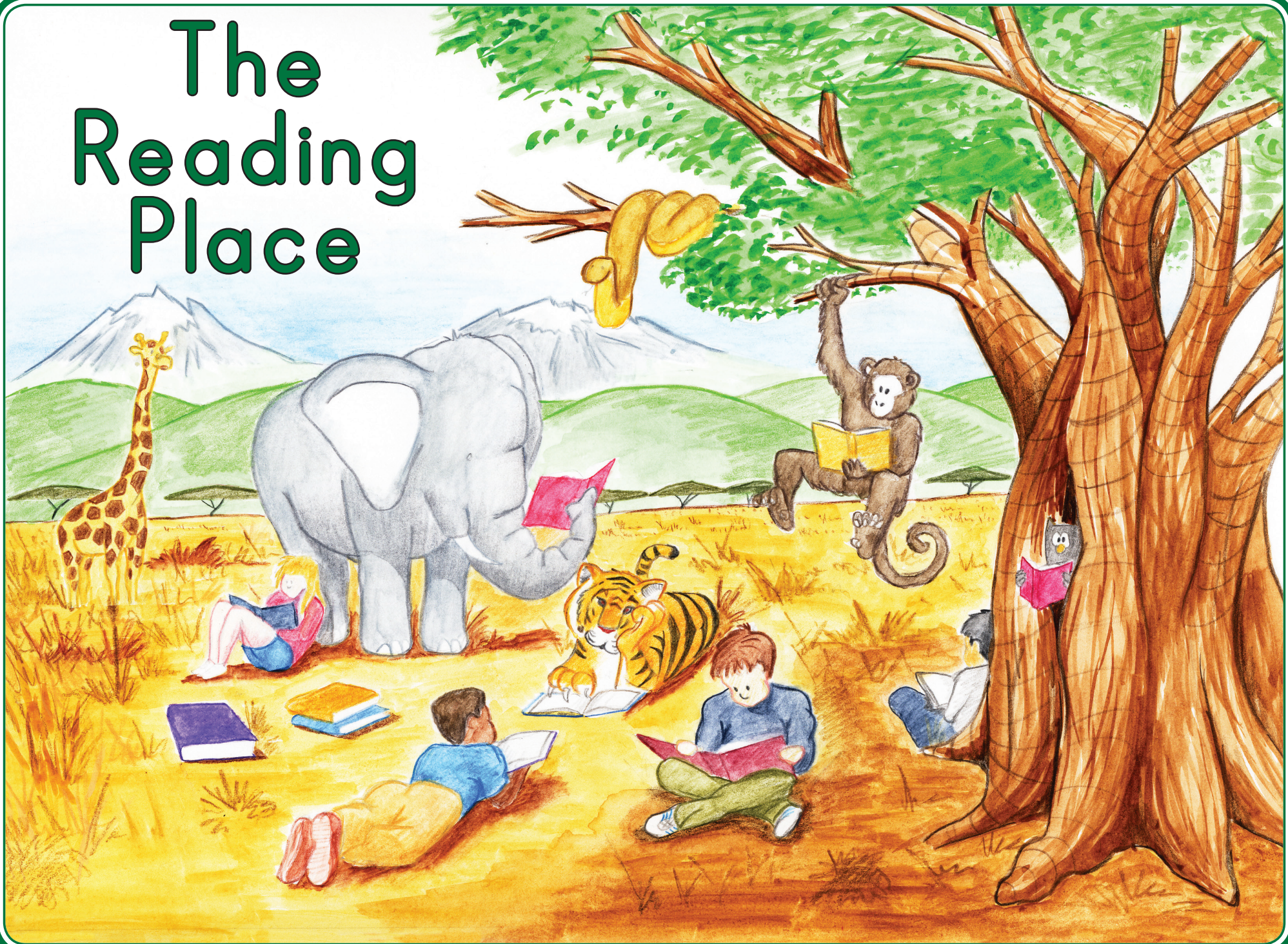


# The Reading Place



# 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

# Irregular Vowel Groupings with "ough"



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The Tour Guide says...



I know that you though that you'd never get through it,  
But you are so smart that I knew you would do it!  
Irregular vowels are not tough at all.  
Now, try this last group - it's really quite small.

Can you memorize all of the different sounds of O-U-G-H?

\_ough

sounds like "oo"

through

Mastered



\_ough

sounds like long "o"

dough

though

Mastered



\_ough

sounds like "uf"

rough

enough

tough

Mastered



\_ough

sounds like "ow"

bough

drought

Mastered



## \_ough

sounds like "off"

cough

trough

Mastered



## \_ough\_

sounds like "aw"

bought

thought

fought

sought

wrought

ought

brought

Mastered



## Sight Words

knocked

warm

glove

why

over

any

learn

heard

search

almost

Mastered



The words in this expedition are tricky. To ensure mastery, try reading the words from the bottom up. Then, point to them randomly, from list to list.

Good luck!

## Making Tracks with Words



I bought this toy at the store.

The bark on the tree feels rough.

We watched as Mom put the dough in the pan.

A bough is a branch on a tree.

I thought I had played enough, so I rested.