

Ready to Read Phonics Plus Māhuri | Sapling book overview



Book title	Focus sounds	Target decodable words ¹	New high-utility words ²
Sports Day	-ing	flapping, huffing, puffing, clapping, jumping, tripping, running, feeling	love, sports, kia kaha, trying, going, oh
Dipped in Mud	-ed	/t/ bumped, puffed, dipped, rushed, peeped, slipped, picked, chomped, dashed, /d/ yelled	were, there, find, away, why, should, own, about, Tūt, good
Rain is a Pain	-ai	pain, wait(s), complain, rain(ing)	
Splashing in the Stream	-ea	beams, stream, sneaks, team, leap, leaf, neat, teach, cheat	how, close, froglets
Flax on the Farm	-ar	darts, far, starts, star, smart, sharp, hard, farm	pollen, grow
The Best Place to Rest	Revision	stream, laid, dark, getting, leaf, tucked, starts	Pāpā, look(s/ed)
Letter to Samoa	-er	dinner, summer, over, letter, under, butter, her	write(s), coconut, last, weave, bird, Tinā Matua
Nat's First Game	-ir	first, shirt, birds, girl, chirp, dirt, squirt(s/ing), firm, third	goal, blowing, football, ball, falls, goes, wants

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Hide and Seek	-ou	counts, shouts, around, out, found, outside, sound, crouched, ground, couch, ouch	hears, ready, tahi, rua, toru, come
Weka's Boat	-oa	float(s/ing), boat, moans, boasts, soaked, load	told, okay, afloat
Stay	-ay	play, today, stay, away, okay, clay, yay, hay, sprays, tray, say(s)	Kea, said, do
Lurking in the Dark	-ur	lurking, turn(s), burns, fur, surfing, unfurls, curl(s)	campfire, doing, down
Photo Time	-ea (short vowel), ph	feathers, spread(s), bread, treads, head, breath, phone	sky, flies, air, more-pork, photo, ahead, call, was, cool

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