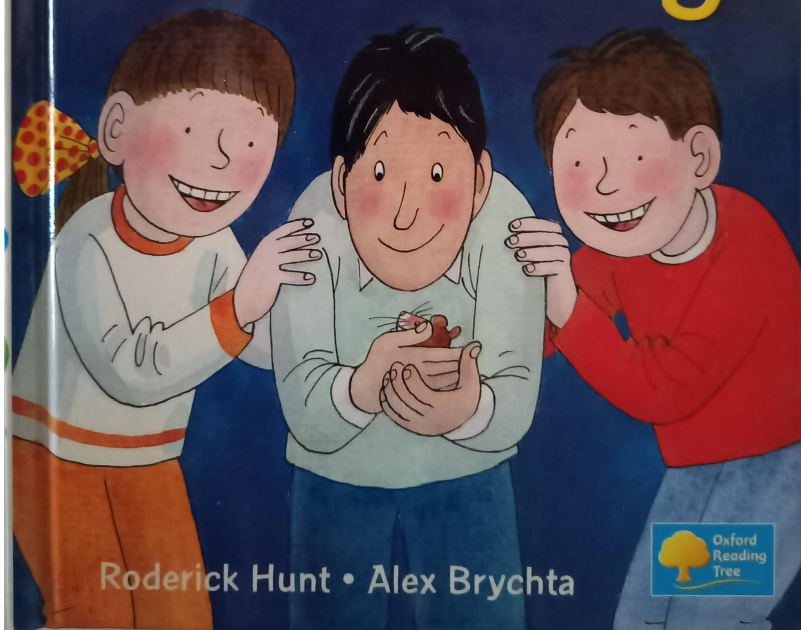


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Read at Home

Missing!



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### *Tips for Reading Together*

Children learn best when reading is fun.

- Talk about the title and the pictures on the cover.
- Discuss what you think the story might be about.
- Read the story together, inviting your child to read with you.
- Give lots of praise as your child reads with you, and help them when necessary.
- Try different ways of helping if they get stuck on a word. For example: read the first sound or syllable of the word, read the whole sentence, or refer to the picture. Focus on the meaning.
- Have fun finding the hidden nuts.
- Re-read the story later, encouraging your child to read as much of it as they can.

Children enjoy re-reading stories and this helps to build their confidence.

*Have fun!*

Find the 10 nuts hidden in the pictures.  
There are 2 of each of these.



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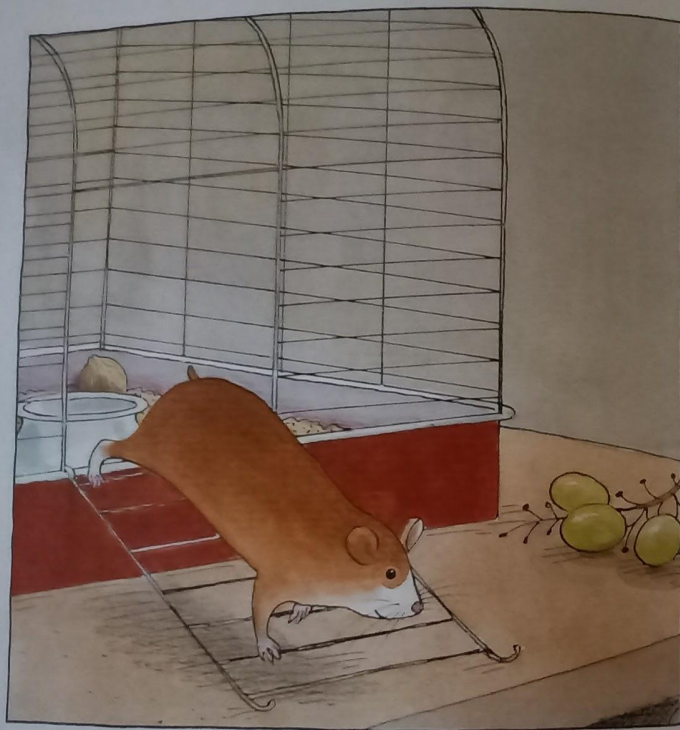
Nadim had a hamster.  
He called it Jaws.



“Jaws is a funny name for a hamster,” said Biff.



Nadim put Jaws in his cage, but he forgot to shut the cage door.



Jaws got out of the cage and  
ran away.



Nadim saw the cage was open.  
“Oh no!” he said.



Nadim was upset.  
“Jaws has run away,” he said.



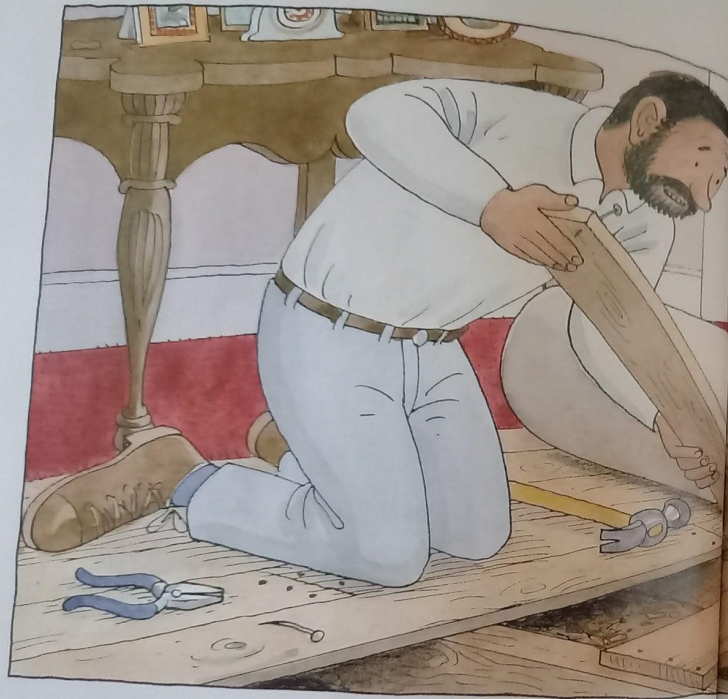
The children looked for Jaws.  
They looked and looked.



Biff looked under the sink.  
Chip looked in the fridge.



Nadim looked under the  
cupboard.



Nadim's Dad looked for Jaws.  
He pulled up the floorboards.



"Maybe Jaws is down here,"  
he said.



Then Chip had an idea.

"Let's get Floppy," he said.

"He can find Jaws."



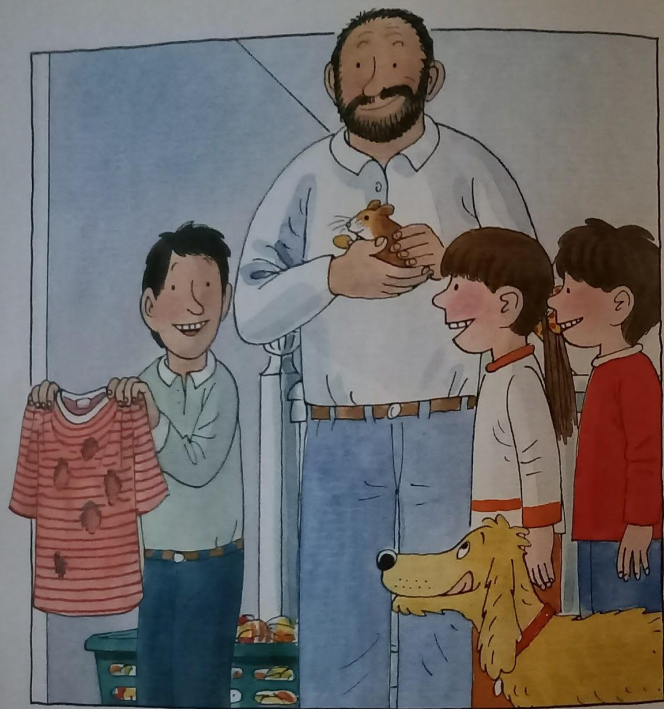
Sniff, sniff, went Floppy.



Sniff, sniff! SNIFF! SNIFF!  
"Look in here," said Chip.



Jaws was in the clothes basket.  
He had made a nest.



“Look!” said Nadim. “You can see why I called him Jaws.”

### Think about the story



Why is the hamster called Jaws?

Why was Nadim upset when he found that Jaws had run away?



Where did the children and Dad look for Jaws?



What would you do if you lost your pet?