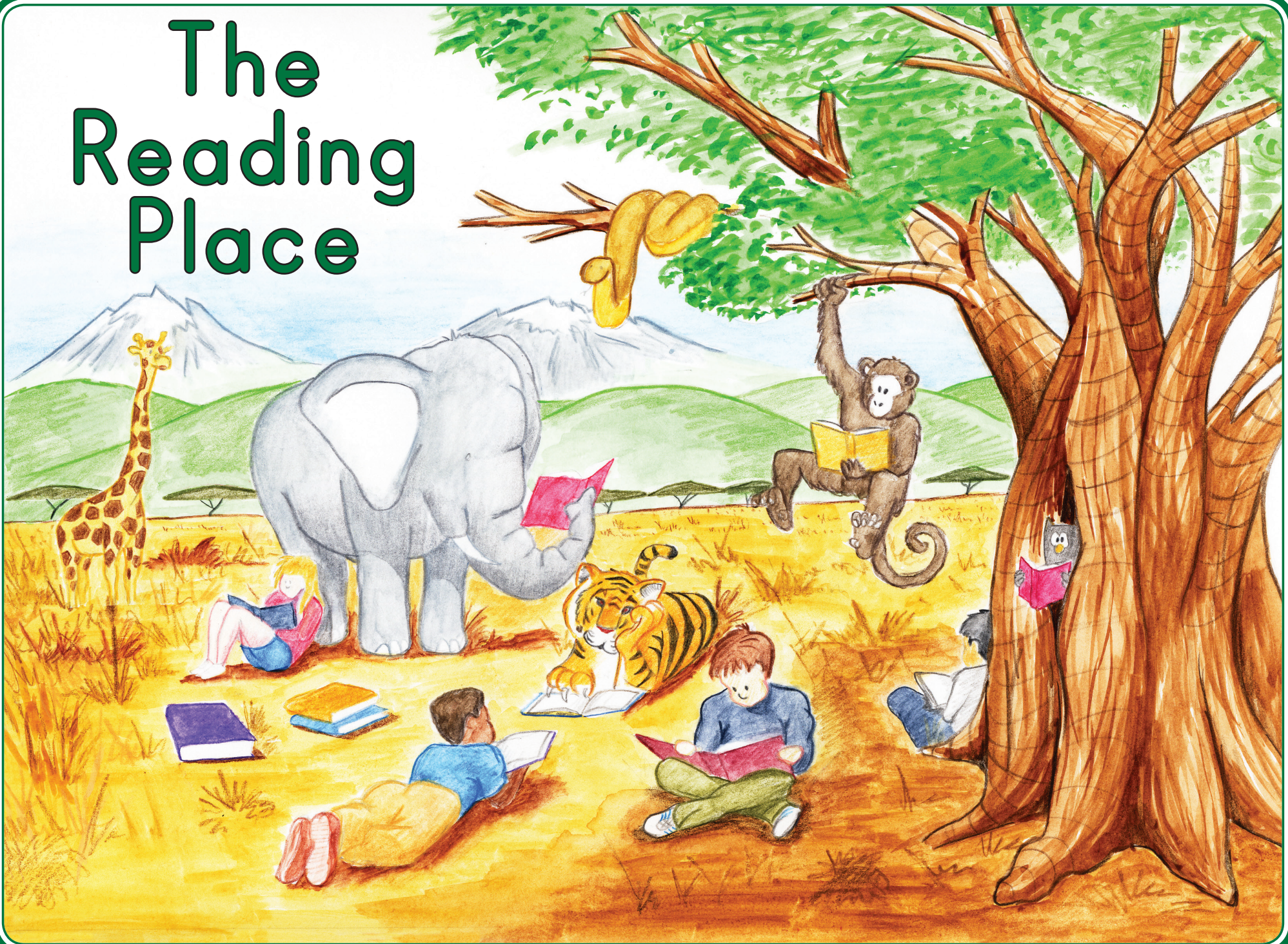


# The Reading Place





# 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 Consonant Blends - Group 3



*For Use with Reading Expedition*

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The Tour Guide says...



As the sleek snake slips and slides,  
Cleverly, its scared prey hides.  
(I'm so glad I'm not that snake,  
I prefer sweet chocolate cake!)

Slither like a snake into a cozy reading spot and try reading these new consonant blends.

pl\_

plan

plate

plot

plop

plum

plume

plush

plod

Mastered



pl\_

plug

plus

plea

plane

please

plain

plead

Mastered



pr\_

prep

press

prone

price

pride

prime

probe

prop

prize

prod

Mastered



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kept

wept

crept

Mastered



sc\_

scan

Scott

scab

scat

scale

scum

scope

Mastered



sk\_

skate

skill

skip

skin

skit

skim

skull

skid

Mastered



\_sk

ask

desk

risk

husk

task

whisk

mask

disk

dusk

frisk

Mastered



\_sk

tusk

brisk

bask

flask

Mastered



sl\_

sled  
sleep  
slim  
sleek  
slime  
slop  
slot  
slob  
slide  
slave

Mastered 

sl\_

slid  
slip  
sleet  
slap  
sleeve  
slosh  
slope  
slash  
sloth  
slam

Mastered 

sl\_

slug  
slush  
slit  
slate  
slept

Mastered 

sm\_

smash  
smell  
smog  
smile  
smug  
smoke  
smear

Mastered 

sn\_

snip

sneak

snug

sneeze

snag

snide

snap

snub

snob

sniff

Mastered



sn\_

snail

snake

Mastered



sp\_

spot

spade

spit

span

spell

spun

spill

spike

spine

sped

Mastered



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gasp

rasp

lisp

grasp

cusp

crisp

clasp

asp

Mastered



## Sight Words

mother

eyes

into

astronaut

place

space

air

oops

okay

reaches

As reading becomes more natural and easy for your student, you'll be able to talk more about the stories that he or she reads instead of mainly concentrating just on individual words or reading techniques. Ask your reader questions such as:

"From the title, what do you think this story will be about?"

"What do you think will happen next?"

"Who were the main characters in this story?"

"Did you like the main characters? Why or why not?"

"Did you like the ending?"

"If you could push a rewind button and re-write the ending, what would you write?"

These kinds of questions help to expand the reading process into a creative thinking process. They serve to foster critical thinking and conversation skills as well.

Mastered





## Making Tracks with Words



**“Please do not smoke”, said Sue.**

**Scott kept his skates in a box.**

**Bill smiles as he sees a hot dog on his plate.**

**The snail crept up the hill.**

**Do dogs have tusks?**



The Tour Guide says...  
draw a picture of your favorite place to be.