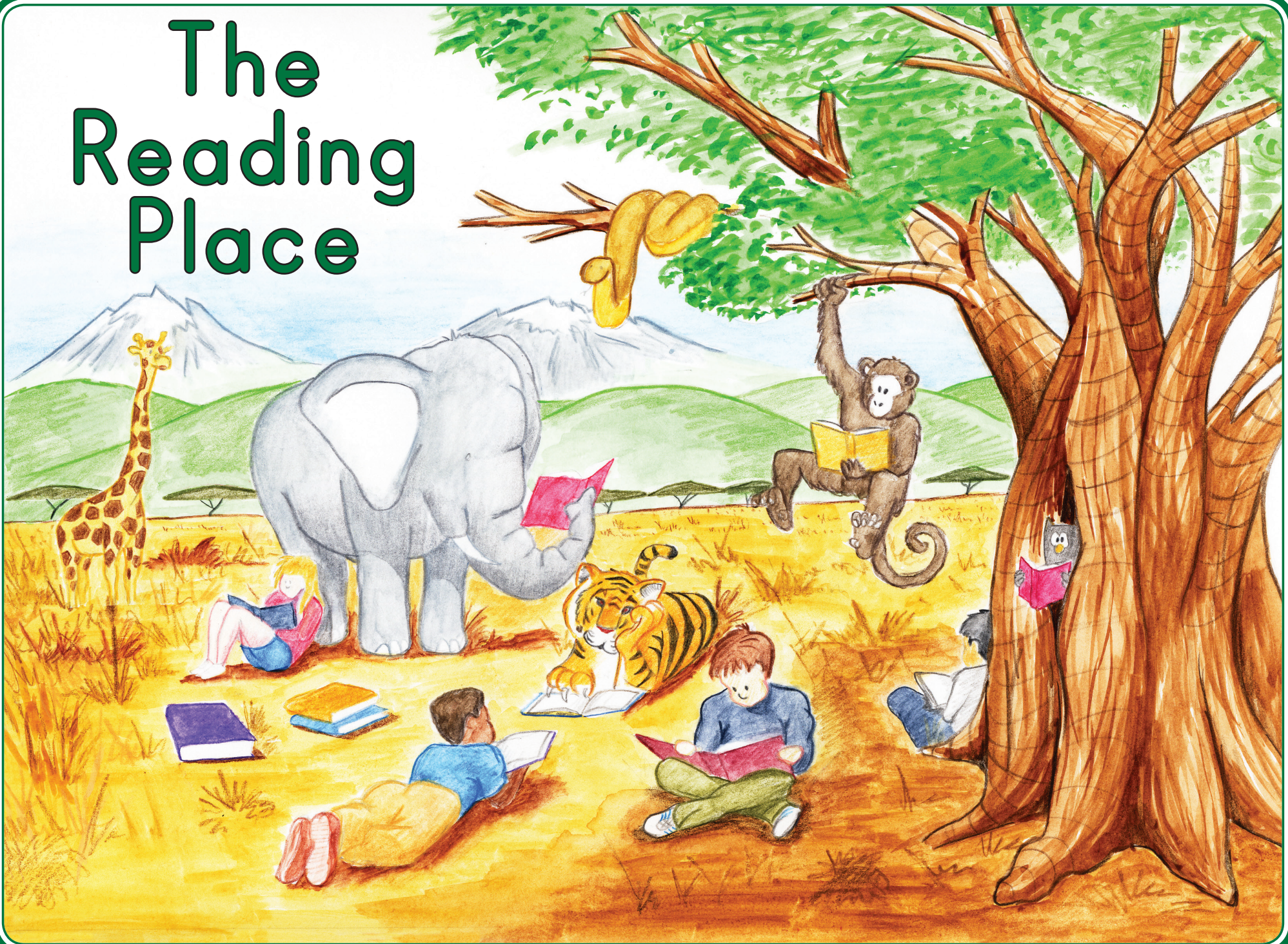


# The Reading Place





# 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



*For Use with Reading Expedition*

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The Tour Guide says...



Now, my best safari friend,  
We'll add letters on the end.  
Don't be fooled; don't get queasy!  
You'll discover these are easy!

Remember, big words are just small word parts all put together!

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tallest

hardest

cleanest

richest

freshest

newest

smallest

Mastered



\_est

soonest

weakest

dearest

fastest

plainest

strongest

boldest

Mastered



\_ance

distance

abundance

performance

clearance

appearance

entrance

instance

substance

Mastered



\_OUS

sounds like "us"

nervous

famous

marvelous

joyous

pompous

Mastered



\_able

sounds like "uh-bull"

trustable

durable

enjoyable

payable

portable

taxable

available

Mastered 

\_ible

edible

incredible

possible

terrible

Mastered 

\_ent

content

comment

present

resident

president

Mastered 

\_al

sounds like "ul"

final

formal

pedal

causal

general

logical

terminal

central

musical

Mastered 

\_ant

tolerant

servant

instant

distant

applicant

merchant

important

Mastered



\_ive

sounds like "iv"

active

captive

locomotive

selective

native

massive

passive

positive

inventive

Mastered



\_es

sounds like "ez"

passes

buzzes

axes

foxes

wishes

dresses

lunches

rushes

Mastered



\_le

little

apple

candle

twinkle

puddle

puzzle

handle

purple

gentle

Mastered



\_ain

curtain

fountain

certain

mountain

captain

Sight Words

honest

America

science

scientist

people

Navigation Tip C (on page 267) at the end of *The Reading Place* includes a long list of suffixes and their meanings. Common ones have been included in this expedition. Good readers will learn to spot suffixes as word parts occurring at the end of words. You may want to share the longer list to introduce and pronounce other suffixes that might appear in more advanced books.

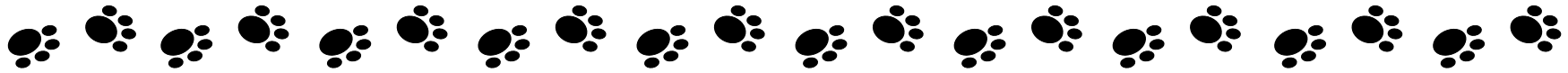
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## Making Tracks with Words



**You are my dearest and most incredible friend.**

**We watched a marvelous performance yesterday.**

**Someday, perhaps you will be the president.**

**The little candle twinkled in the dark of night.**

**Are you the strongest or the weakest on the team?**