

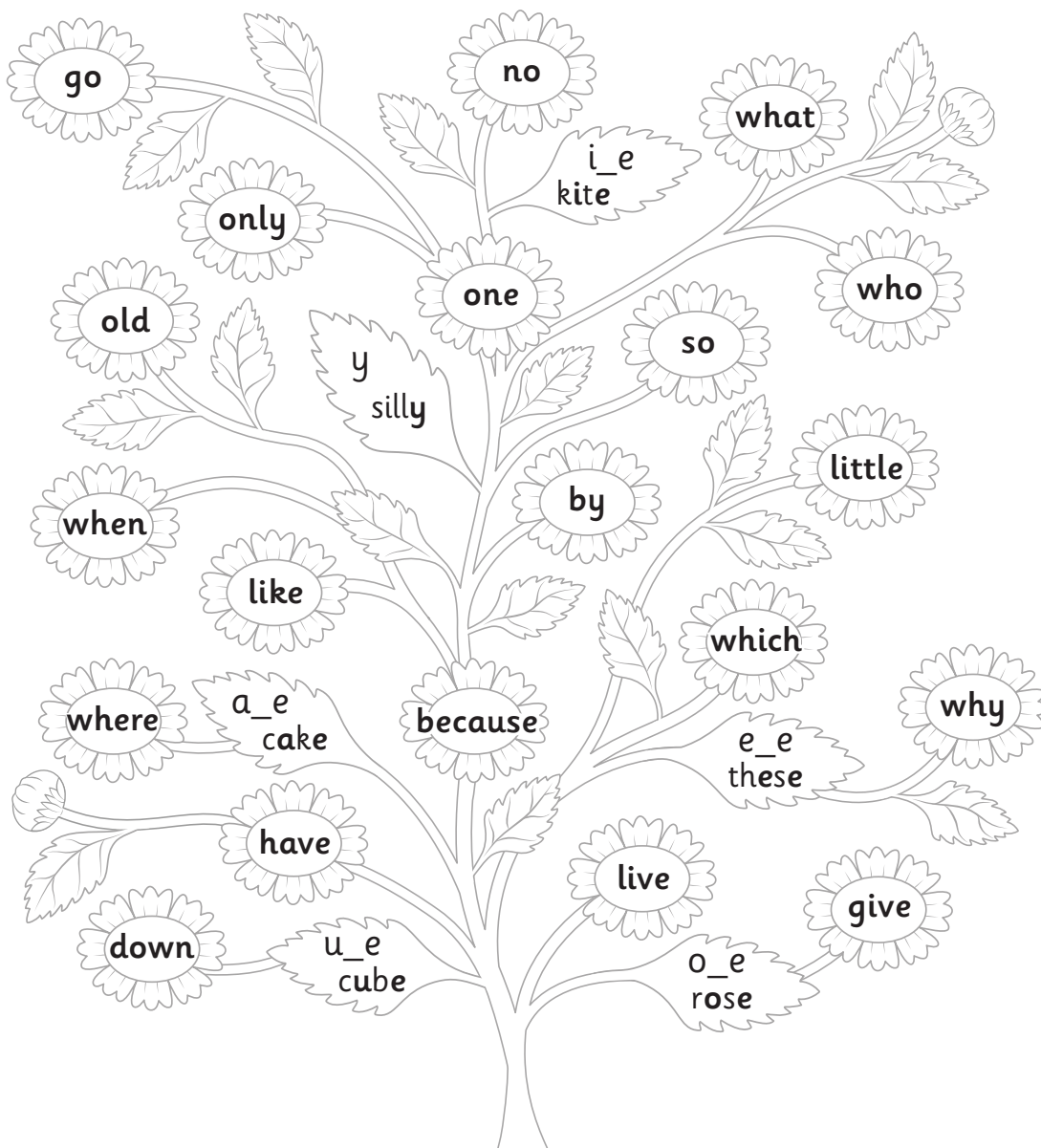
Gull and Raven



Teachers and parents

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

- Recognise the basic 42 letter sounds and the alternative spellings in the leaves below;
- Read (blend) regular words containing these letter sounds;
- Recognise the tricky words shown in the flowers below.



In the beginning, the Spirit of the Earth gave every animal a wooden box with a gift inside. One by one, the animals opened the boxes.



Then Raven had a long think, and he hatched a cunning plan. He gathered some prickly thorns and laid them out on the ground by Gull's boat.





Then he called out, “Gull, Gull, come quickly! Your boat is floating off!”

Gull came running out of his tent – straight onto the prickly thorns, which got stuck in his feet.

“Ouch!” he cried.

From that point on, sunshine lit the Earth.
And Gull stood on one leg, shouting, “Ou, ou, ou!”



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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

Gull and Raven is based on a story from Native American mythology, in particular the stories of the Tlingit people of what is now Canada and Alaska.

What's in the book?

- Who kept all of the light in a box?
- Who stood on the sharp thorns?
- How did Raven bring light to the world?

What do you think?

- Is Gull selfish?
- Was Raven right to trick Gull into letting out all of the light from his box?



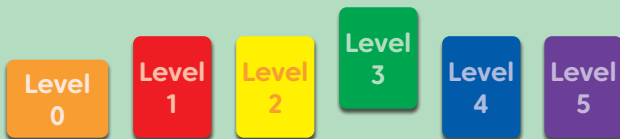
Folktales

Jolly Phonics Readers are fully decodable books for new readers.

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 Green Level Books (third level) uses only **decodable regular words** that use the letter-sound knowledge taught so far (the 42 main letter sounds, the alternative spelling of <y> for the /ee/ sound at the end of words like *happy* and *sunny* and the 'hop-over <e>' spellings of the long vowel sounds) and a small number of **tricky words** (frequently used words that are not fully decodable at this stage).
- All new tricky words and alternative vowel spellings used 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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