

How to help your child read this book

This book gives your child extra practice in reading a book that includes sounds he or she has learnt at school.

Ask your child to read the Story Green Words and Red Words below, before reading the book. Do not read the book to your child first. Point to the words as he or she reads. If your child hesitates, help him or her to sound-blend the word.

Re-read each sentence or page to ensure your child understands what they are reading. Children's attention is focused on reading the words and they find it hard to focus on the information at the same time.

Don't make them struggle too much and praise them when they succeed. Do it all with patience and love!

Story Green Words

Story Green Words are made up of sounds your child has already learnt. This book contains the following Green Words:

grandad ye<u>llow</u> l<u>arge</u> driven postm<u>ar</u>k c<u>ar</u>t fl<u>igh</u>t happy <u>sh</u>elf b<u>oo</u>ks

Red Words

Red Words are harder to read because the letters represent unusual sounds. Ask your child to read the Red Words, but if he or she gets stuck on a word, read the word to your child. This book contains the following Red Words:

so <u>where</u> was ta<u>ll</u>

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A card to Grandad



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Important note

Read books to your children that are beyond the level they can read for themselves — every evening. They'll only want to become readers if they experience the joy of listening to a range of stories, non-fiction and poetry. Very soon, they will be able to read those books for themselves, as well as listen to them.

Vocabulary check

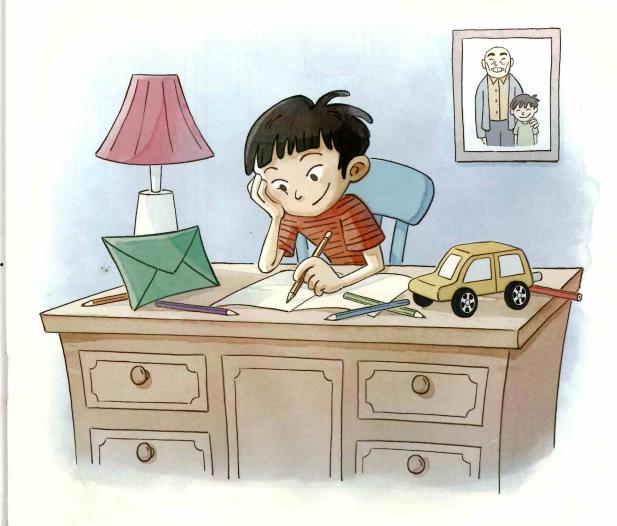
Tell your child the meaning of each word in the context of the book.

	definition:	sentence:
Japan	a country in Asia	My grandad lives very far away in Japan.
stamp	a label you stick to a card or a letter to show you have paid to send it	The man sticks a stamp on the card
post room	the room where the post is sorted	The van brings the sacks to a large post room
postmark	information that is printed on top of a stamp (the date and the place it was posted)	my card has a postmark printed on it.
post	letters, cards and parcels that are posted	my card is put into a box on a tall cart with all the post going to Japan.

The card

My grandad lives very far away in Japan.

He sent me this yellow car, so I am sending him a thank you card.



The stamp

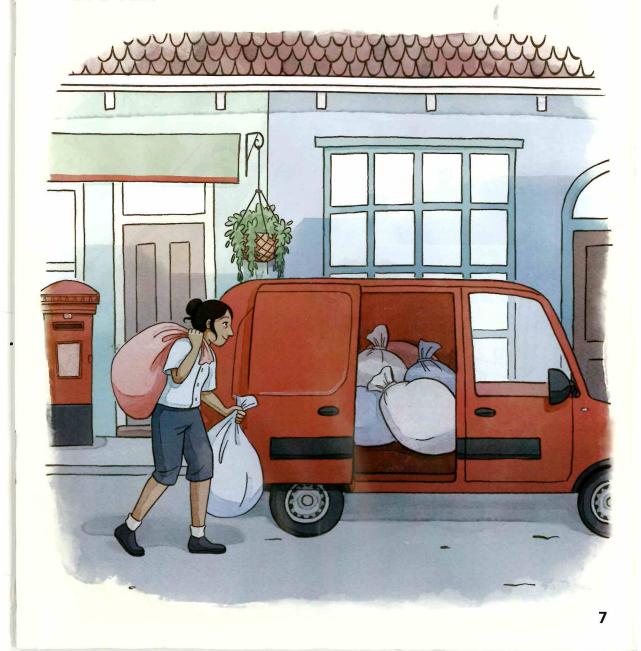
I finish the card and go to get a stamp.

The man sticks a stamp on the card and puts it in a large sack.



The van

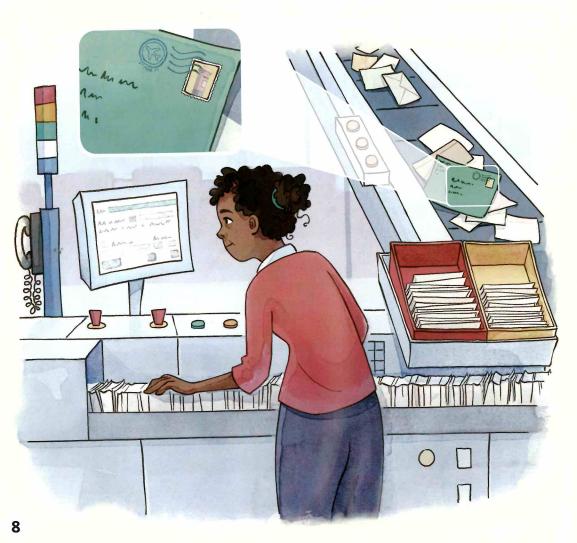
Soon, the sack is collected. It is driven away in a van.



The postmark

The van brings the sacks to a large post room, where my card has a postmark printed on it.

The postmark shows when my card was posted and where it was sent from.



The cart

Next, my card is put into a box on a tall cart with all the post going to Japan.

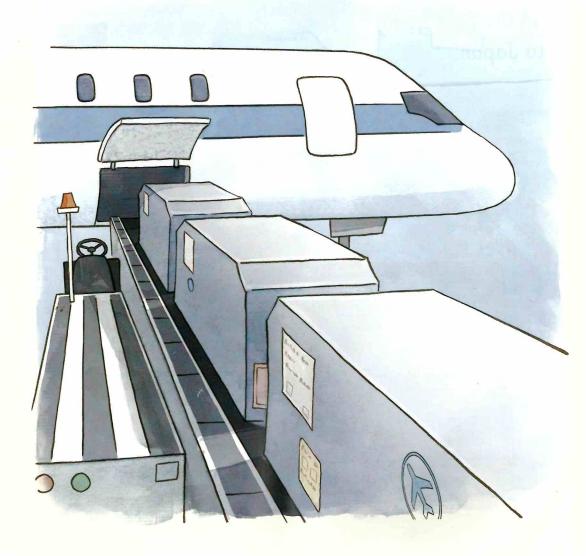


The truck

The post is put in the back of a large truck.

The flight

The boxes of post are put on a long flight to Japan.



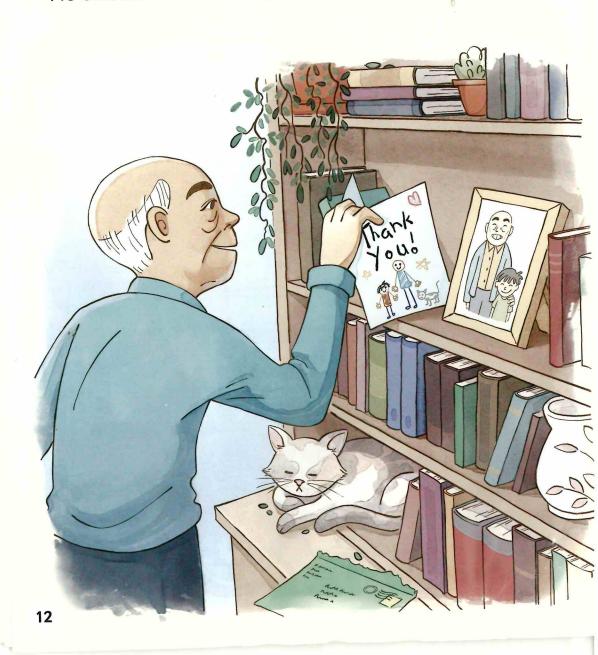
The red box

In Japan, a postman brings my card to Grandad's flat in a hard red box.



Grandad

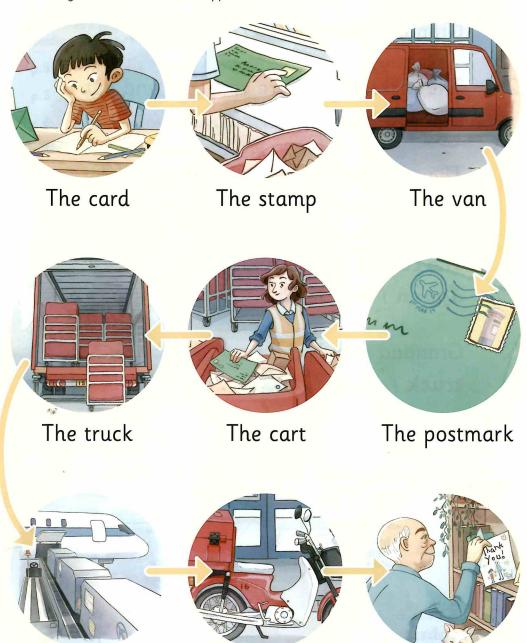
Grandad is happy to get my card! He stands it on a shelf, next to his books.



Think about the text

The flight

Talk with your child about what happens to the card.



The red box

Grandad





Questions to read and answer

Ask your child to read the sentences and choose the correct answer.

- 1. Grandad sent a car / truck / van.
- 2. The sacks of post are collected and put in a **red box / van / car**.
- 3. The card is put into a box on a **tall** / **small** / **green** cart.
- 4. The card is put on a flight to **France** / **Japan** / **Scotland**.
- 5. Grandad stands the card on a **book** / **truck** / **shelf**.





Questions to chat about

Read the questions aloud to your child and ask him or her to find the answers on the relevant pages. Do not ask your child to read the questions — the words are harder than he or she can read at the moment.

- **p.5** Where does Grandad live?
- **p.5** What does the boy send to Grandad?
- **p.6** What does the man stick on the boy's card?
- **p.8** What does a postmark show?
- p.11 In Japan, how does the card get to Grandad's flat?
- **p.12** How does Grandad feel when he opens the thank you card?

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