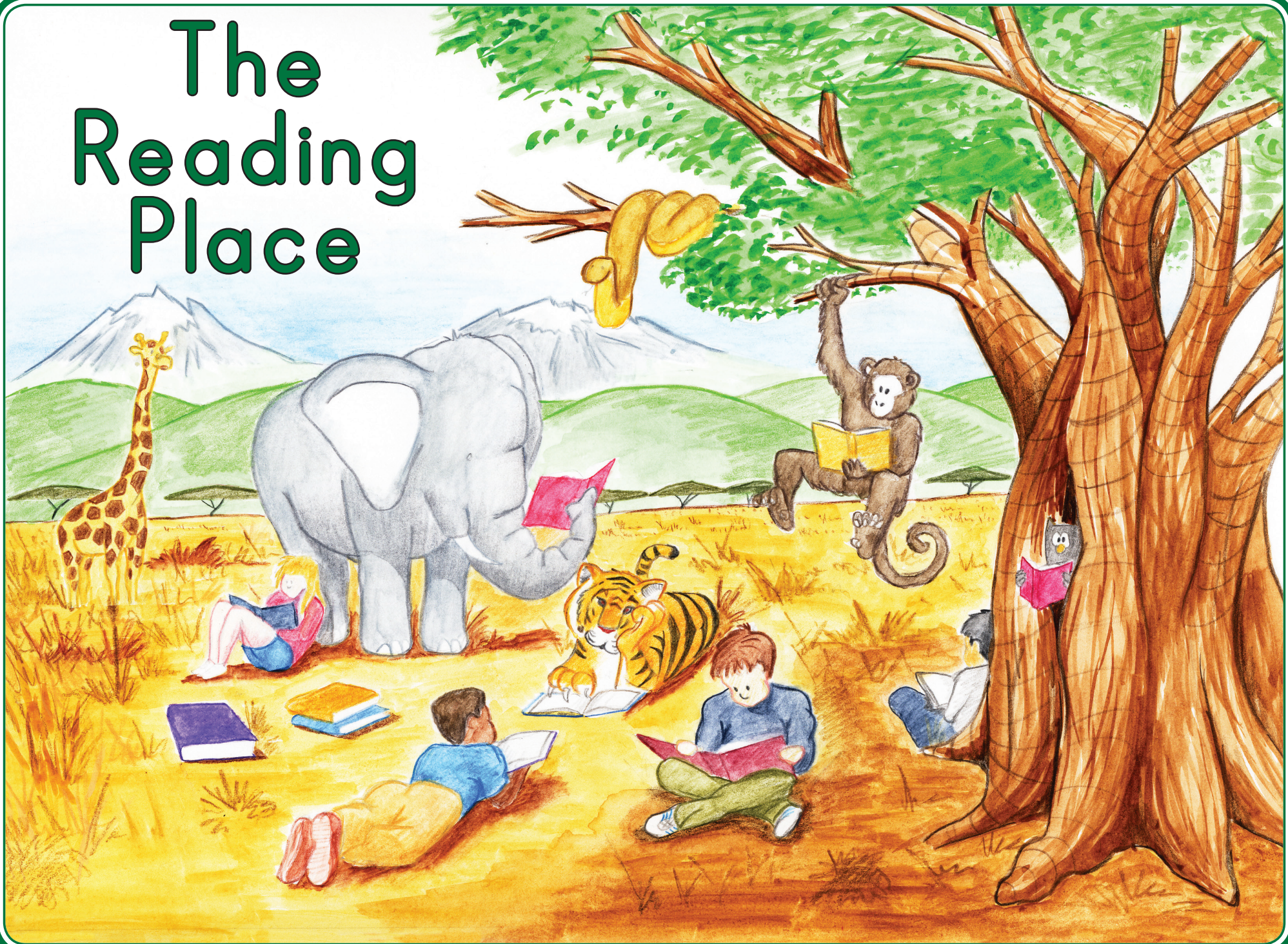


The Reading Place



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 Irregular Vowel Combinations with "a"



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The Tour Guide says...



Irregular vowels aren't as hard as they seem;
You just need to learn them - that's not too extreme!
As you can pronounce each new combination,
Take some time out for some grand celebration!

Words with irregular vowels are *exceptions* to the rules!

_aw

law

jaw

saw

claw

draw

raw

thaw

straw

paw

Mastered



aw

hawk

prawn

lawn

yawn

crawl

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pawn

drawl

gawk

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Mastered



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Mastered



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ball

small

call

fall

mall

stall

tall

wall

Mastered



_are

hare

bare

care

dare

fare

flare

share

glare

mare

pare

Mastered



_are

rare

stare

spare

The word "are" does not follow this pronunciation. It has been included in the sight words for this lesson.

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Sight Words

shall

are

artist

young

picture

says

carry

winter

museum

Mastered



Your reader is ready to begin playing simple word games such as crossword puzzles. Why not consider adding these to playtime?

Making Tracks with Words



A small gray cat walks on top of the wall.

Can you draw and paint well?

A pair of fawns crept on to the lawn.

I saw a hawk up in the tree!

Paul said, "Please do not stare at me."



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of someone who loves you.