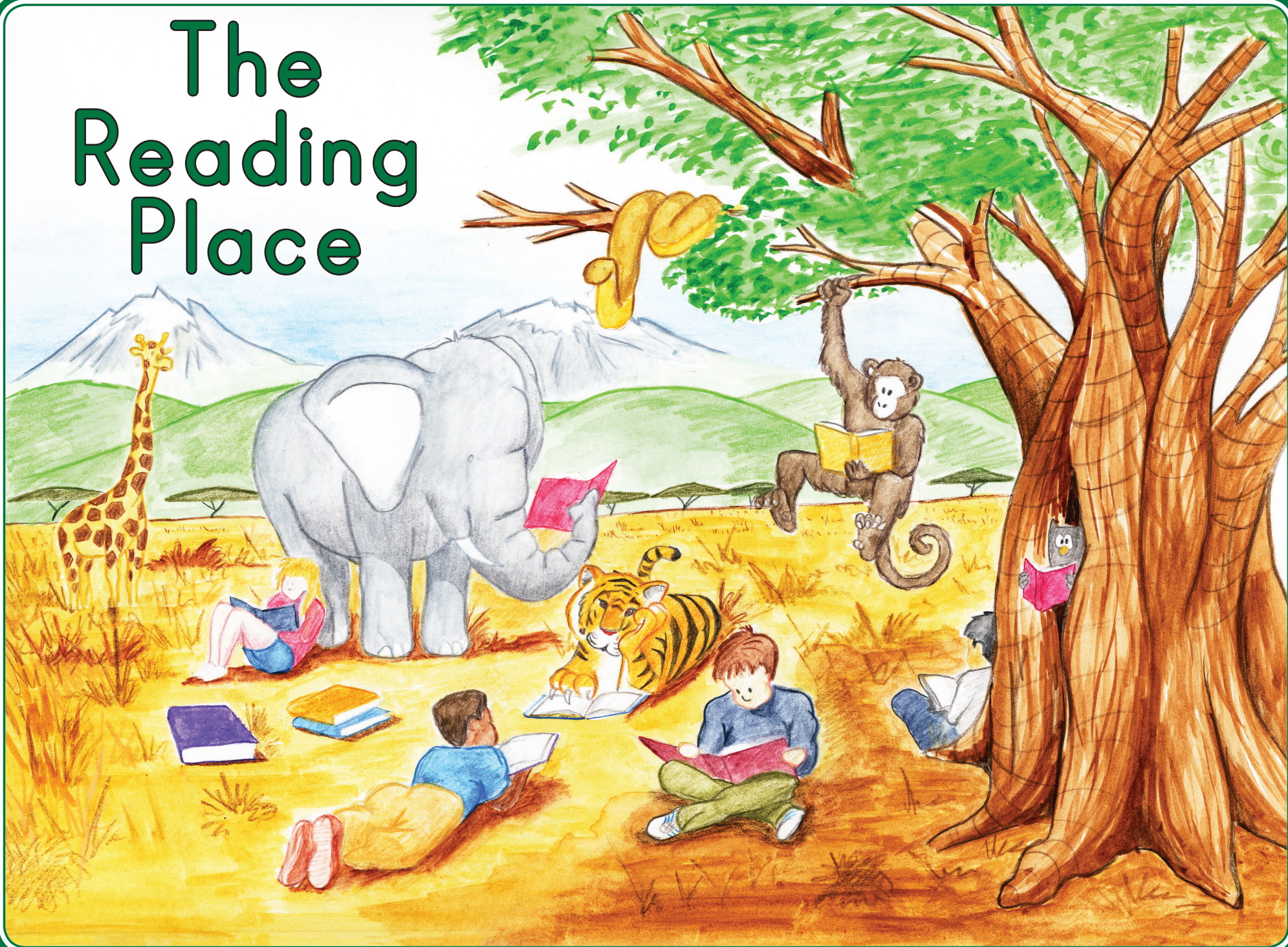


The Reading Place



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 "u"



For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



Pretend that you are on a mission,
While mastering this expedition.
Try to spy the two-vowel clue
In every word that has long "u".

The two-vowel clue is the same as the Two Vowel Rule. What is that rule? Can you sing "The Two Vowel Rule" song?

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Sight Words

swim

sure

play

cool

all

around

How does your reader feel about himself or herself? Is he or she proud of all the reading expeditions mastered so far? It's a good idea to talk about how your reader sees himself or herself. Praise your reader's accomplishments and emerging reading independence. Along the way, share how you feel about reading and about books. Your reader may not really know the important role that reading plays in everyday life. You are not just the Tour Guide, but also a reading mentor for life. Your enthusiasm can eventually become your reader's enthusiasm.

Mastered



Making Tracks with Words



Do not be rude to the man.

Sue has a cute red hat.

June is a time for fun.

Luke said, "Use my pen, Bob".

Put ice cubes in the cup.