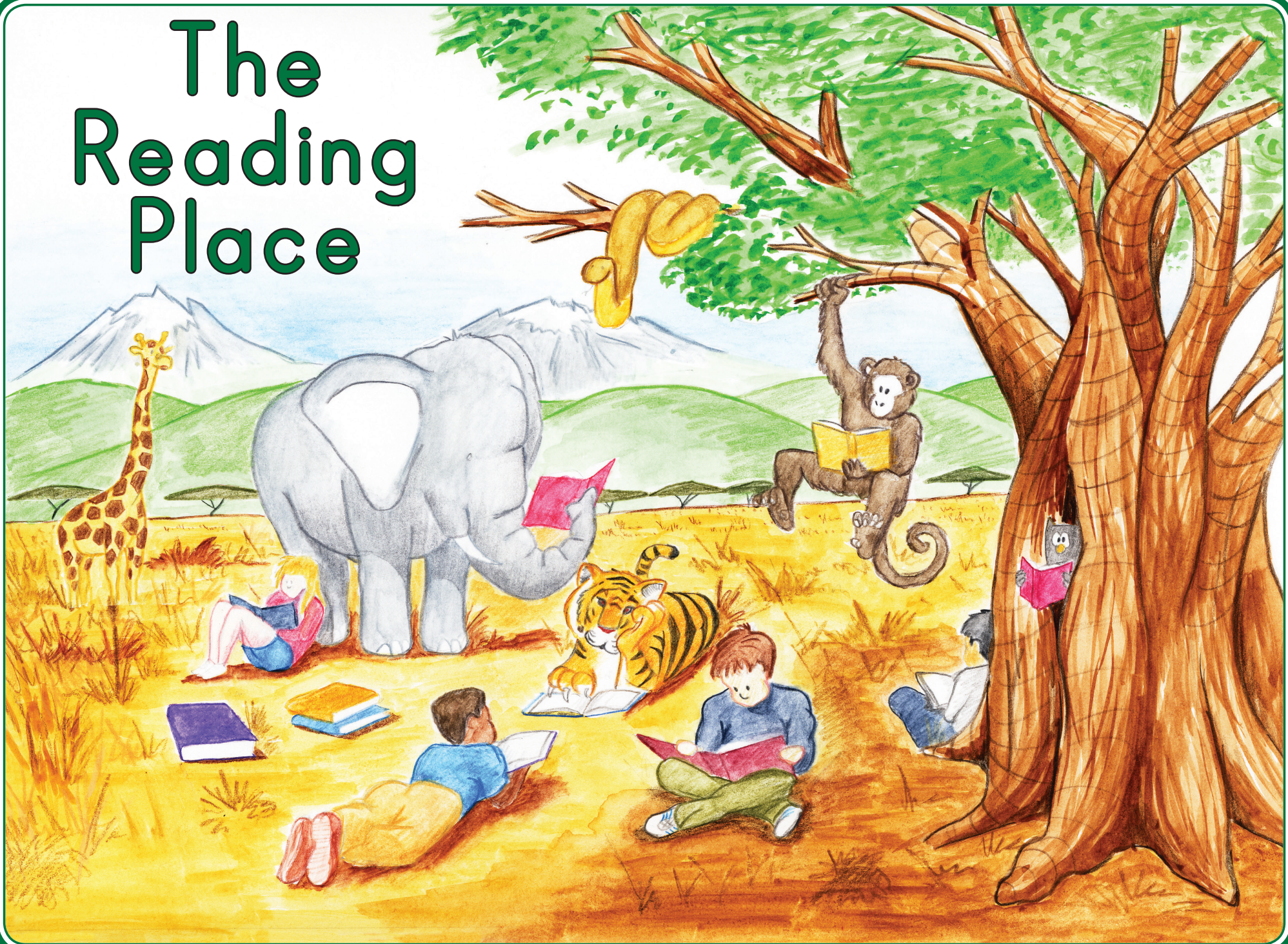


The Reading Place



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.

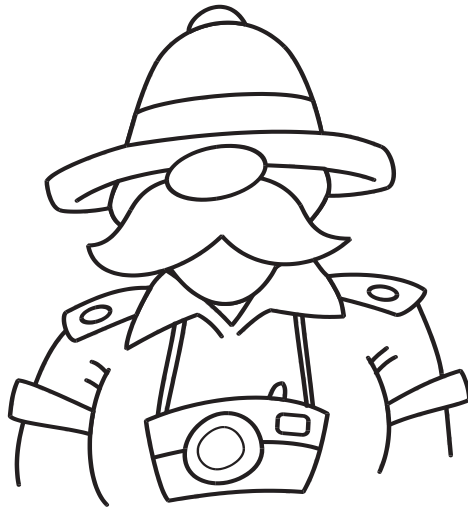
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For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



Travel near or travel far,
You'll find vowels placed next to "r".
"Sharks" and "horses", "girls" and "birds",
Are all examples of such words!

Can you count how many different sounds the vowels with the letter "r" can make?

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blur

fur

spur

slur

Mastered



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burn

curb

turn

purr

surf

hurt

curl

churn

blurb

lurk

Mastered



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nurse

curve

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river

better

never

boxer

farmer

Mastered



_er

zipper

cheaper

waiter

heater

cleaner

reader

leader

thinker

roamer

player

Mastered



_er

feather

weather

lather

rather

eater

later

Mastered



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fir

stir

sir

Mastered



ir

girl

girth

bird

dirt

firm

shirt

skirt

third

birth

first

Mastered



ir

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arch
spark
dark

Mastered 

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Mark

barn

Mastered



Sight Words

birthday

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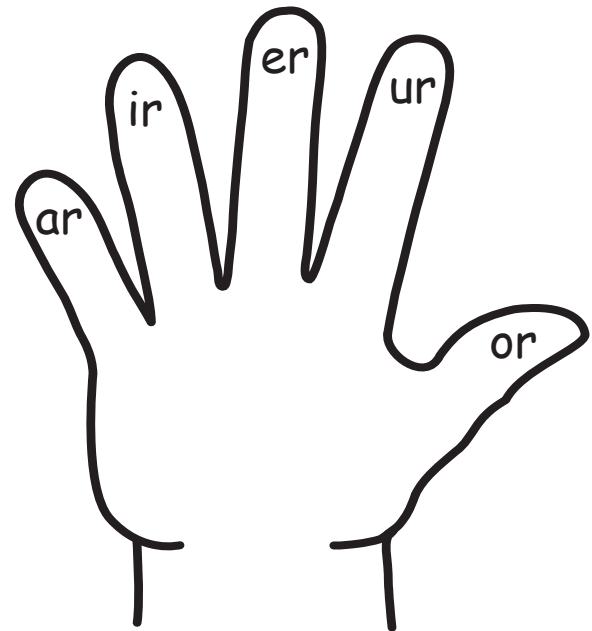
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Mastered



Try this!

Using a washable marker, write the various sounds of the vowels with the letter "r" on the inside of your reader's fingertips. The three inside fingers all sound the same. The thumb and pinky do not. Try touching the thumb and pinky together, exposing only the three middle fingers. It's a good way to remember all of the different sounds.



Making Tracks with Words



The first storm of the year was in March.

Mark took the horse out of the barn.

Clark wore a dark shirt to church.

The farmer hopes the weather will be good.

You can see the river from our yard.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of something that is loud.