



### A day at the maze



#### Get ready to read.

Say these sounds:

a ai ay a e

Practise blending these words:

snail play maze rain

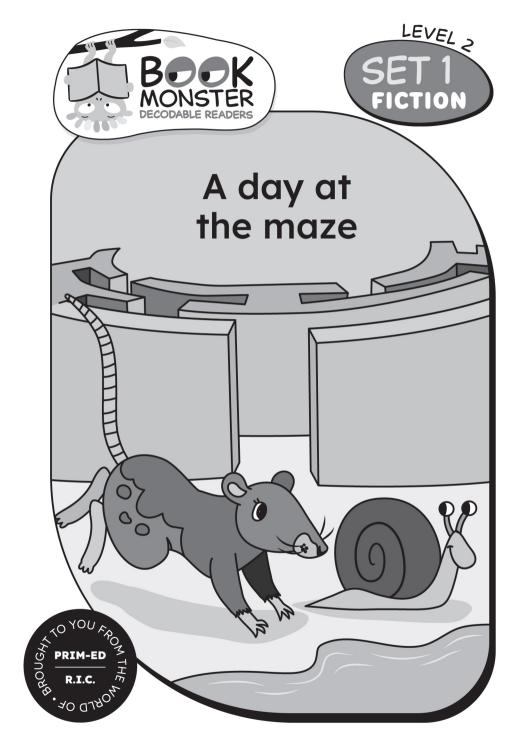
cave hay April table

Read these spiky words:

the they to love one want was of for



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Jay is a grey rat with a long, pink tail.



Jay's best pal is a snail. The snail's name is April.

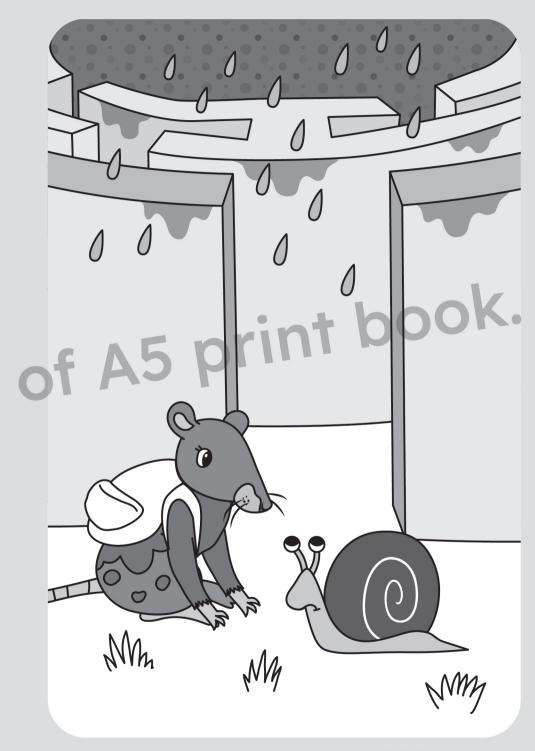


Jay and April love to play games. The best game is chase.

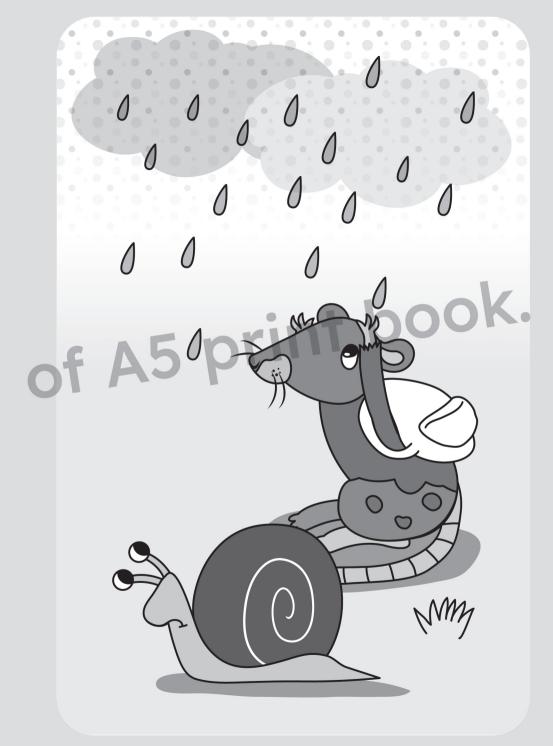
They play chase in the big maze, next to the lake.



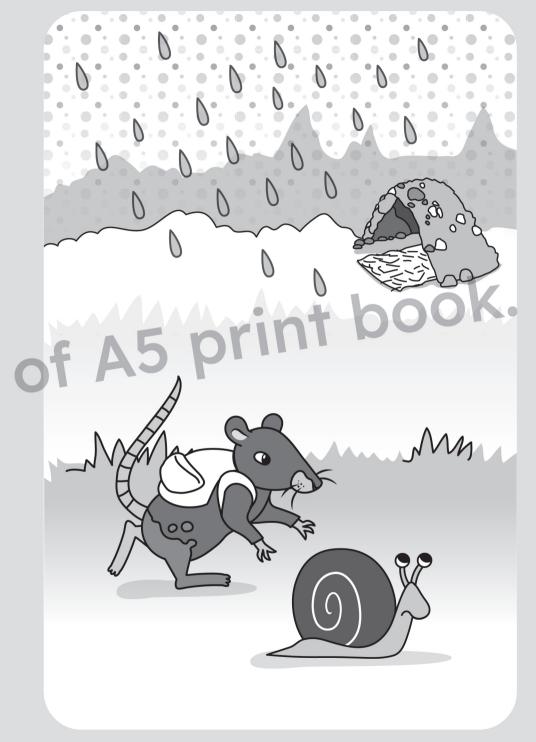
One day, Jay and April went to play in the maze. But it was raining!



The pals did not want to get wet.



They hunted for a safe, snug spot to rest and wait for the rain to stop.



Jay and April came upon a cave. In the cave was a table and a little rug made of hay.



Jay and April felt safe and snug in the cave. They sat and ate cake and grapes.



Then the pals had a nap as they waited for the rain to stop.



It was not long until the sun's rays got them up.

Jay and April set off to play.



The pals played games of chase until the end of the day. It was a fun day at the maze.



#### **Questions:**

- 1. Where do Jay and April like to play?
- 2. How do you think Jay and April felt when they found the cave?
- 3. Do you think it was a good idea for Jay and April to wait for the rain to stop? Why, or why not?
- 4. What does 'snug' mean in the sentence, 'Jay and April felt safe and snug in the cave'?

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#### **Are you stuck? Try these:**



Point to the word you are stuck on.



Look at the whole word from left to right.



Point to each letter or letter pattern in the word, and say the sound out loud.



Blend the sounds together quickly to say the word.



Listen to the word. Does it make sense? Try reading the whole sentence again.



If you are still stuck, ask an adult for help.

#### Reading should always be roaring fun!

Use these tips to help build your learner's confidence with reading.

#### Decode, don't guess!

- · Practise reading and saying the sounds and words on the 'Get ready to read page' with your learner. Model how to read the 'tricky words' by sounding them out and pointing out any sounds your learner may not already know.
- If your learner gets stuck on a word, encourage them to sound it out using the prompts on the back page. Never ask them to guess the word using the first letter or the picture.
- · If they are still stuck, demonstrate how to break the word into sounds and read it for them.

#### Encourage accurate and fluent reading.

- If your learner makes an error, pause and gently correct them by repeating what they read or redirecting them to the part they read incorrectly.
- · Point out the punctuation and explain what these mean (e.g. a comma is a short pause).

#### Help build vocabulary and understanding.

· Before, during, or after reading, discuss the meaning of any words that your learner may not be familiar with.

Most importantly, have fun and praise your learner for their monster effort!

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