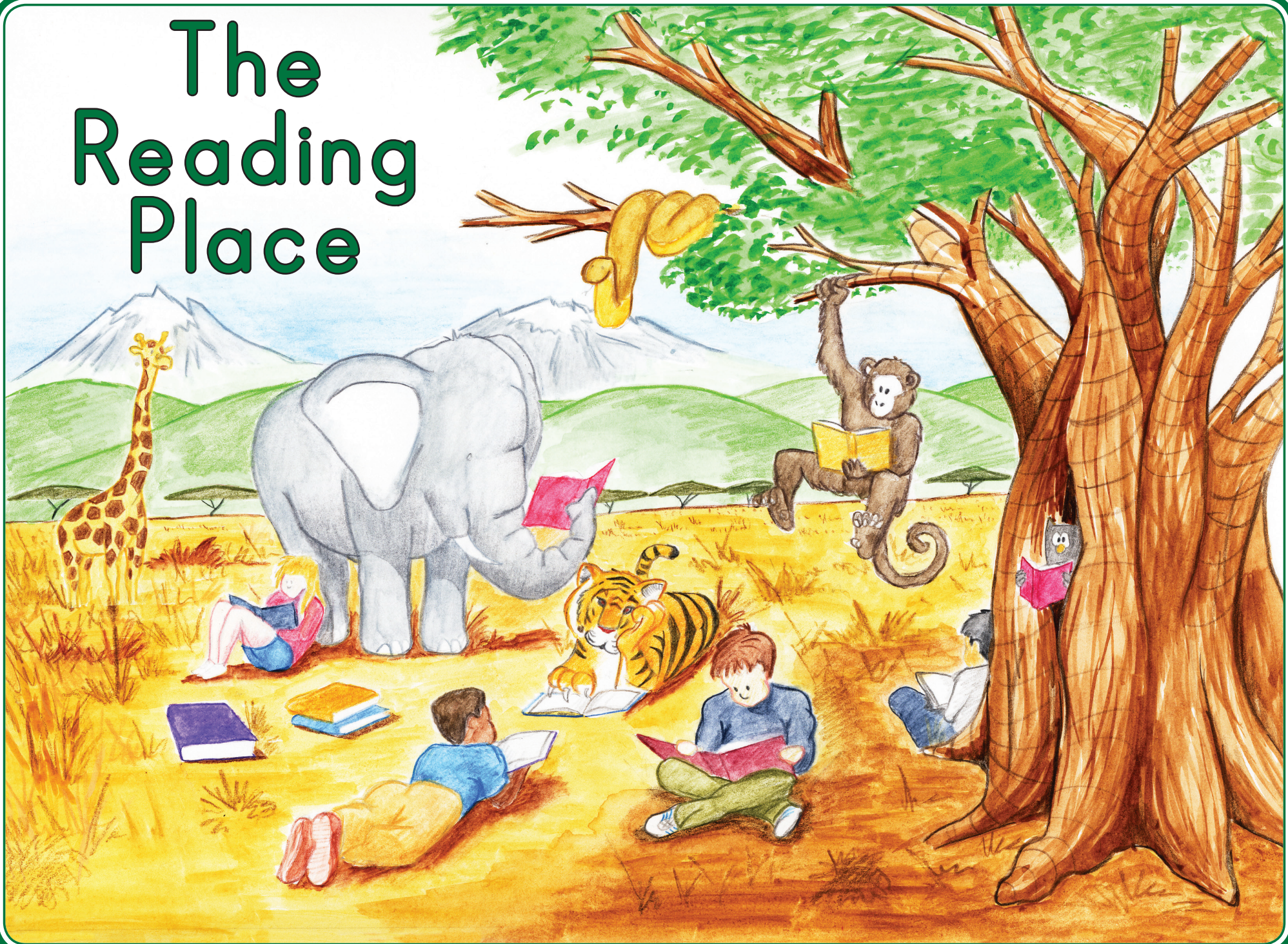


# The Reading Place



# 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 Long "a"



*For Use with Reading Expedition*

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The Tour Guide says...



I hope you're at your best today,  
We're hunting for long sounds of "a".  
Remember, when the sound is long,  
The *first* vowel is the one that's strong!  
(It says its name!)

Can you sing "The Two Vowel Song"? What happens to the second vowel in these words? It doesn't make any sound at all!

\_ai\_

rain

wait

bait

aim

pain

sail

maid

mail

Mastered 

\_ai\_

rail

main

tail

fail

nail

gain

tail

wail

Mastered 

\_ai\_

vain

bail

pail

jail

hail

Mastered 

\_a\_e

ape

ate

bake

base

cake

cave

date

Dave

make

same

Mastered 

\_a\_e

came

fate

fame

vane

dame

cape

cane

haze

Jane

pane

Mastered



\_a\_e

tape

game

gave

hate

Jake

lake

Kate

gaze

lane

late

Mastered



\_a\_e

made

name

wake

lame

wave

sane

safe

Nate

rate

tame

Mastered



\_a\_e

gate

rave

tale

gape

sale

fade

male

pale

save

case

Mastered



\_a\_e

nave

rake

fake

take

pave

jade

wade

tale

dale

gale

## Sight Words

today

her

mailman

surprise

mailbox

there

where

mailbag

birthday

quail

As your reader begins to read words with long vowel sounds, you may find it helpful to write the words on a separate piece of paper and have your reader mark the vowel that says its name and cross out the vowel that doesn't make a sound. Here are some examples:

rāīn      wāīt

ātē      cākē      mālē

fākē      pāvē      jādē

(Remember, the silent "e" is the second vowel in some of these two-vowel words!)

Mastered



Mastered



## Making Tracks with Words



**Nate hates to wait in the rain.**

**Will you make her a cake?**

**The ape had a pain in its tail.**

**Jake waves to Nan at the gate.**

**Jill gave rakes and pails to Dave and Max.**



The Tour Guide says...  
draw a picture of a rainy day.