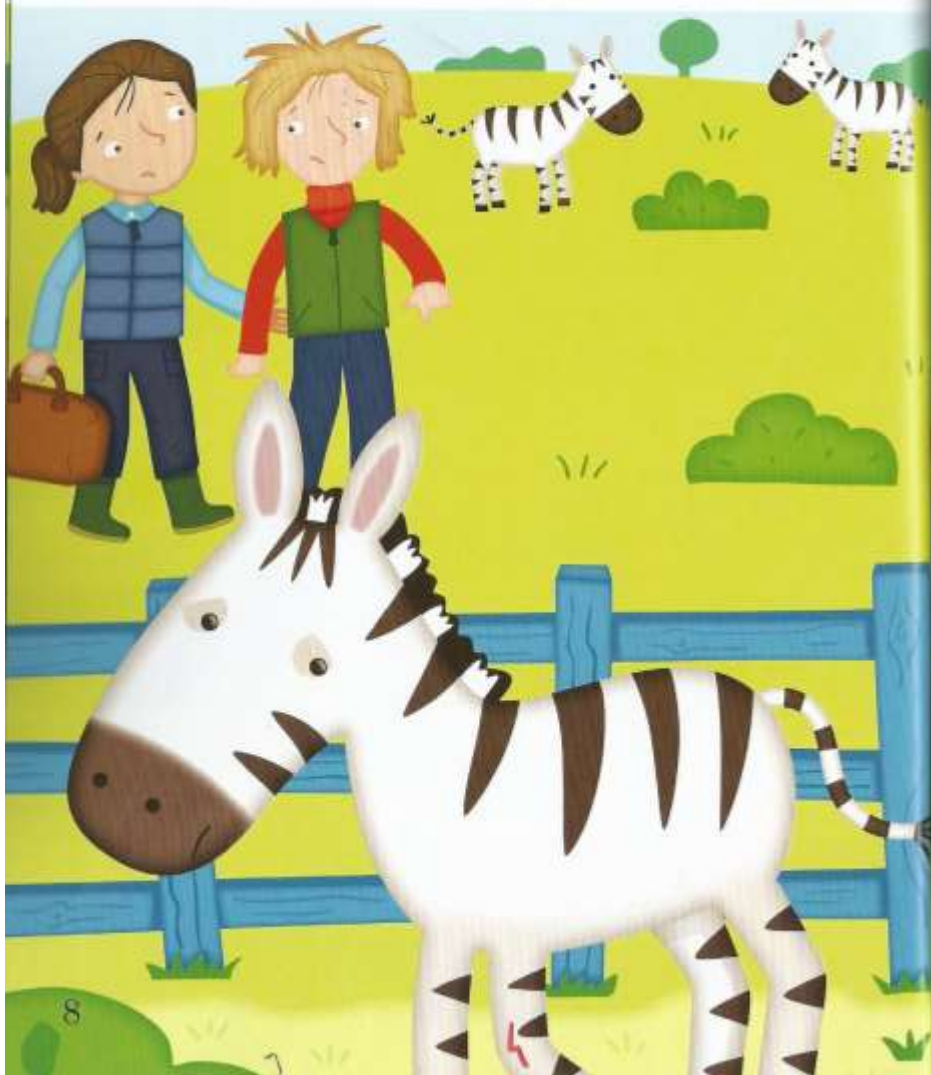
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zebra





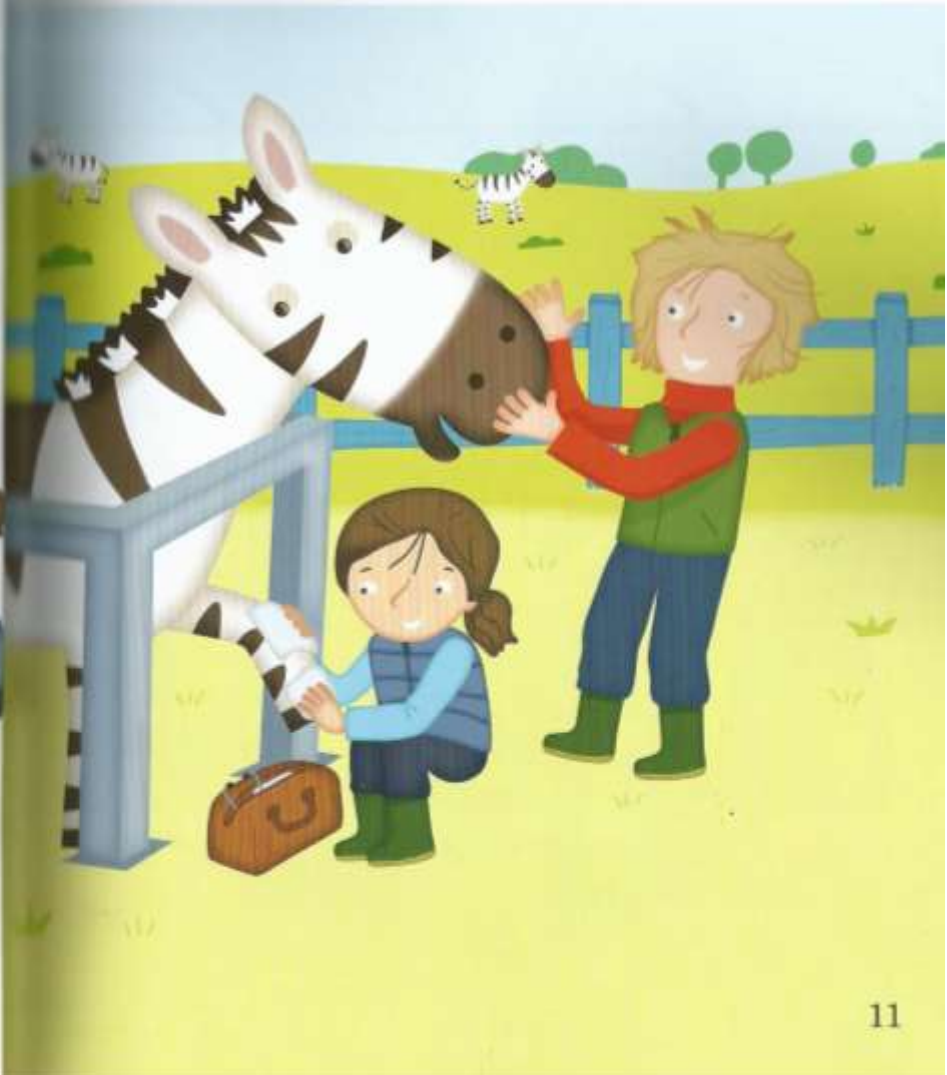
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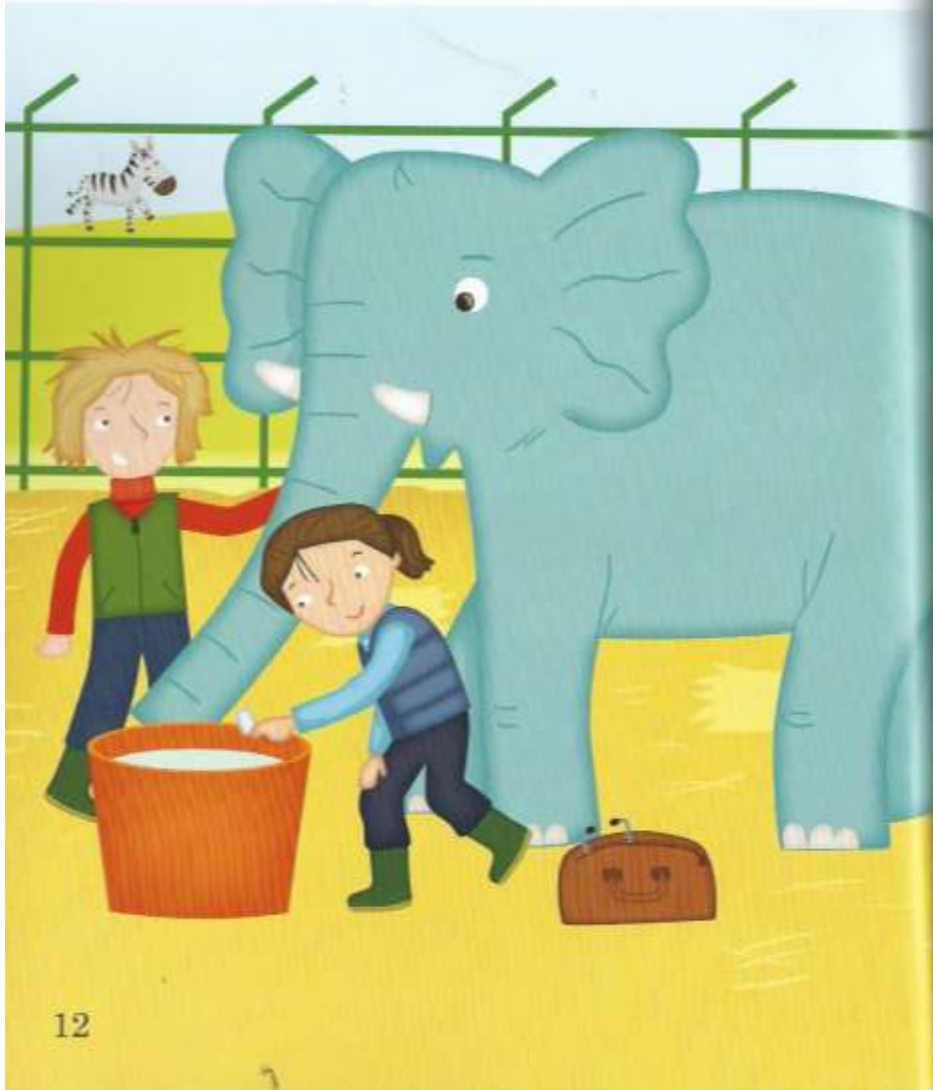




mix



liquid





wet



# Vick the Vet

Read the story



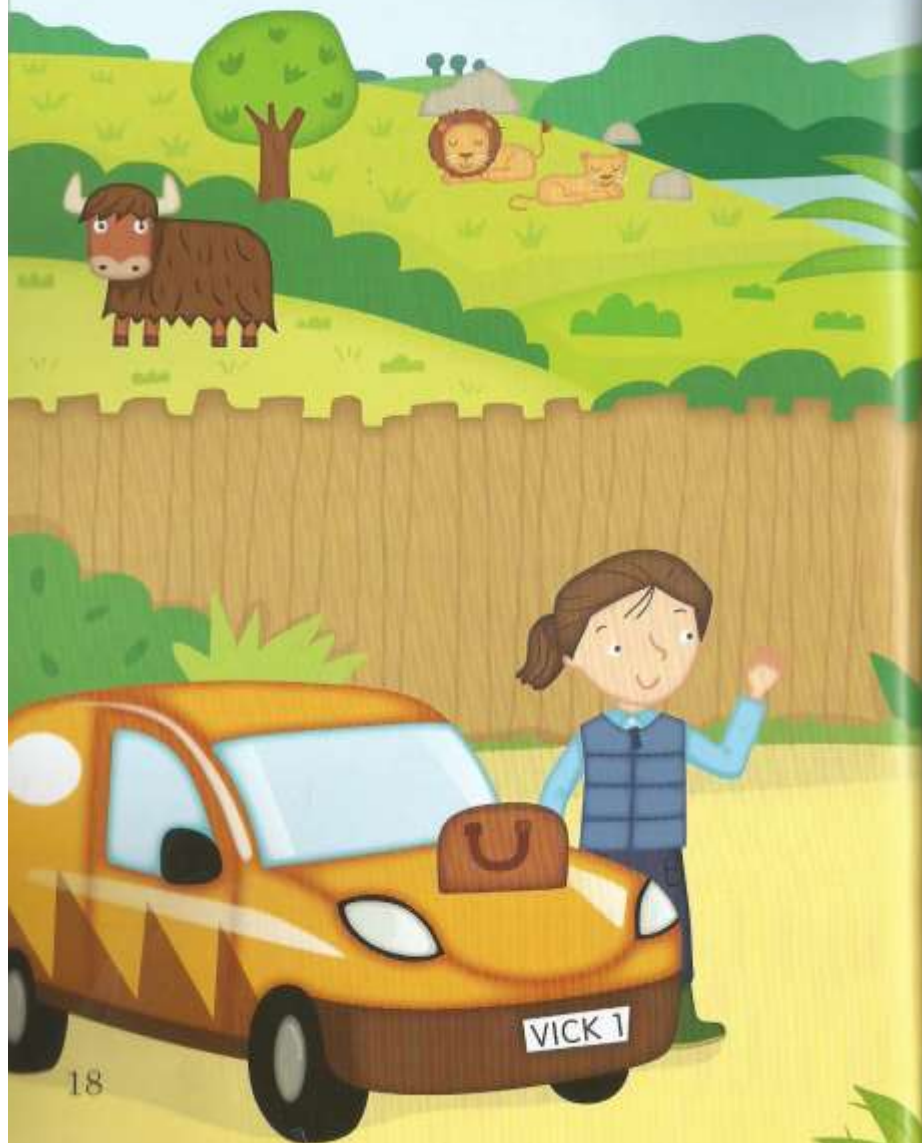
Now read the story in full sentences.  
Practice using the sight words.

did

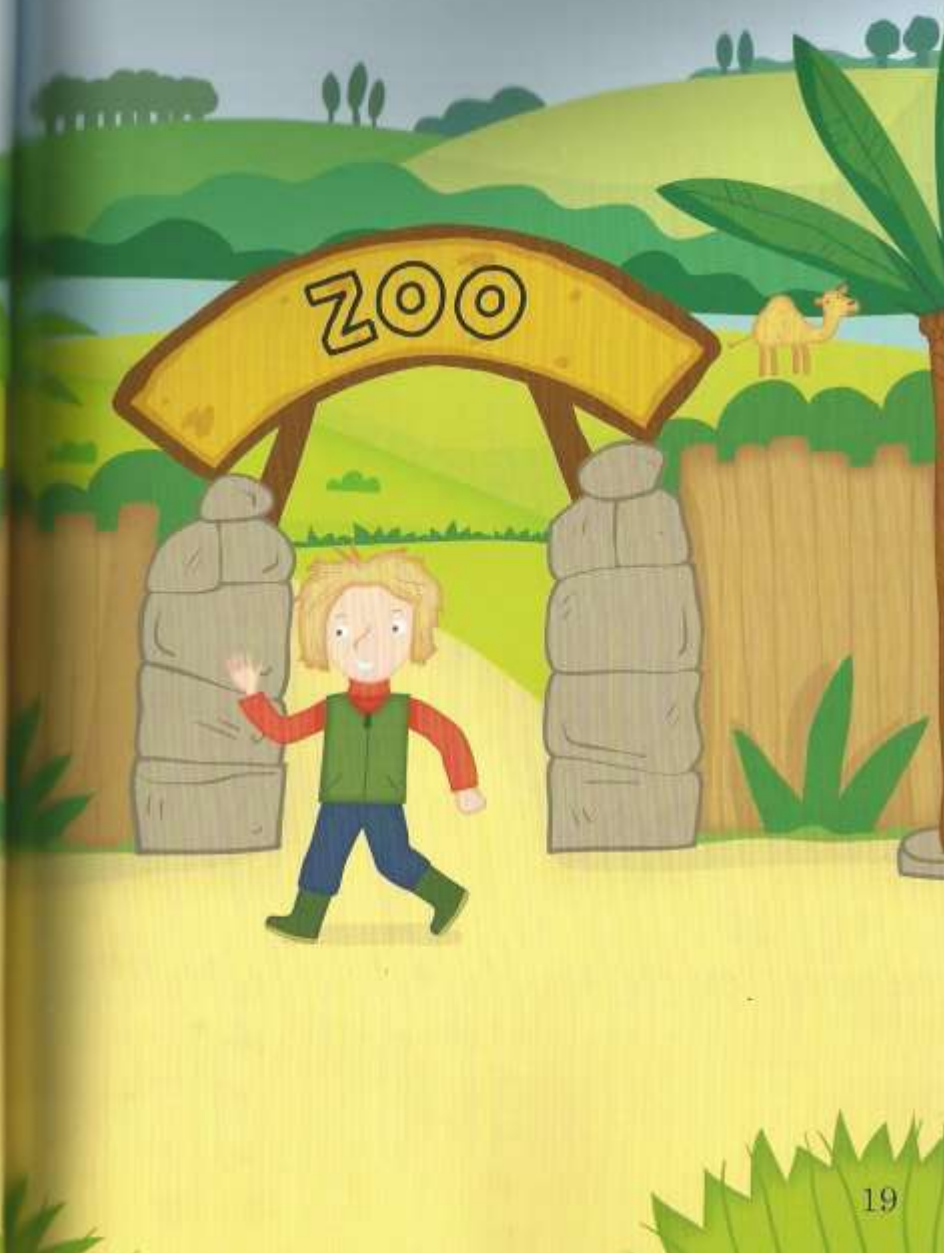
well

will

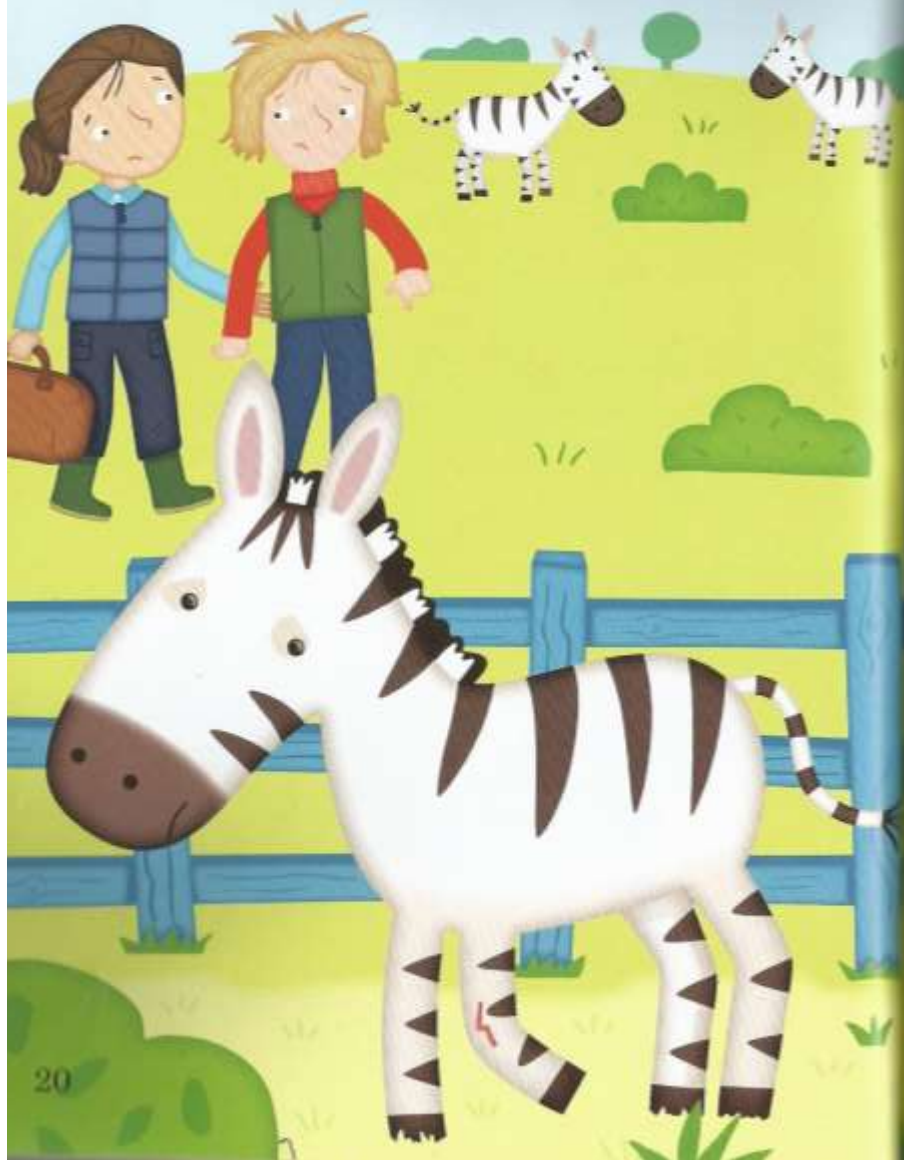
Vick is a vet. She gets into  
a yellow van to visit Jen.



Jen runs the zoo.



Vick has to visit a zebra.  
The zebra has a bad leg.



Jen and Vick get the zebra  
into a pen.



Vick picks up the leg.  
The leg has a cut on it.



Vick tells Jen she will fix  
the leg.



Vick dabs the cut and  
puts a pad on it.

Jen tells Vick she has to visit an elephant.



Vick gets a big pill.  
She has to mix it into  
the liquid in a bucket.

The elephant sucks up  
the liquid. He will be well.





Next, the elephant sucks up  
a lot of liquid and . . .

Vick is wet, wet, wet!



# Activities

2 Look. Say the words. Match.  



mix



Vick



zoo

x z v w




fix



van



wet

3 Find the words. 



did

well

will



g did p n k j i w e l l f x w i l l c o d i d f w i l l j w e l l

# Assessment

- 4 Look. Choose the correct letters.  
Say the words.  

w x n z qu



- 5 Look. Say the words.  
Put a  or a  in the boxes.  

1 She **will** fix the leg.

2 "We **did** it!"

3 He will be **wall**.

4 He will be **well**.

5 She **will** fix the leg.



# Starter



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Sight words: did well will

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