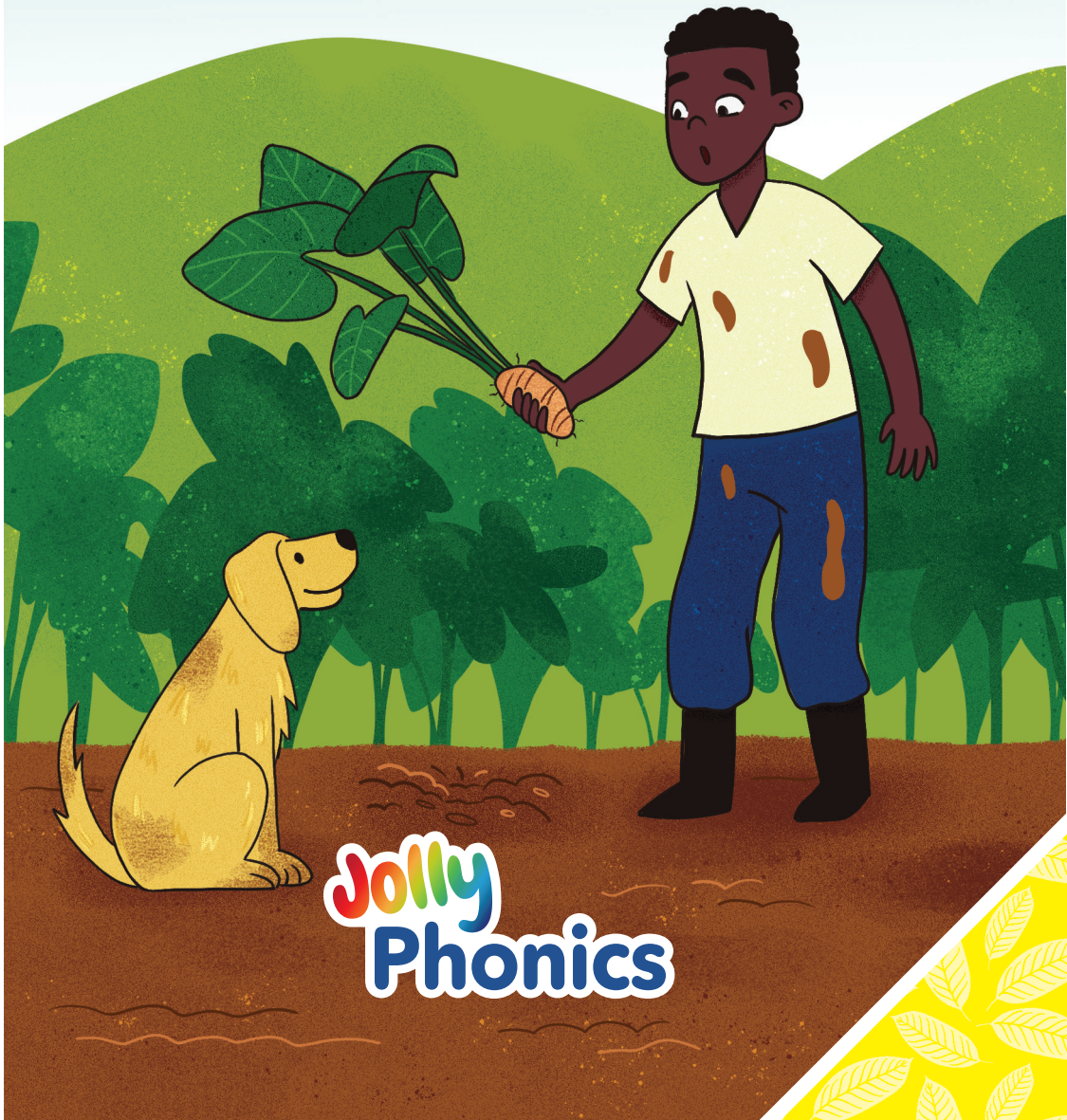


The Chatty Yam



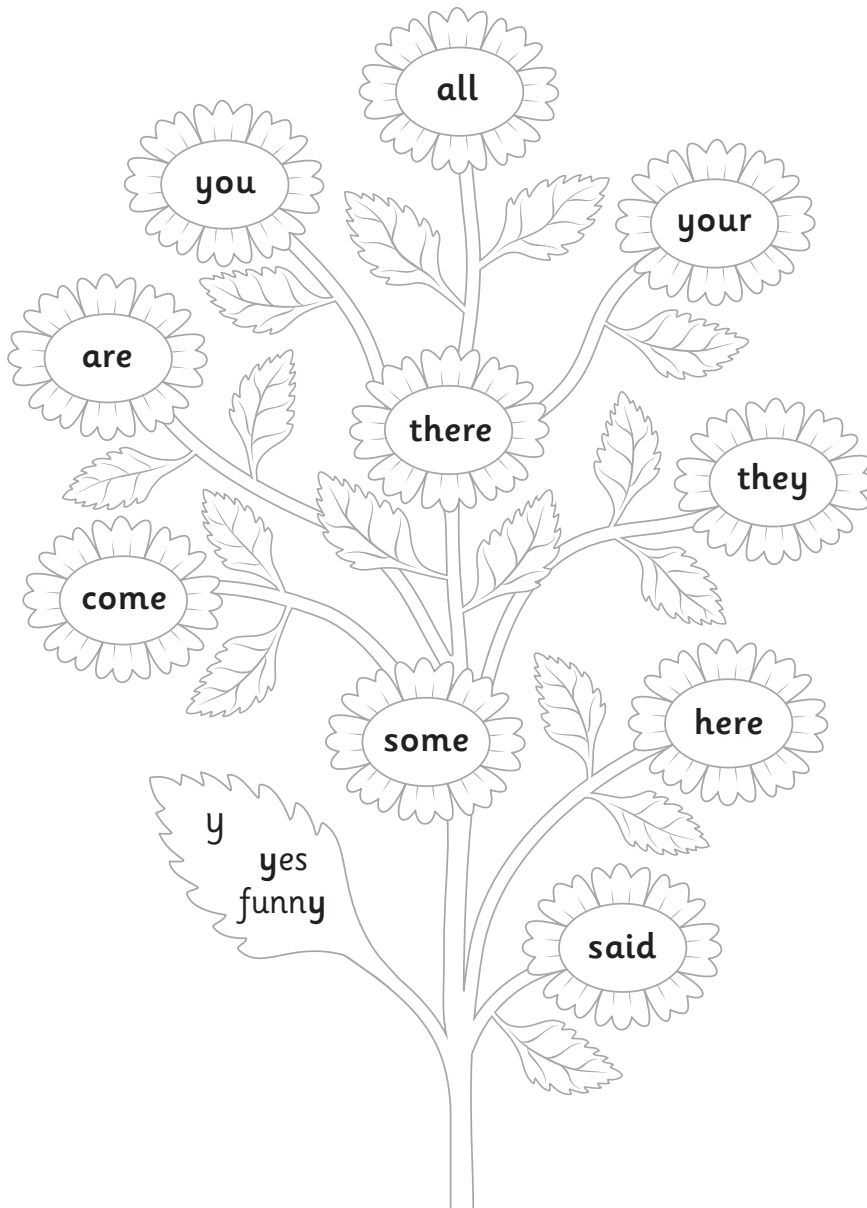
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Before tackling these Yellow Level Readers, a child will need to be able to:

- Recognise the basic 42 letter sounds, as well as the alternative spelling of ⟨y⟩ for the /ee/ sound shown in the leaf below;
- Read (blend) regular words containing these letter sounds;
- Recognise the tricky words shown in the flowers below.



A farmer and his dog went to harvest yams.
Suddenly, a yam said, "Get off me!"



The farmer ran to tell the King and Queen about the chatty yam, dog, fish and sheep.
“You foolish farmer,” shouted the King.
“There cannot be such a thing as a chatty yam.”





“Get out and stop telling your silly lies!”
ordered the King.

The farmer did as the King requested and
left upset.

Suddenly, a wooden stool cried out, “It is possible!”

The King and Queen ran out of the room and off to tell the farmer.



Teachers and parents

An important part of becoming a confident, fluent reader is a child's ability to understand what they are reading. Below are some suggestions on how to develop a child's reading comprehension. Make reading this book a shared experience between you and the child. Try to avoid leaving it until the whole book is read before talking about it. Occasionally stop at various intervals throughout the book.

- Ask questions about the characters, the setting and the meaning;
- Encourage the child to think about what might happen next. It does not matter if the answer is right or wrong, so long as the suggestion makes sense and demonstrates understanding;
- Relate what is happening in the book to any real-life experiences the child may have;
- Pick out any vocabulary that may be new to the child and ask what they think it means. If they don't know, explain it and relate it to what is happening in the book;
- Encourage the child to summarise, in their own words, what they have read.

About this folktale

Many different versions of **The Chatty Yam** story can be found across Africa. This version is closest to a story from the Ashanti (or 'Asante') people of what is now Ghana.

What's in the book?

- Does the dog speak?
- Who does the farmer speak to first?
- What surprises the King and Queen?

What do you think?

- What would you do if a yam spoke to you?
- Can vegetables really speak?



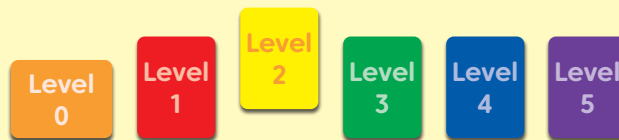
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These Readers have been written with a **carefully controlled vocabulary**, and are specifically designed for children who are learning to read and write with Jolly Phonics.

- The text in these Yellow Level Books (second level) uses only **decodable regular words** (words that are made up from the 42 letter sounds taught in the first stage of Jolly Phonics, along with the alternative spelling <y> making the /ee/ sound at the end of words like *happy* and *sunny*) and a small number of **tricky words** (frequently used words that are not fully decodable at this stage).
- All of the tricky words and letter sounds used in this book are shown on the front inside cover. These can be used as a quick practice activity before starting the book.
- **Faint type** is used for silent letters, like the in *lamb*.
- **Comprehension questions** and discussion topics are included at the end of the book. These ensure that children are not only able to read the text, but also get meaning from it.

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Chicken Licken

The Emperor and the Seed

The Trickster and the Terrapin

The Elves and the Cobbler

The Happy Rabbit



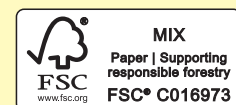
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