



VOWEL SPELLINGS SERIES



STEER CLEAR

Story by Clair Baker
Illustrated by Drew Wilson

How to use this book

This book introduces the spellings <ear> and <eer> for the sound 'ear'.

Check the reader knows these target spellings before reading this book.

ear eer

Encourage the reader to read the words by blending the sounds together from left to right throughout the word.

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Reading Practice

ear

dear

gear

near

hear

fear

rear

tear

beard

clear

appear

eer

deer

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jeer

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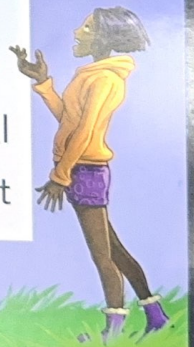
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cheer

career

cheerful

meerkat



Vocabulary

cheerful	- happy, optimistic
smear	- smudged
peers	- looks with difficulty
steer clear	- avoid

The characters in this book are:

Jed

Liz

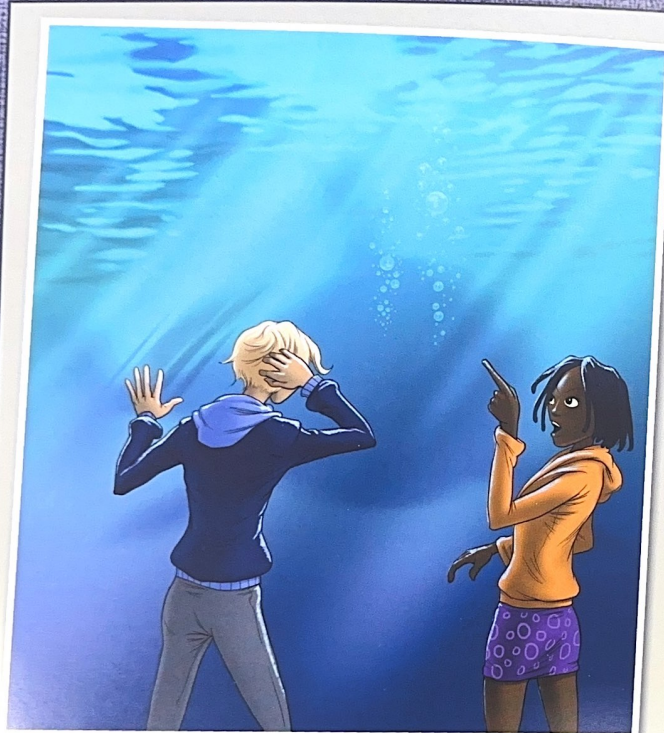


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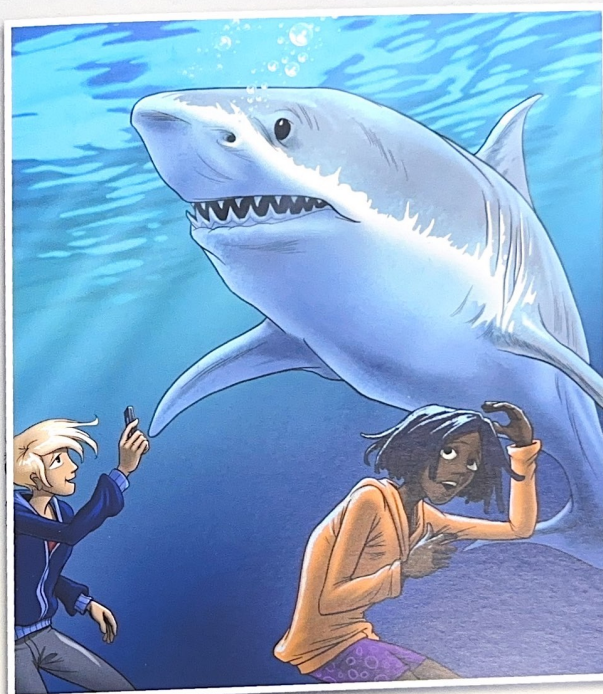




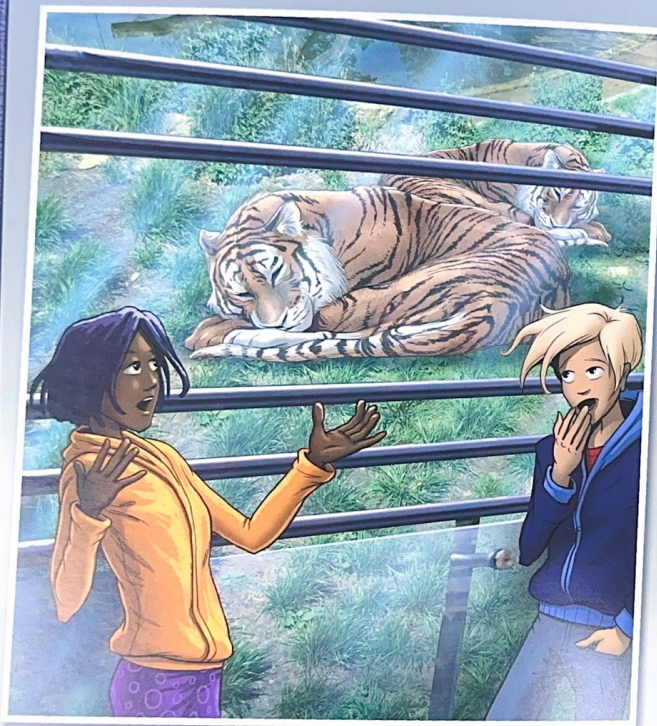
Jed and Liz are at the zoo. Jed is very cheerful, but Liz is scared of animals.



They start at the sharks. Jed rubs the smeared windows of a big tank and peers in. "Not much to see," he says.



A big shark appears out of the gloom. "Oh dear!" gasps Liz. "His teeth are as sharp as spears!"



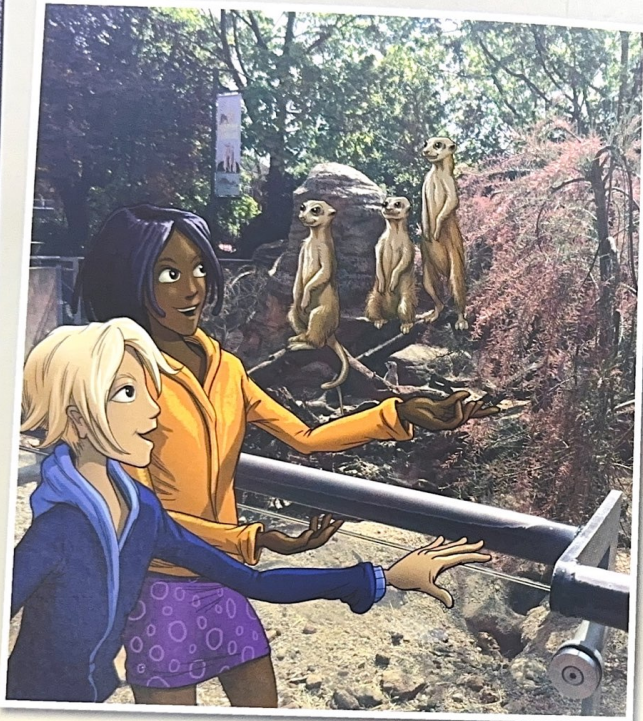
The tigers are next. They are asleep near the window. "Let's steer clear of them!" says Liz in fear.

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Jed cheers when they look at the snarling lions, but Liz is nearly in tears.

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The meerkats bob up cheerfully to greet them. "These dear little things are my kind of animal!" grins Liz.

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Comprehension

1. Liz and Jed have different feelings about visiting the zoo. What are they?
2. Jed peers into the shark tank. What does 'peers' mean?
3. How does Liz react when the shark appears?
4. Liz wants to steer clear of the tigers. What does 'steer clear' mean?
5. Which animal does Liz like?
6. What is your favourite animal? Why?



JUMPING JACK GAME



This is a game for two players. Each player has three counters, each set a different colour. Players choose to be Red or Blue and place one counter on each of their colours. Players take turns to move a counter by sliding it into an adjacent space or by jumping over their opponent's counter into an empty space. When a player lands on a word, he/she must read the word aloud. The winner is the first player to get all three of his/her counters in a straight line.

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Liz and Jed are off to the zoo, but they have different views about the animals! Luckily, the last animal they see saves the day.

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