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Read the story together first. Use one question at each page, then the question at the end. Answers are below the dotted line: fold them under or cover them while reading.

Page 1

Sound to find: W, as in Welcome. Say it together: The words look enormous. Ted whispers, "What if my voice is too small?"

Page 2

Sound to find: B, as in Beside. Say it together: "I can listen for the first sound," says Corgi. Bark-pop.

Page 3

Sound to find: P, as in Path. Say it together: Pinecone, pine, pebble, path. P-p-p. Into Ted's pocket!

Page 4

Sound to find: L, as in Listen. Say it together: Leaf, lift, land, low. L-l-l. Another sound for Ted.

Page 5

Sound to find: H, as in Hush. Say it together: H is a hush sound—soft, warm air. Quiet sounds still count.

Page 6

Sound to find: G, as in Gate. Say it together: Ted does not need every word at once. He only needs somewhere to begin.

Page 7

Sound to find: F, as in First. Say it together: W-w-welcome. Stop. Breathe. Begin again. Every sound matters.

Page 8

Sound to find: V, as in Voice. Say it together: One sound, then another—Ted reads all the way to the end!

After reading

Ted has promised to read the picnic welcome—but every word suddenly feels enormous. What might help him begin?

Answers (fold under before reading)

After reading: A whole sentence can begin with one small sound. Listen for the first sound with Ted.