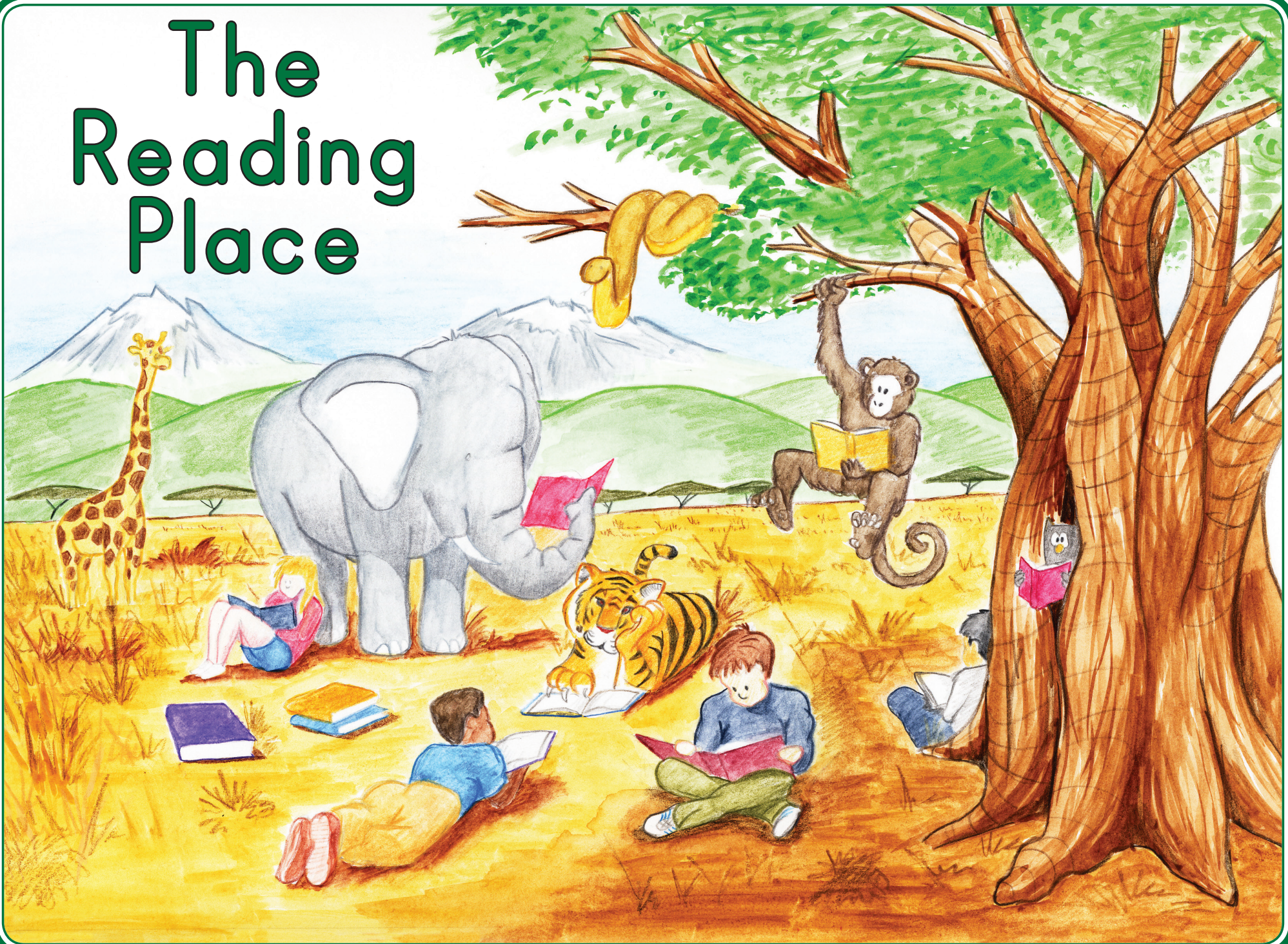


# The Reading Place





# 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 "u"



*For Use with Reading Expedition*

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The Tour Guide says...



What's this I see? What's this I've heard?

This lesson contains only two words!

Well, what do you think, safari mate?

This is awesome! This is great!

(You still get to earn a sticker  
on the Safari Success Trail, too!)

Irregular vowels will be your irregular friends...forever!

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guy

buy

### Did you know...

According to the U.S. Department of Education, the average kindergarten student has seen more than 5,000 hours of television - more time than it takes to earn a bachelor's degree.

The U.S. Department of Education has reported that students who watched three or fewer hours of television each day had higher average reading scores than students who reported watching more television.

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## Making Tracks with Words



Will you buy me a toy?

Do you know that guy?

How old is Paul?

Have I told you how much you have grown?

Can you play at my house?



The Tour Guide says...  
draw a picture of you helping someone.