

Time for a Bath, Nell!



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Before reading

Talking Time

- Read the title **to** your child and talk about the picture. Read the blurb on the back cover to your child.
- Look through the book together, talking about the pictures – but do not read the words. You could use the suggestions below.

Content: In this book we find out all about Nell's day out in the park. She has lots of fun. Why does she need a bath?

Front Cover: Who can you see? It's Nell. Where is she?

Page 1: Who can you see? Look how her coat shines.

Page 2: Where is Nell now? What is she doing?

Focus question- Read this **to** your child.

Why does Nell need a bath?

Focus phonics- Ask your child to say each phoneme (sound).

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Focus words - Ask your child to read each word by 'sounding out' and blending.

**sunshine likes tries hide spies
slides inside cries smile playtime
dried prize**

Focus 'tricky' words- Please help your child to read these words.

**out find wants when make tired
friend**

During Reading

- Listen to your child reading. Remind them to 'sound out' and blend to read the words. Help them if they get stuck.
- Help them to think about what they are reading by asking questions and talking about the pictures and/or words. Explain meanings of new words if necessary.
- Enjoy reading this book with your child!

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This is Nell on a day out in the park. See how her coat shines in the sunshine.



Nell likes to play hide and seek. She tries to hide in the deep pit but I find her. It's good fun!



When we get to the pond,
Nell spies a duck. She wants
to dive in. She slips and
slides in the mud.



When we get back inside,
Nell cries. She is sad, wet
and fed up! She needs a
hot bath to make her smile
again.



Nell leaps in the bath. She thinks it's still playtime but I need to clean her. She likes to splish and splash!



When she gets out, it is time to get her dried off. This is a hard job as she tries to lick me!



Nell is tired so she lies down in her soft bed. I will give top prize to Nell as she is my best friend.

After Reading

Talking Time and Focus Question

- Ask the focus question and talk about the answer.
- Encourage your child to talk about the book by asking questions and looking at the pictures together.

Fun with Phonics

Play one of these games with your child. Ask your child's teacher how to play.

- Fast Phonemes
- I-Spy a Grapheme
- Spot the Word
- Speedy Read a Focus Word or Tricky Word

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