

# Timed Repeated Read

## Rex to the Rescue



This is Luke. He's the big man with the shaved head and the tattoos. The little pug with the blue velvet collar is Luke's dog. His name is Bruce. Cute, isn't he? He's not so much little as minute! Luke likes to take Bruce to the park. Bruce chases sticks (well, twigs) and barks at the ducks, while Luke sniffs the roses or reads 'Gardening Today', humming a little tune.

This smart lady in the maroon skirt is Sue, with her dog, Duke. Duke's a bulldog – a big brute with sharp teeth.



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## The lion's paw



This is a story about a Roman slave called Androcles. His master treated him so badly that, one day, he ran away.

Androcles needed a place to sleep. So when he saw a cave, dug out of the hillside, he crawled inside.

As Androcles lay resting, he saw a pile of bones on the floor. Then he saw a long, golden hair. A lion's hair! The cave was a lion's den!

Before he could run away, a shadow fell across the floor.

The lion was back!

The lion opened his mighty jaws,

Gnashing his teeth and flashing his claws.



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## I dare you



There's a lot of spare time in space, and the kids who, live up there often get bored.

Like the time on Planet Zox when Radar Rob (square blue body, six yellow legs, pointed head) and Cosmic Clare (small, green, round) were kicking a spaceball on the stairs before astroschool one day...

“Let's play ‘I dare you’,” said Clare “You start.”

“Okay,” said Rob. “Prepare to be very, very scared, Clare. I dare you to... peel off your green skin, and run round the astroschool – bare!”

“I'm not scared! said Clare.



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## Looking after a hamster



Hamsters are cute little animals, with ginger fur and long whiskers. If you are an animal lover, you may want to become the proud owner of a hamster. You can get one from a pet shop or an animal shelter.

### Choosing a hamster

A girl hamster can have a litter of pups when she is 10 weeks old! Your hamster must be at least 4-8 weeks old before it leaves its mother.

### A home for your hamster

First, you will need a proper hamster cage- the bigger the better. Put a layer of peat on the floor, and scatter wood shavings or shredded paper on top.



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## How silly!



Bossy Barbara was visiting Hopeless Howard.

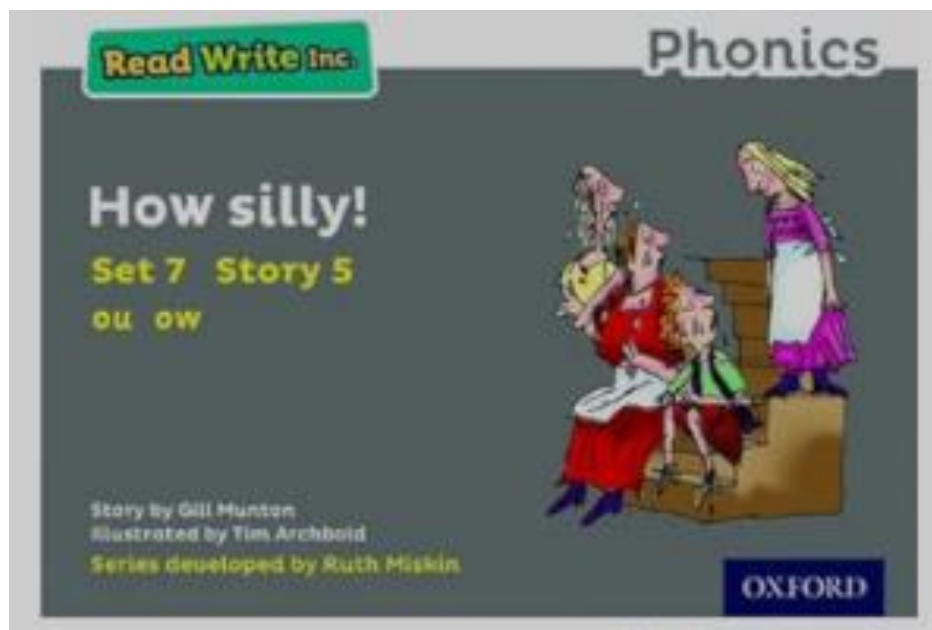
She was helping Howard's mother make cauliflower cheese.

“Go down to the cellar and fetch me some flour, Howard,” Barbara shouted.

As Howard was about to bring the flour up to the kitchen, he saw a big cooking pot hanging from a beam above his head.

He crouched down and began to howl:

“What if I marry Barbara, and we have a son, and our son grows up, and I send him down **here for flour ... and that cooking pot falls down and** knocks him out?”



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## Wailing Winny's car boot sale



Winny stuck the poster to the wall of her cave with a blob of bat spit. "Perfect!" she exclaimed, straightening her pointy hat.

- ✓ Car Boot Sale!
- ✓ Today in the Snailtrail cave!
- ✓ Lots of bargains!

Winny peered into the boot of her witchmobile, ticking things off on her long fingernails:

- a book of out-of-date spells (a bit stained)
- a set of second-hand chains
- a crate containing old toenail clippings
- six cans of snail slime
- a rat's tail ... oh yes, and
- a pair of smelly old trainers

All Winny's mates came to the boot sale, and everything was sold.



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## Toad

Princess Joan lived in a palace by a lake. She was very pretty, and her father the king often boasted about her good looks.

This is Joan's story.

One day, I was roaming round the palace grounds, bouncing my ball amongst the oak trees. I went down the narrow road to the lake. I watched the sailing boats, and then I began throwing the ball onto the air and catching it again. But the ball fell into the lake. Cross with myself, I watched it sink below the shadowy water.





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## Andrew



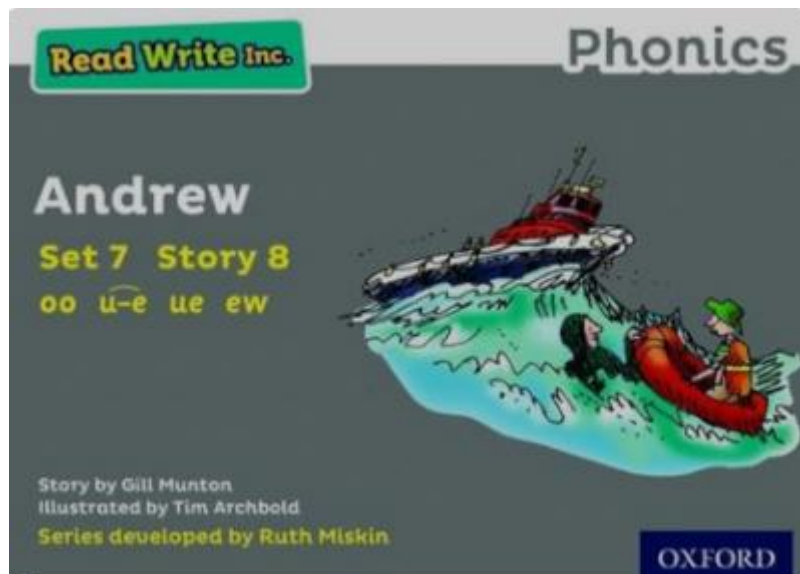
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The first day of the school holidays. I went to the beach with my big brother Stewart. It was a day I knew I'd never forget. A day when I was a fool.

We took a picnic in a cool bag and sat on the sand dunes.

We had a great view of the smooth blue sea, and we were both in a good mood.

Stewart started to read his newspaper, and left me to amuse myself. I took my new blow-up boat down to the sea.





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## Dear Vampire

Wailing Winny dropped the last firework into her shopping bag. “This year’s bonfire party will be brill!” she said to her husband, Phantom Phil.

As they were walking home (well, Winny was walking and Phil was drifting) they saw a poster. It said:

Vampire for hire!

Lots of fun for the entire family.

Cobweb-site address: [www.fang.com](http://www.fang.com)

“That’s just what we need for the party!” wailed Winny.

Back in the Snailtrail Cave, she wired up her computer and plugged in the rat. She wrote an e-mail:

Dear Vampire

I require a top vampire for my bonfire party.



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## Vulture Culture



This is a picture of an Andean condor. When it is flying, this huge vulture is one of the most amazing sights in nature. Let's find out some facts about Andean condors and their behaviour.



### **Where do they live?**

These vultures live in the mountain ranges of South America. They can glide for many hundreds of miles above the mountains looking for food.

### **What do they look like?**

The condor is the largest of the flying birds.

Condors can weigh **as much as 13 kilograms.**

**They can measure over 1** metre in height.

