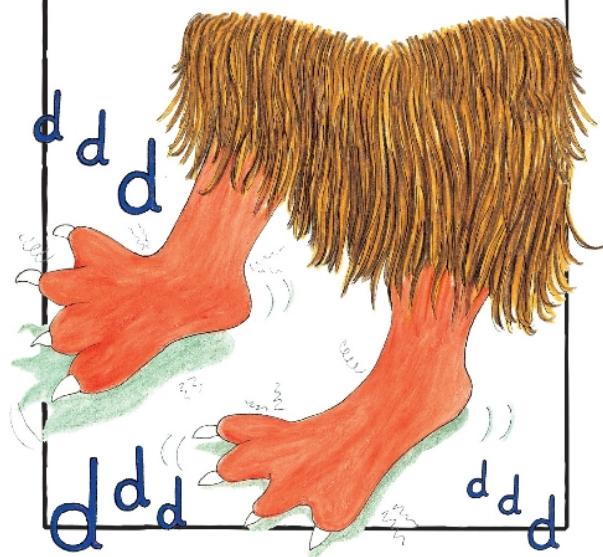
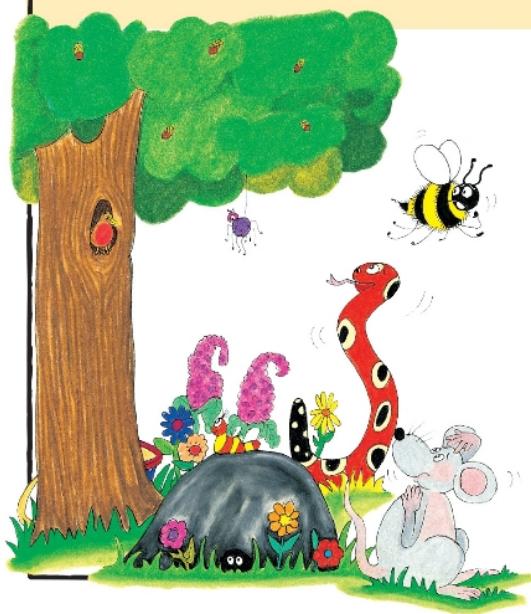
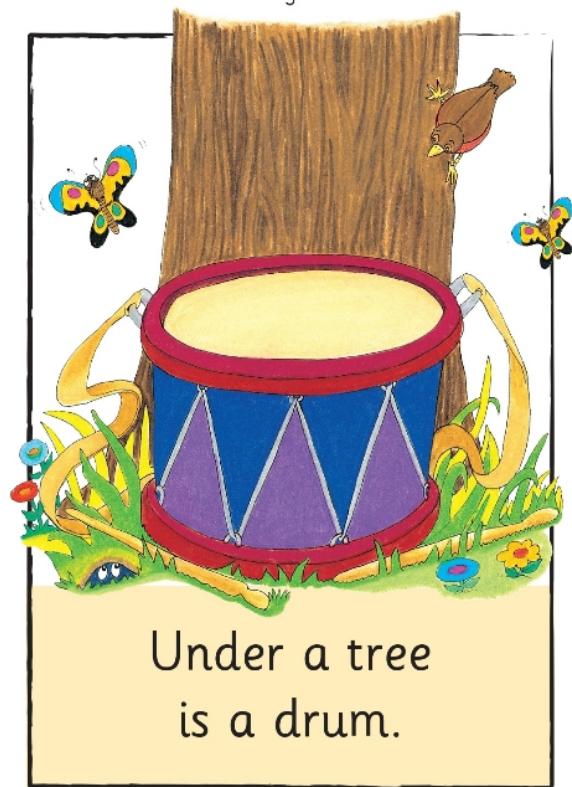


Can it be big  
monster footsteps?



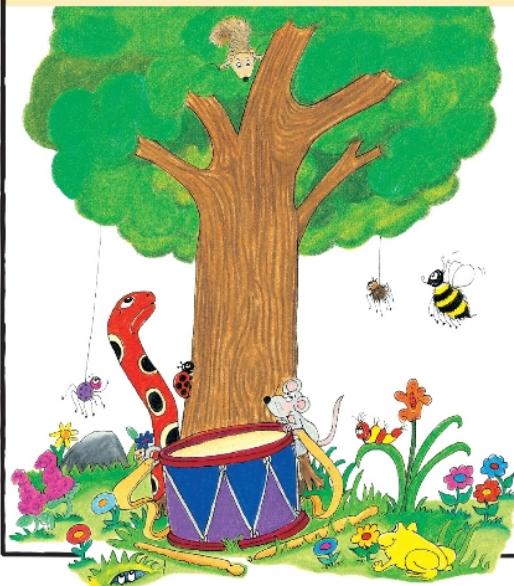
Inky, Snake and Bee  
look around.

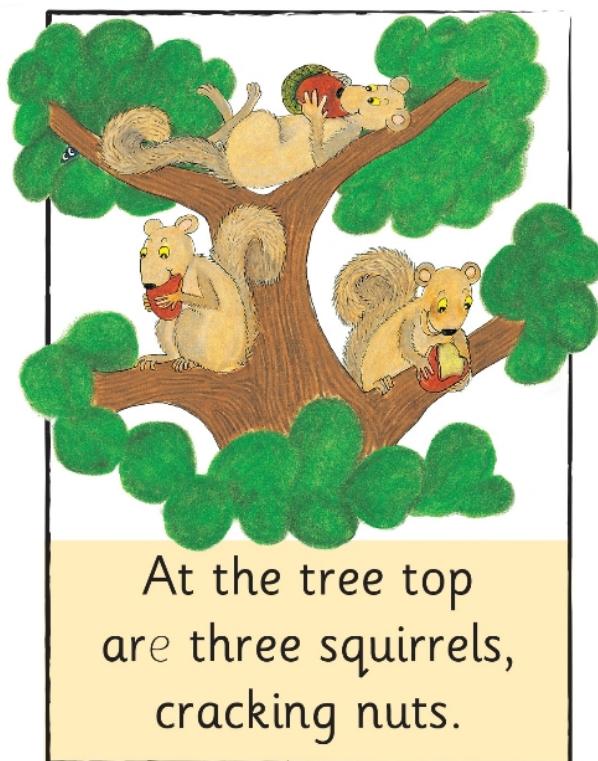




Under a tree  
is a drum.

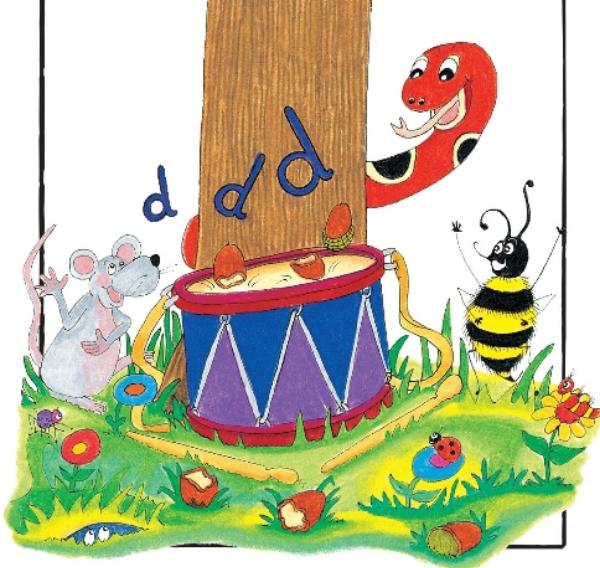
Bee, Snake and Inky  
look up.





At the tree top  
are three squirrels,  
cracking nuts.

The nutshells drop  
and hit the drum.



### Reading Comprehension

#### Teachers and parents

An important part of becoming a confident, fluent reader is a child's ability to understand what they are reading. Below are some suggestions on how to develop a child's reading comprehension.

- Make reading this book a shared experience between you and the child. Try to avoid leaving it until the whole book is read before talking about it. Occasionally stop at various intervals throughout the book.
- Ask questions about the characters, the setting, the action and the meaning.
- Encourage the child to think about what might happen next. It does not matter if the answer is right or wrong, so long as the suggestion makes sense and demonstrates understanding.
- Ask the child to describe what is happening in the illustrations.
- Relate what is happening in the book to any real-life experiences the child may have.
- Pick out any vocabulary that may be new to the child and ask what they think it means. If they don't know, explain it and relate it to what is happening in the book.
- Encourage the child to summarise, in their own words, what they have read.

#### What's in the book?

- What do Inky, Snake and Bee think the noises are?
- What is under the tree?
- What are the squirrels eating?



#### What do you think?

- Why do Inky, Snake and Bee think there is a monster?
- What is really making the noise?