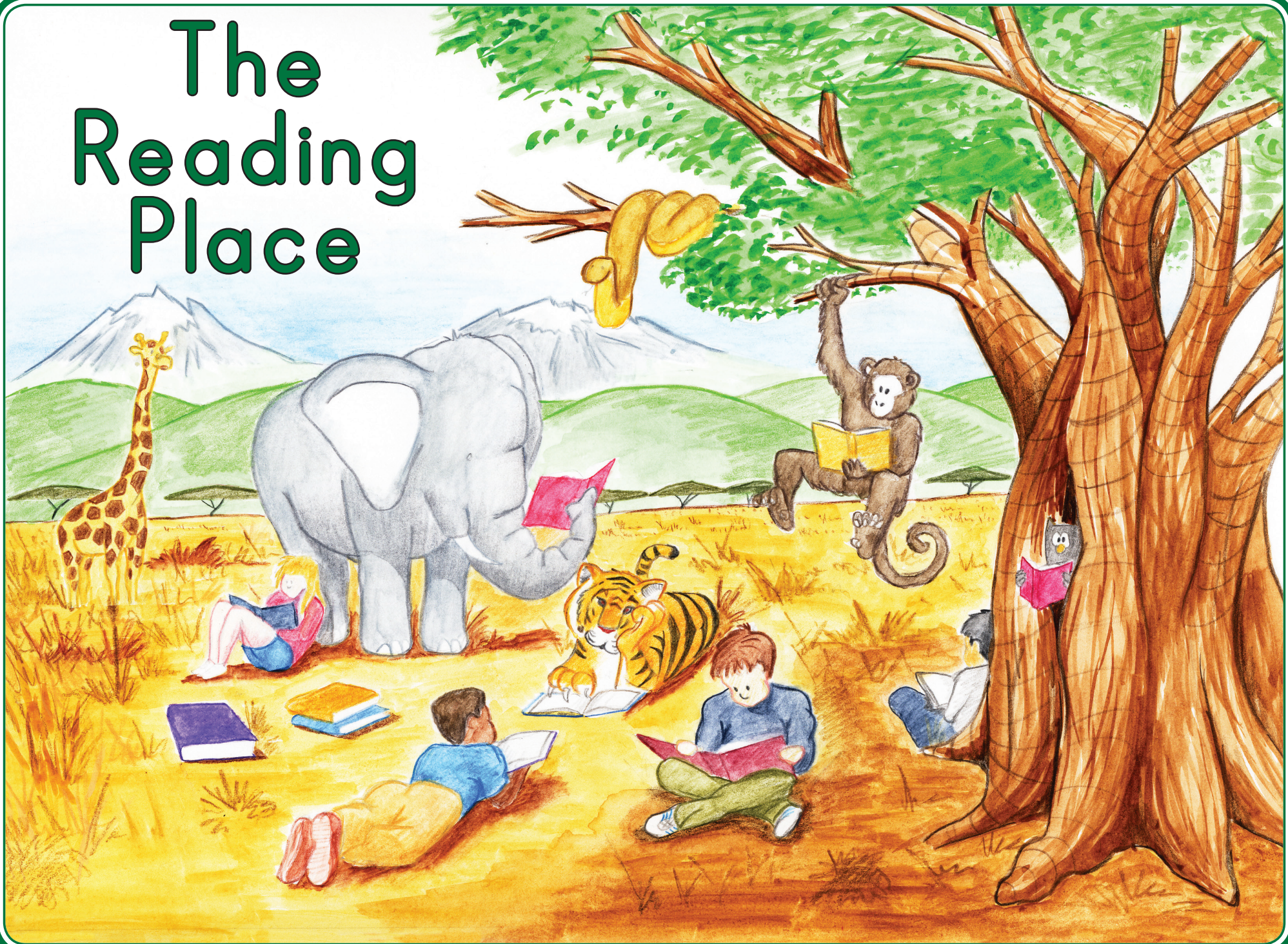


The Reading Place



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

Silent "t" in "tch"



For Use with Reading Expedition

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The Tour Guide says...



"It's time for "t", the "ch" said, without a moment's thought,
(The "t" came in, to be polite, but nothing had it brought.)
And there it sat, so quietly; it did not make a sound.
No letters paid it notice, as if it weren't around.

As you read these next words, imagine
that the "t" isn't even there!

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tch

silent "t" makes no sound,
sounds like "ch"

witch

latch

clutch

notch

match

fetch

ditch

blotch

hutch

Mastered



tch

silent "t" makes no sound,
sounds like "ch"

pitch

patch

catch

batch

itch

hatch

Mitch

hitch

Mastered



Sight Words

pumpkin

father

people

carving

watch

cookie

court

pour

orange

warm

Mastered



Try writing "tch" words
in larger print on a
separate piece of paper.
Then, cover up the silent
"t" and read the word
without it! Learn to spot
the "tch" combination.

Making Tracks with Words



The mean witch cast a spell on the prince.

Mom made a batch of cookie dough.

Mitch pitched the ball to James.

I have an itch on my leg.

The people will watch as the baby birds hatch.



The Tour Guide says...
draw a picture of you reading to some friends.