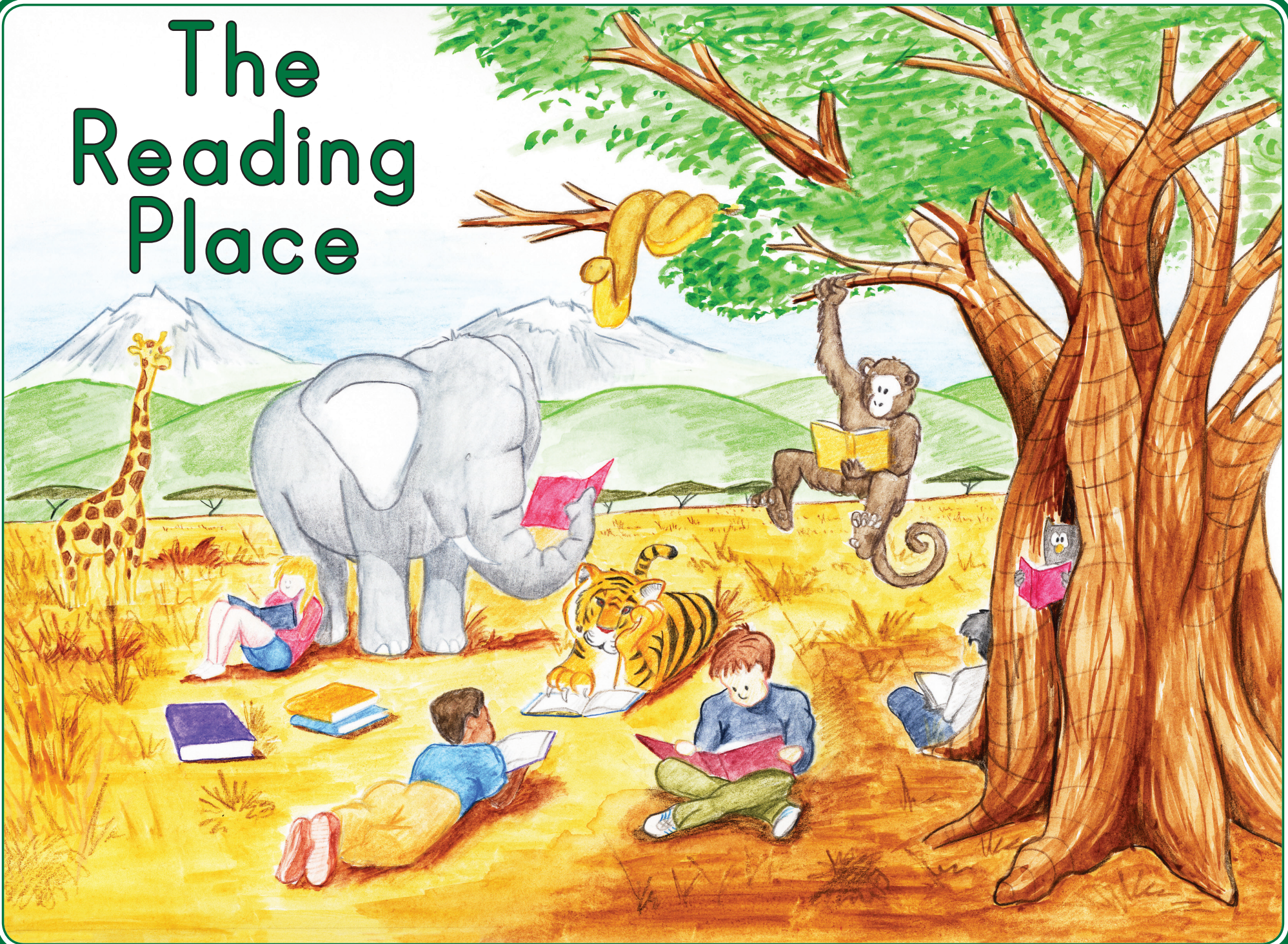


# The Reading Place



# 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

# The Silent "e"



*For Use with Reading Expedition*

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The Tour Guide says...



Sneaking in so quietly,  
Learn to spot the silent "e".  
While it sleeps, it doesn't snore;  
Changing vowel sounds is its chore.

(Silent "e" sleeps at the end of a word and  
makes the first vowel sound long.)

Be sure to listen to the song entitled "e' on the End" before looking and listening to these words.

Look how the silent "e" magically changes these words from a short vowel sound to a long vowel sound. Notice that the words in the first column follow the One Vowel Rule, and the words in the second column follow the Two Vowel Rule. **The reader should not read the words in the second column.** He or she should look at them and listen to the vowel sound change as the Tour Guide reads each word in the left column first and then reads how the word changes when a silent "e" is added.

Reader Reads

Tour Guide Reads

can → cane

hat → hate

mad → made

tap → tape

fad → fade

rat → rate

van → vane

fat → fate

Reader Reads

Tour Guide Reads

cap → cape

Sam → same

pet → Pete

bit → bite

rid → ride

dim → dime

hid → hide

fin → fine

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Reader Reads


Tour Guide Reads

kit	—————>	kite
hop	—————>	hope
rob	—————>	robe
not	—————>	note
rod	—————>	rode
gap	—————>	gape
at	—————>	ate
fad	—————>	fade

Reader Reads

Tour Guide Reads

man	—————>	mane
pin	—————>	pine
rip	—————>	ripe
cop	—————>	cope
tot	—————>	tote
mat	—————>	mate
rat	—————>	rate
pip	—————>	pipe

Mastered 

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Here are some other words that have a silent "e". The Two Vowel Rule is at work in these words, too! Listen as the Tour Guide reads these words. The child is not expected to read these words.

ape

bake

cake

date

cave

make

game

late

wave

dive

fire

life

tide

wide

time

nine

home

poke

bone

cone

woke

zone

tune

dune

June

came

dame

Jane

pane

same

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