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#### **Tips for Reading Together**

Children learn best when reading is fun.

- Talk about the title and the picture on the cover.
- Discuss what you think the story might be about.
- Read the story together, inviting your child to read as much of it as they can.
- Give lots of praise as your child reads, and help them when necessary.
- If they get stuck, try reading the first sound of the word, or break the word into chunks, or read the whole sentence again. Focus on the meaning.
- Re-read the story later, encouraging your child to read as much of it as they can.

Children enjoy re-reading stories and this helps to build their confidence.



After you have read the story, find the letter shapes in the pictures that spell out the word SNOWBALL.

This book includes these useful common words: thought pull(ed) fast(er) must suddenly



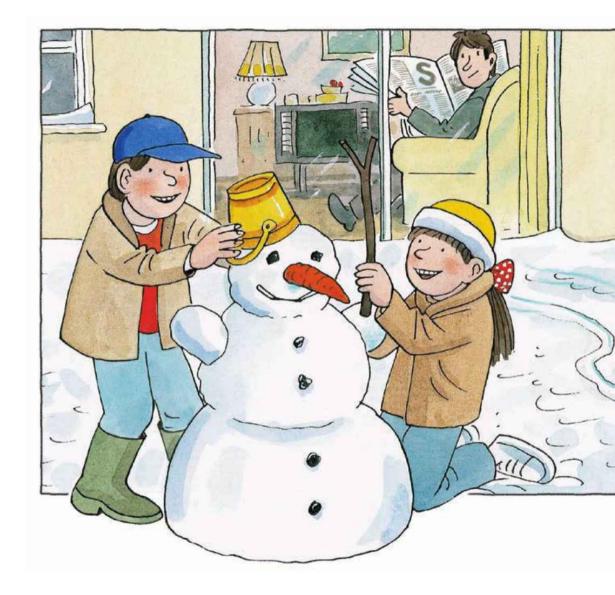
For more hints and tips on helping your child become a successful and enthusiastic reader look at our website www.oxfordowl.co.uk.

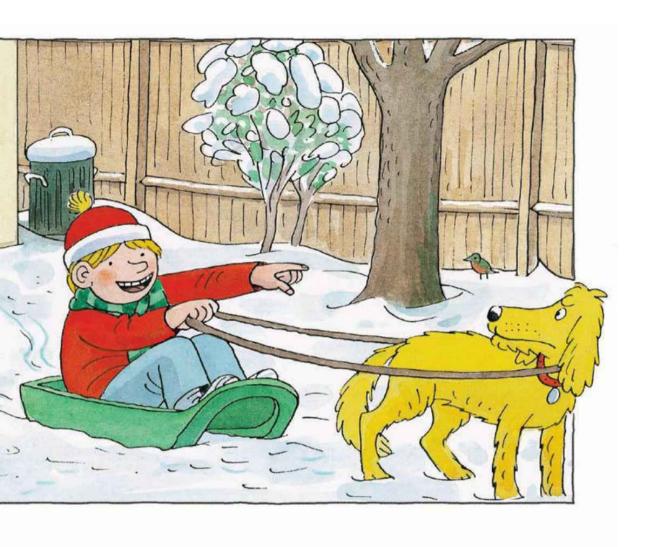
# Husky Adventure

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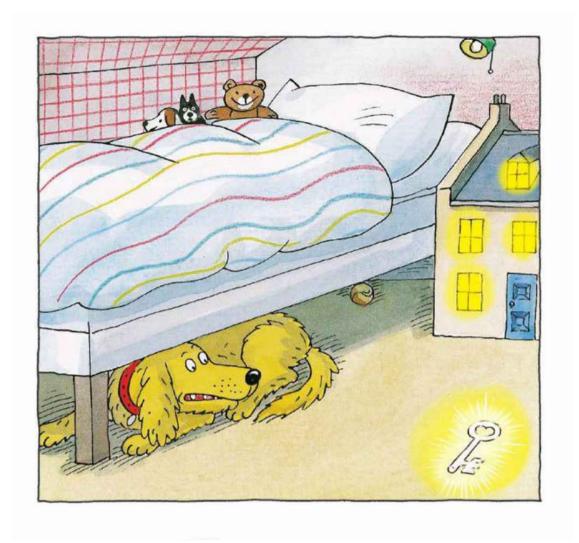




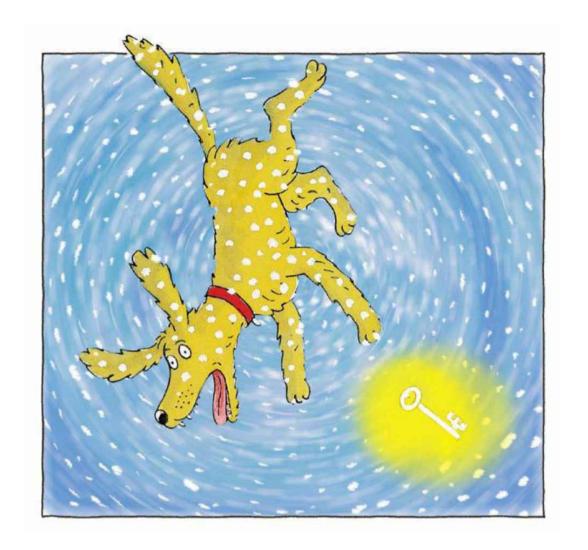




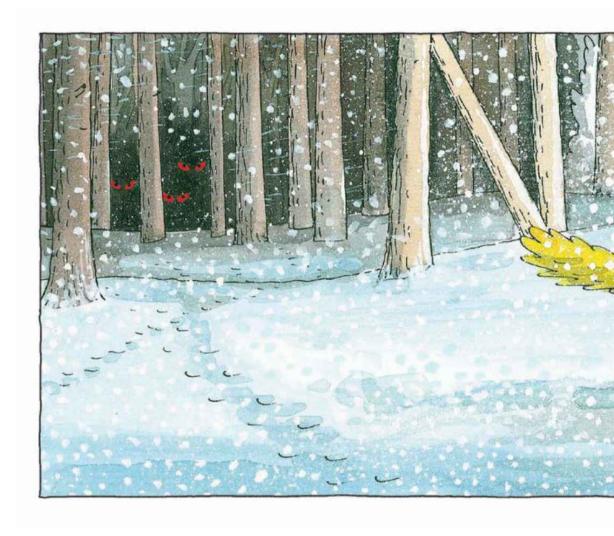
It had been snowing. Kipper wanted Floppy to pull his sled. "Go on, Floppy! Pull!" he called.



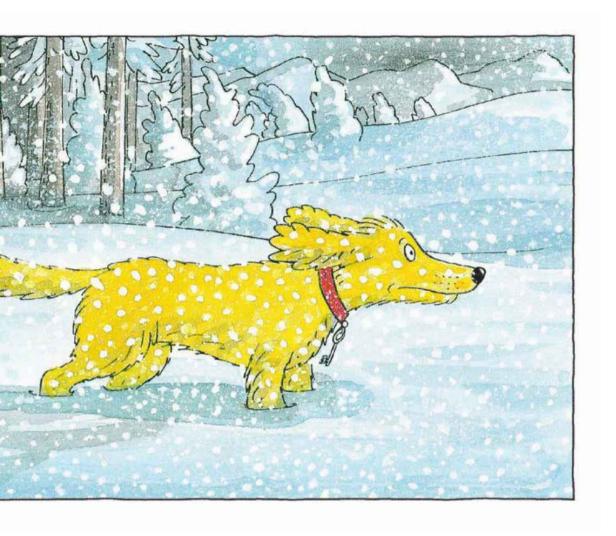
Floppy didn't want to pull the sled. He ran and hid in Biff's bedroom.



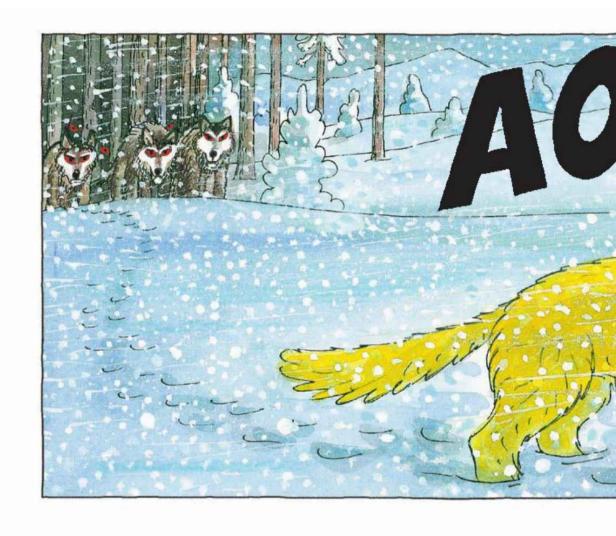
Suddenly, the magic key began to glow. It took Floppy into an adventure.



The magic took Floppy to a dark, cold forest. There was snow everywhere.



The snow felt cold on Floppy's paws and a cold wind was blowing.  $"B^{rr}r!" \ \text{thought Floppy}.$ 



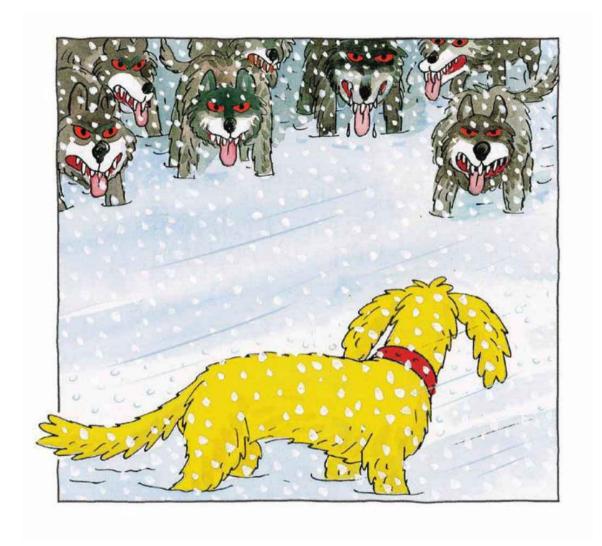
Floppy began to walk, but his paws sank in the deep snow.



He heard a howling sound.

## AOOOOOW!

"What is that?" thought Floppy.

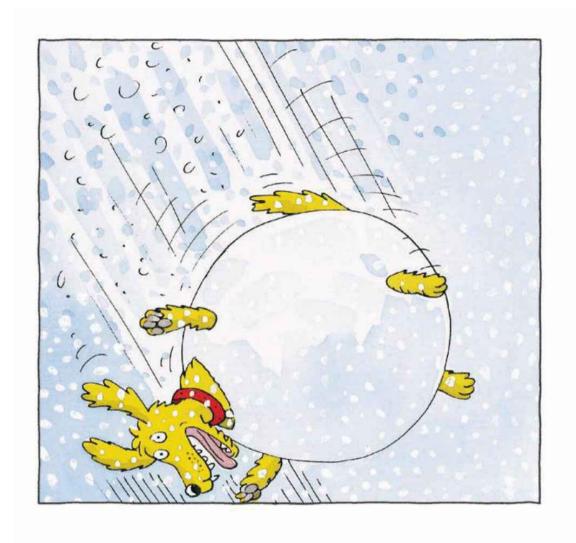


Oh no! It was a pack of wolves.

They had red eyes and long white teeth. They growled at Floppy.

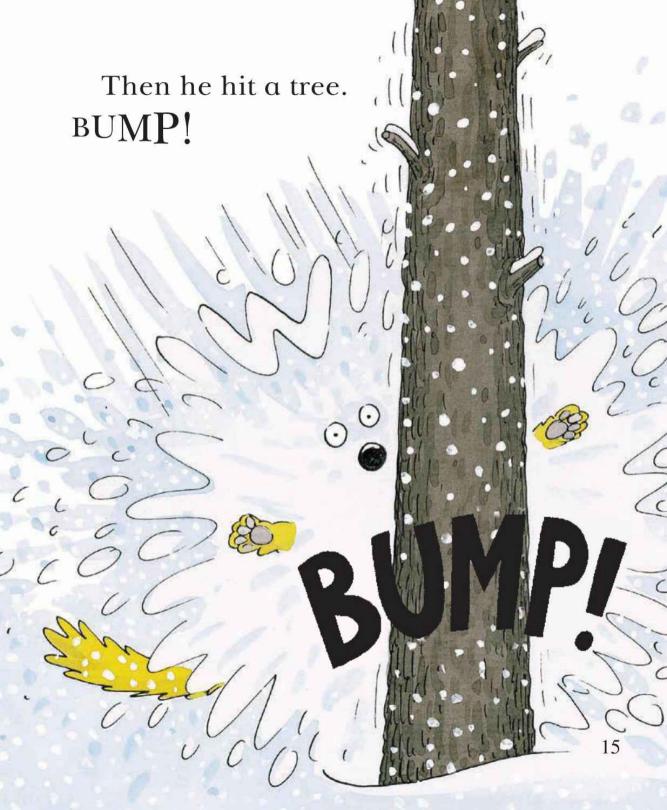
Floppy was scared of the wolves. He ran through the trees.





Suddenly, Floppy fell down.

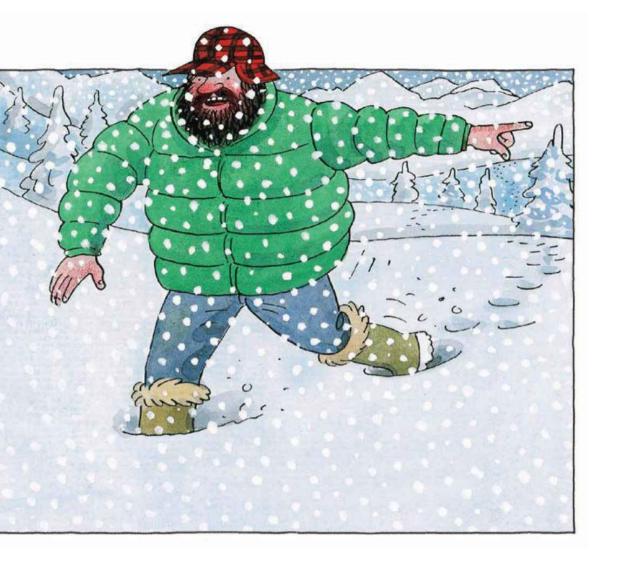
He rolled over and over. He went faster and faster.





Floppy lay in the snow with his eyes shut.

A man ran up.



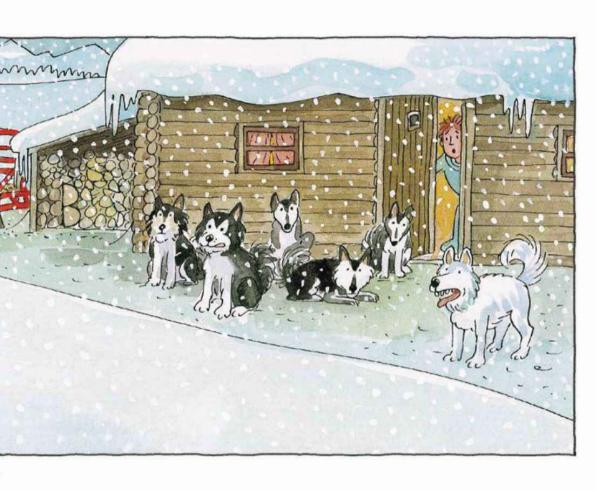
"Quick!" he said. "My boy is sick.

I must get him to hospital. I need
another dog to pull the sled."



The man took Floppy to the sled. "Oh no!" thought Floppy.

"Another pack of wolves!"



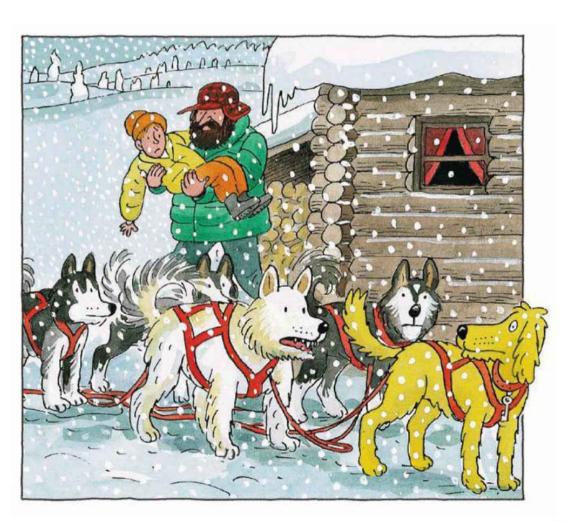
But they were not wolves, they were husky dogs. The dogs growled.

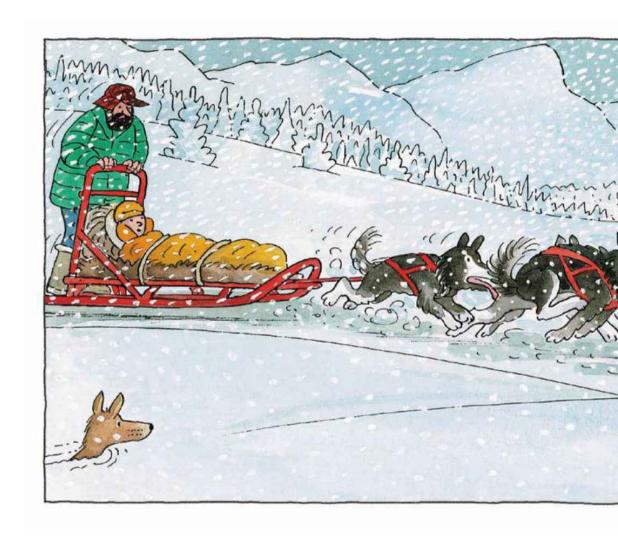
"Are you the new dog? You look too floppy to pull a sled," they said.



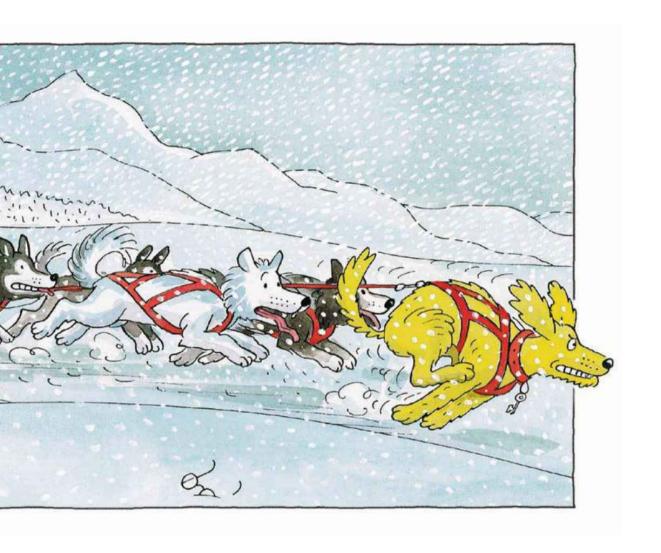
The man put straps on Floppy. "You've got to run fast," he said. "We must get to the hospital."

The biggest dog barked at Floppy. "Just keep up, you floppy dog," he said. "We've got to run fast."



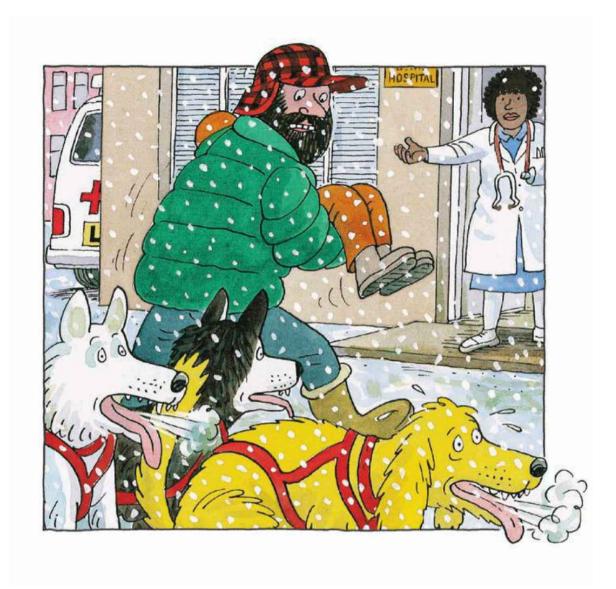


Floppy was cross. "Don't call *me* a floppy dog," he said. "I'll show you!"



The sled went faster and faster.

"Slow down!" panted the husky
dogs. "We can't keep up with you."



At last, they got to the hospital.

"Thank you!" shouted the man.

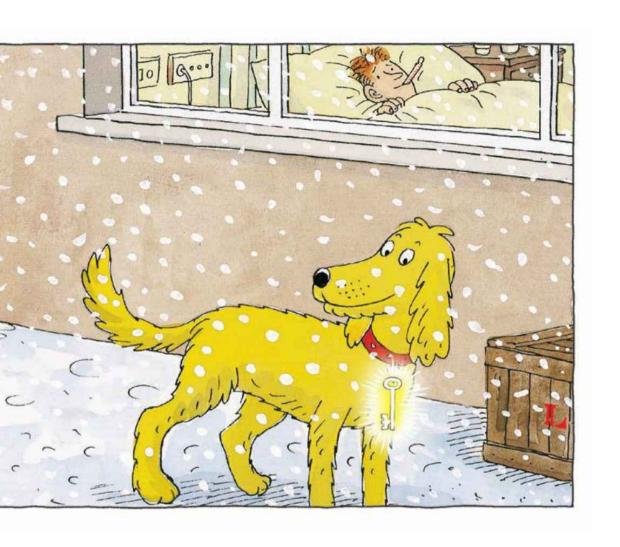
"You've saved my son."

The husky dogs looked at Floppy.
"Wow! You can run fast!" they
said. "You're not a floppy dog."





"You can stay with us," said the husky dogs. "We need a dog like you."



The magic key began to glow.
"Good!" thought Floppy. "I need
a rest."



"Come and pull my sled, Floppy," said Kipper.

"Oh no!" thought Floppy.

### Think about the story



Why did Floppy go and hide?

Did the Huskies think Floppy would be good at pulling the sled? Why not?





Why couldn't the man take his son to hospital in a car?

Where would you like to go on a magic key adventure?



## A Maze

Help the dog team to find their way to the hospital.

