

USBORNE VERY FIRST READING: BOOK 6



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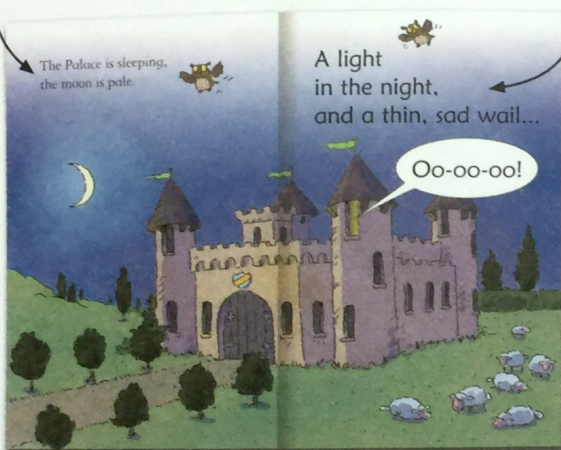


## How this book works

The story of **The Queen Makes a Scene** has been written for you to read with your child. You take turns to read:

You read these words.

Your child reads these words.



You don't have to finish the story in one session. If your child is getting tired, put a marker in the page and come back to it later.

You can find out more about helping your child with this book, and with reading in general, on pages 30-31.

# The Queen Makes a Scene



Turn the page to start the story.



The Palace is sleeping,  
the moon is pale.



A light  
in the night,  
and a thin, sad wail...



Oo-oo-oo!





The Queen has  
a pain!



Quick, quick,  
the Queen  
is sick!



The maid calls a footman.  
"We need Doctor Don."



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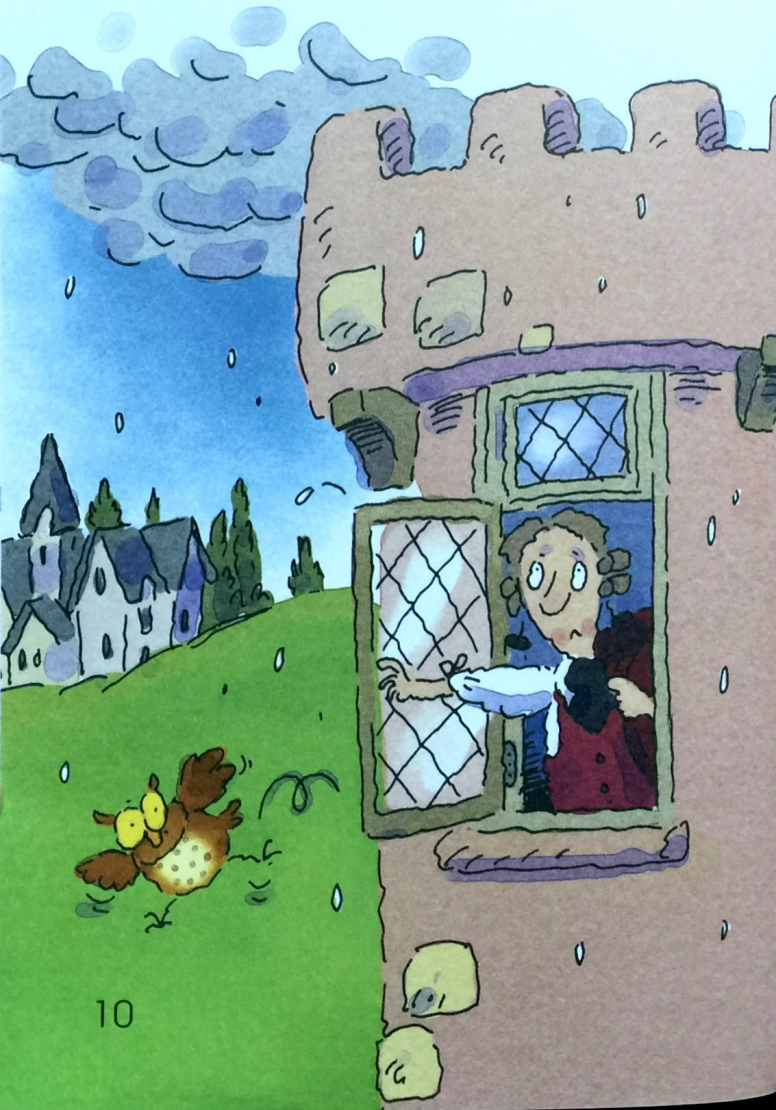


"I can tell the Queen,  
he will not be long."

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Storm clouds are gathering.  
The footman frets,



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"I will need a coat,  
I will get too wet."

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The footman is in a terrible flap.

“Is this the right road?  
I wish I had a map!”



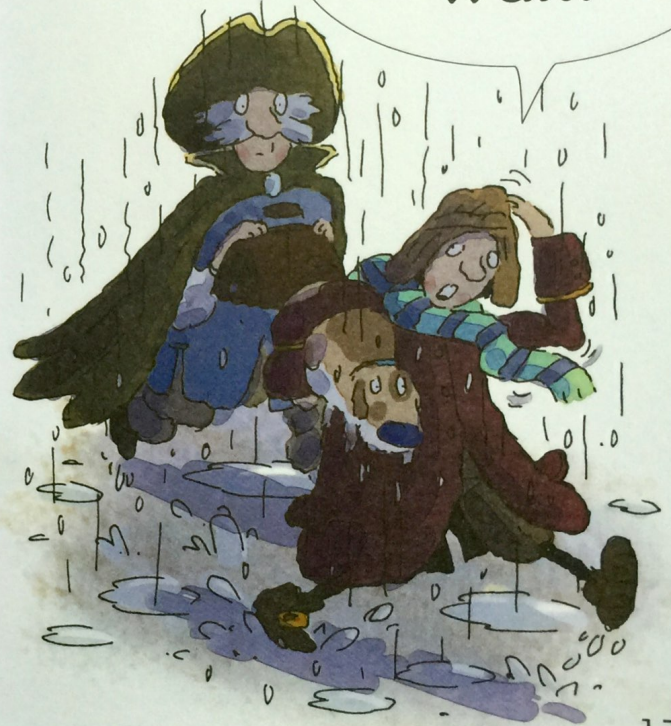
Ah, here's Doctor Don's house.  
It's raining still.



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"We need to be quick,  
the Queen is sick."

She cannot  
wait.



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"Look, here is the doctor.  
Go quickly, and tell..."



"But look at the  
Queen! She is up,  
she is well!"



She is not  
in pain?



The Queen is all smiles,  
she says with a trill,



"I did feel ill, but  
then I took a pill."





“And I feel  
right as rain!”

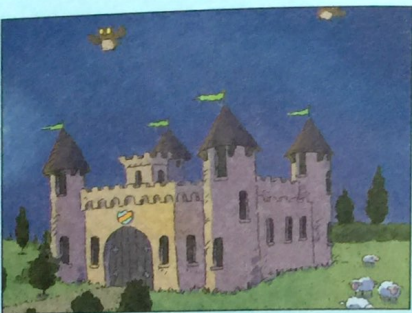




## Puzzle 1

Look at the pictures, then choose the right sentence.

1.



- A It is night.
- B It is light.

2.



- A "I will get too hot."
- B "I will get too wet."

3.



- A "We need to be quick."
- B "We need to be sick."

4.



- A The Queen is ill.
- B The Queen is well.



## Puzzle 2

There is one wrong word in the sentence below each picture. What should they say?

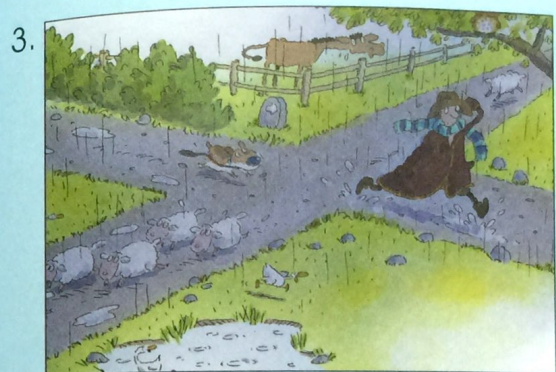


“The Queen is thick!”



“I will need a goat.”

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“Is this the right toad?”



“I feel tight as rain!”

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## Puzzle 3

Find the words that rhyme. The first pair has already been linked as an example.

light

sick

quick

night

pain

well

tell

rain

will

pill



## Answers to puzzles

### Puzzle 1

1. A It is night.
2. B "I will get too wet."
3. A "We need to be quick."
4. B The Queen is well.

### Puzzle 2

1. The queen is ~~thick~~!  
The queen is sick!
2. I will need a ~~goat~~.  
I will need a coat.
3. Is this the right ~~toad~~?  
Is this the right road?
4. I feel ~~tight~~ as rain!  
I feel right as rain!

### Puzzle 3

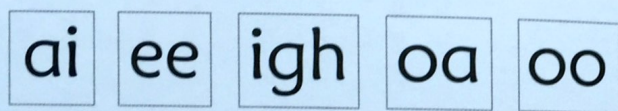
- light ~~~~~> night  
quick ~~~~~> sick  
pain ~~~~~> rain  
tell ~~~~~> well  
will ~~~~~> pill



## Guidance notes

Usborne Very First Reading is a series of books, specially developed for children who are learning to read. In the early books in the series, you and your child take turns to read, and your child steadily builds the knowledge and confidence to read alone.

The words for your child to read in **The Queen Makes a Scene** introduce these letter-combinations:



(Note that in standard English, **oo** can be pronounced either as in 'look' or as in 'moon' – both are used in this story.) It's well worth giving your child plenty of practice reading these. Later books in the series gradually introduce more letter-combinations and spelling patterns, while reinforcing the ones your child already knows.

You'll find lots more information about the structure of the series, advice on helping your child with reading, extra practice activities and games on the Very First Reading website,\* [www.usborne.com/veryfirstreading](http://www.usborne.com/veryfirstreading)

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## Some questions and answers



- **Why do I need to read with my child?**  
Sharing stories and taking turns makes reading an enjoyable and fun activity for children. It also helps them to develop confidence and reading stamina, and to take part in an exciting story using very few words.
- **When is a good time to read?**  
Choose a time when you are both relaxed, but not too tired, and there are no distractions. Only read for as long as your child wants to – you can always try again another day.
- **What if my child gets stuck?**  
Don't simply read the problem word yourself, but prompt your child and try to find the right answer together. Similarly, if your child makes a mistake, go back and look at the word together. Don't forget to give plenty of praise and encouragement.
- **We've finished, now what do we do?**  
It's a good idea to read the story several times to give your child more practice and confidence. Then you can try reading **A Fright in the Night** at the same level or, when your child is ready, go on to Book 7 in the series.



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Designed for an adult and child to read together, the series combines lively rhyming stories with inspiring illustrations in order to build the skills and confidence that will encourage a lifelong enjoyment of reading.



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