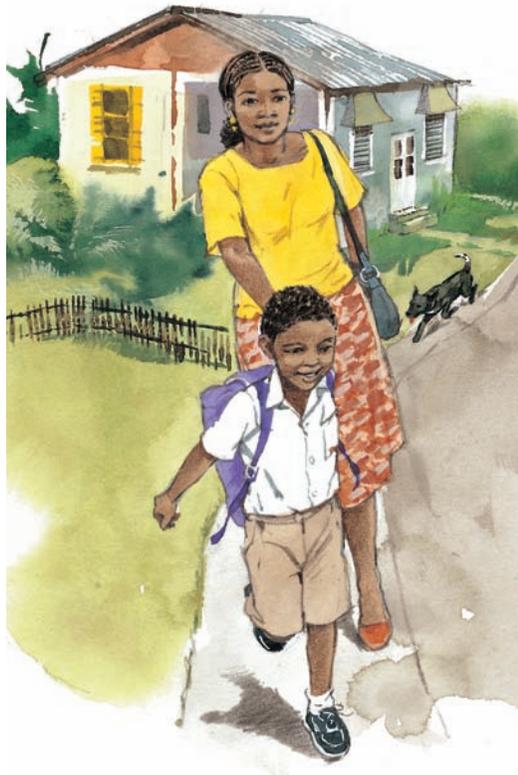


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Note for parents

- ◆ Try to make reading with your child a relaxed and enjoyable activity.
- ◆ Sit somewhere quiet and give your child your full attention.
- ◆ Read little and often; 10–15 minutes a day will help your child enormously.
- ◆ Before reading, talk about the pictures. What does your child think is happening? Is this a story or a poem or non-fiction?
- ◆ When reading a story, ask: Who is in it? Where does it take place? How do the characters feel? How might the story end? Can you think of a different ending?
- ◆ Before asking your child to read a poem, read it aloud, emphasising the rhythm.
- ◆ If you are reading non-fiction, talk with your child about what they already know on the subject.
- ◆ Encourage your child to point to each word while reading and to try different ways of working out unfamiliar words.
 - ◆ Help your child to say each sound separately and then run the sounds together (e.g. *p-u-p*; *sh-o-p*). Use letter sounds, not letter names.
 - ◆ Look at the picture for clues to what the sentence might say.
 - ◆ Read the whole sentence again for clues to the missing word.
- ◆ If your child mispronounces a word allow her time to correct it herself.
- ◆ Be positive. If your child can't read a word, say 'Let's read it together'. Point to the words as you read the sentence. Ask your child to read it with you and then to read it on their own. Give lots of praise.

The new teacher

Eva was sad.

She wanted Miss Rose.

Miss Rose was Eva's old teacher.

Miss Rose was small.

She was quiet.



Before reading: Look through the illustrations and read the title together. Ask what students think the story is about. Teach tricky words such as **'want'**, **'kind'** and **'quiet'**. Teach **'everyone'** by covering 'one' and reading 'every' before reading the complete word. Teach **'didn't'**, explaining that it is short for 'did not' and that the apostrophe tells us that a letter is missing. Ask which letter is missing.