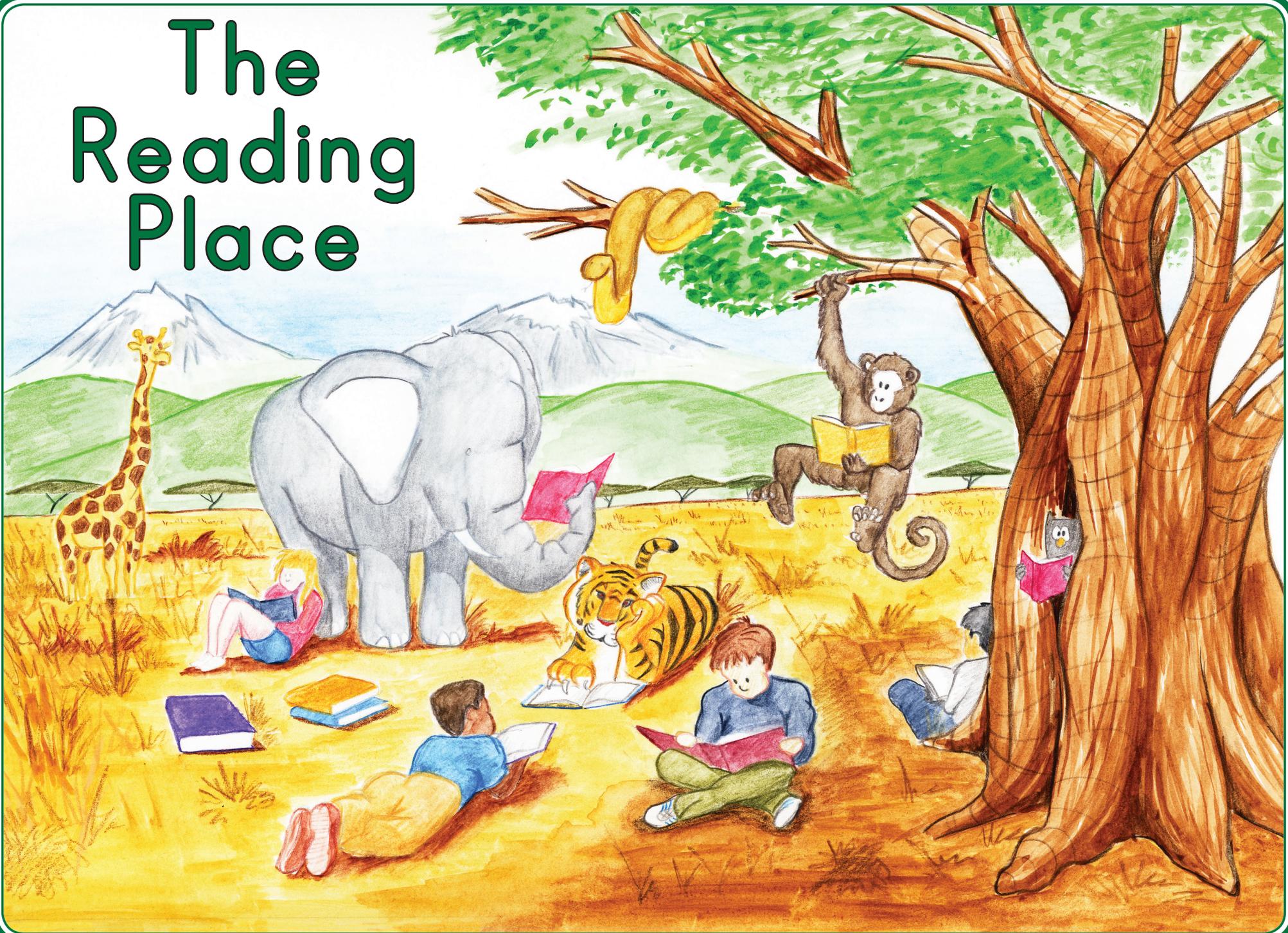


# The Reading Place



# Welcome to The Reading Place!



Come to the wise old baobab tree  
And sit by its side, where the shade is free.  
Our mighty green tree grew from a seed,  
(You'll grow the same way as you learn to read.)  
In the very beginning, some things might seem slow,  
But lots of great words you will soon come to know.  
Reading will make your confidence strong,  
And your love for good books will be lifelong.  
So, come along now; you'll soon be a reader.  
(You'll quickly find out that you're also a leader.)  
Come gather 'round this fine Reading Place.  
Begin with a smile and a bright, happy face!  
We'll make this time count (and have lots of fun, too).  
Everyone here is so proud of you!  
I will be here to help you and guide -  
So, let's read together now - side-by-side.

~ Victoria Beck

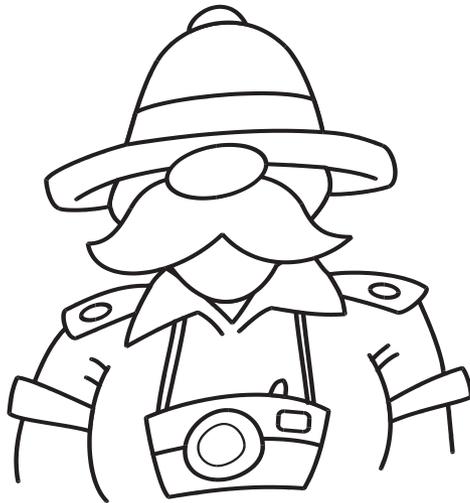
# Reading Words with Short "e"



*For Use with Reading Expedition*

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The Tour Guide says...



*As we explore The Reading Place,  
Keep that smile on your face!  
There's so much more to do and see,  
Why not try these words with "e"?*

See how well you can blend the short "e" sounds to make words!

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## Sight Words

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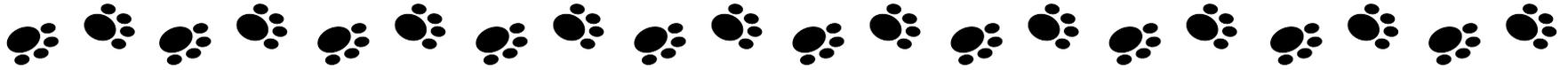
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Your reader is learning to decode words in a very logical, step-by-step way. He or she is learning that letters represent sounds and that most words are formed by putting those sounds together. The ability of a reader to decode words will make that reader better able to compare words, rhyme words and break words apart by their syllables. The foundation you are helping to establish will prepare your reader for future reading and learning success.

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## Making Tracks with Words



Meg has a bad leg.

The egg is in the pan.

Ted fell in the well.

The hen is red.

Get the net.



The Tour Guide says...  
draw a picture of a big red hen.