

SKYLINE READING SERIES

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Easy Reading Practice



To the Parents and Students

Do you like elephants and other animals? Do you like interesting stories? If your answer is "yes," then you will like "Easy Reading Practice." In this book, you will read about Ernie—who is very much like any boy (but, he is an elephant, of course!)—his family, and his friends. Ernie loves to speak and learn English. When reading about Ernie, students will learn many new words. There are also many fun



activities to help students remember the words that they learn. Happy reading!



To the Teacher

My hope is that you'll find this book not only enjoyable for the students but also a pleasure to use as teaching material. Each unit is uniformly presented with a short story followed by a group of exercises designed to help students use and remember the new vocabulary and grammar. Each unit also has a phonics section and a review section. Each lesson contains a "Teacher Tip" to make your job a little easier. The "Teacher Tips" are a rich

resource of creative ideas to help the units come alive for the students. Of course, there is no substitute for you own creativity and experience, and you will undoubtedly find your own ways to enhance and maximize the effectiveness of each lesson. Happy teaching!





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Ernie's Neighborhood



This is Ernie's house. He lives on Main Street. His address is 456 Main Street. He lives at 456 Main Street.

This is Mimi's house. She lives on Main Street, too. Her address is 458 Main Street.



Mimi's house is next to Ernie's house.
Ernie's house is next to Mimi's house.



Teacher Tip

Ask students if they know what street they live on. Make sure they say "on" with the street name. See if they know their full address. Make sure they say "at" with their full address.

Exercise 1.1

A Addresses: "on" and "at."

On Main Street

At 456 Main Street

On Wilson Street

At 1254 Wilson Street

1. What street do you live on?

I live _____.

(on/at)

(your street name)

2. What is your address?

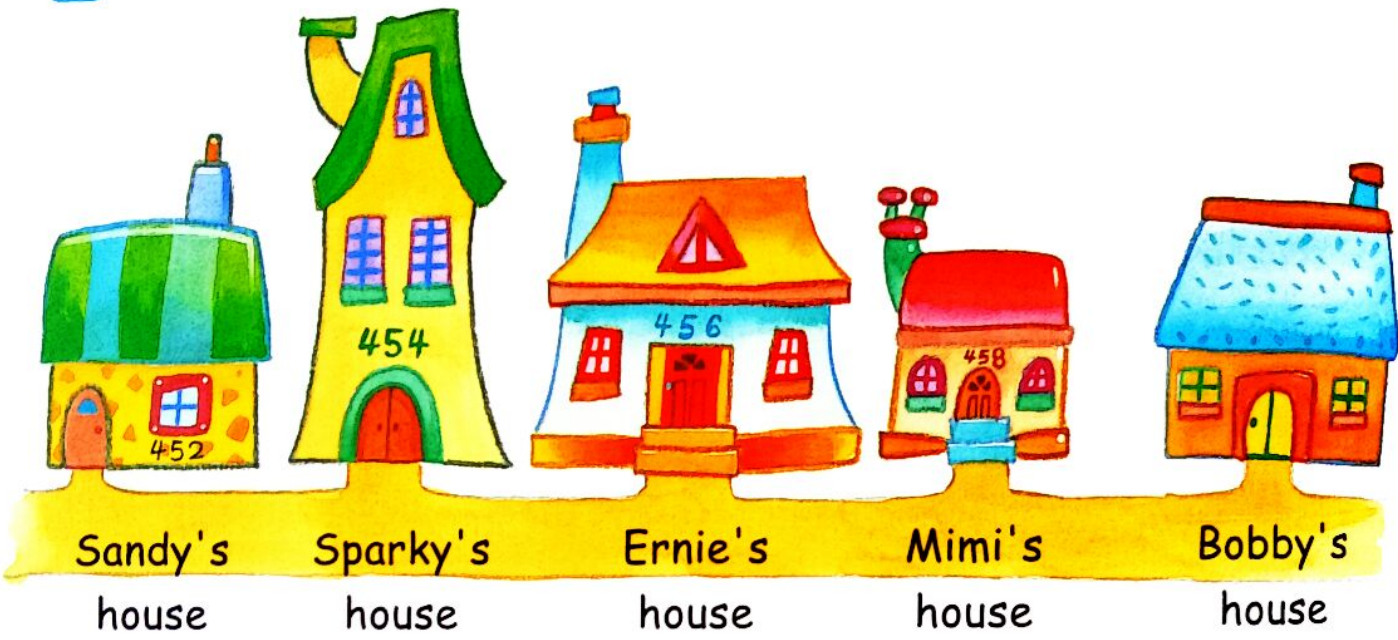
I live _____.

(on/at)

(your address)

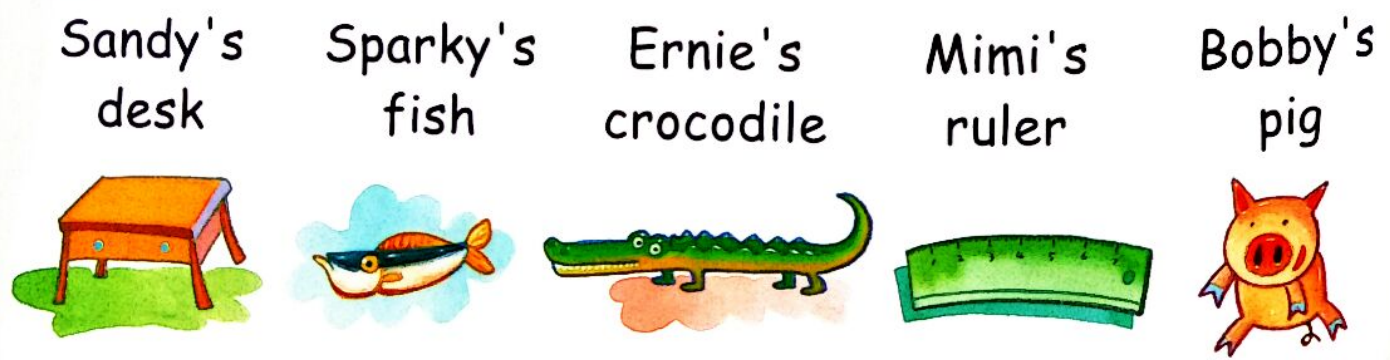


B Check ✓ the right answers.



1. Mimi's house is next to Ernie's house. Yes No
2. Sandy's house is next to Bobby's house. Yes No
3. Sparky's house is next to Sandy's house. Yes No

C Answer the questions.



1. What is next to Bobby's pig? _____
2. What is next to Sandy's desk? _____

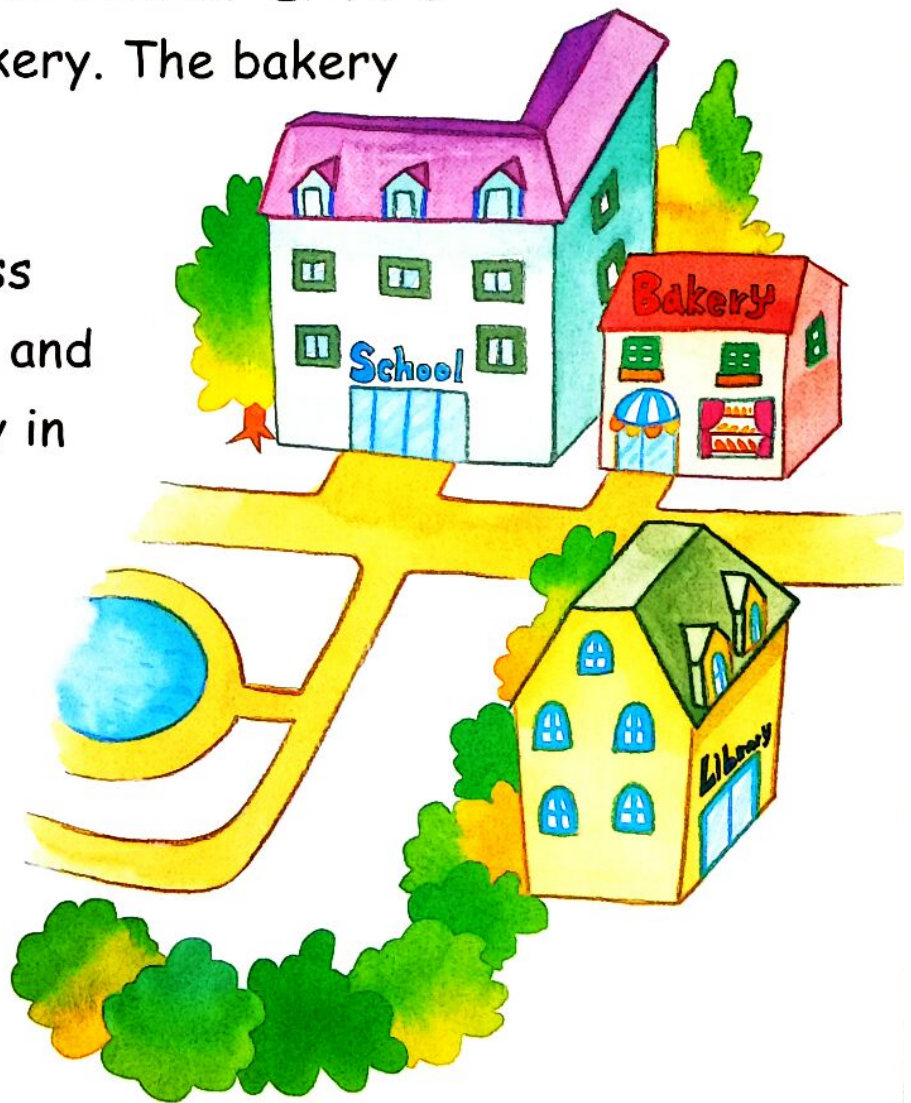


The Bakery, Park, School and Library

Every day, Ernie goes to school. Ernie's school is next to a bakery. The bakery sells bread and cake.

Ernie's school is across from a big park. Ernie and his friends like to play in the park after school.

The park is across from Ernie's school. The park is also next to the library. The library is across from the bakery.



Teacher Tip

Take 4 items and arrange them next to each other or across from each other. Ask students to tell you if it is across from or next to.

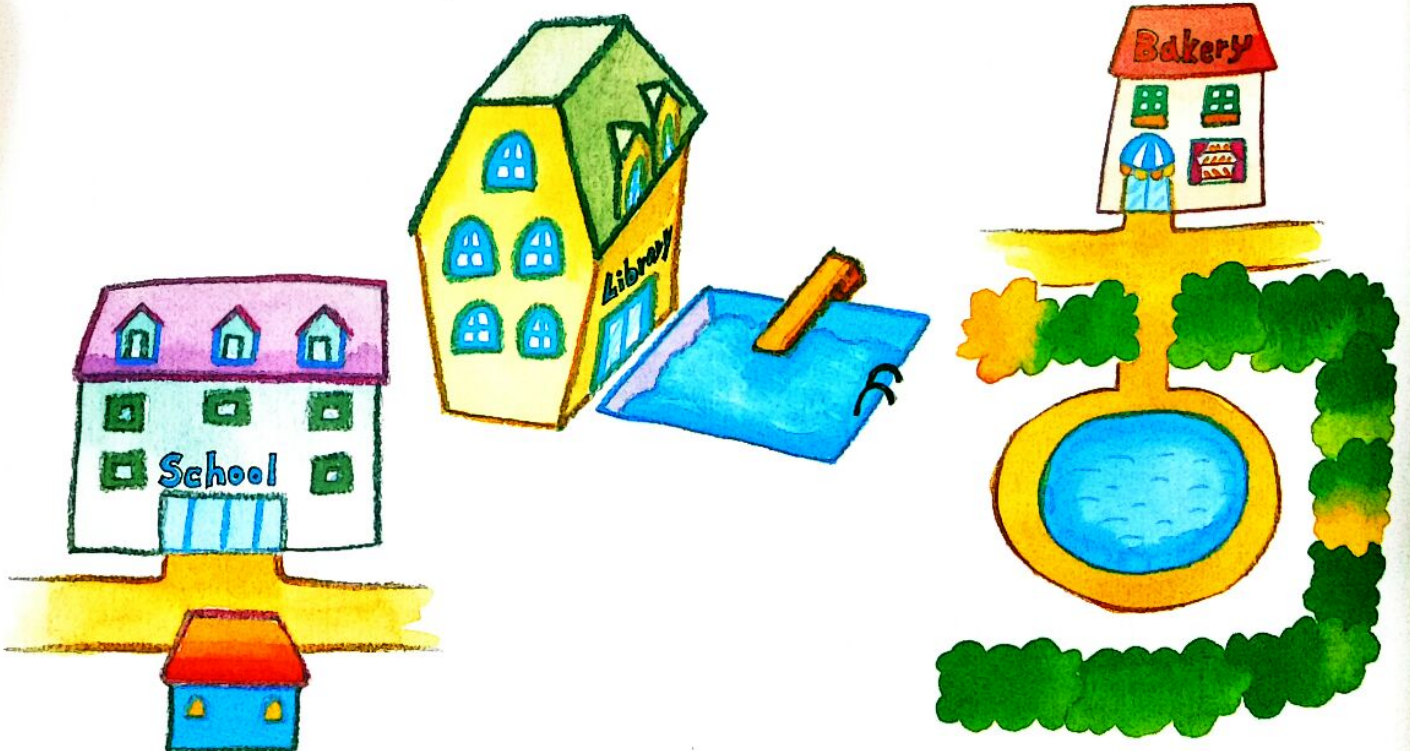
Exercise 1.2

A Answer the questions.

1. Ernie is _____ Candy.
a) across from b) next to
2. Ernie is _____ Sparky.
a) across from b) next to
3. Sparky is _____ Ernie.
a) across from b) next to



B Circle the ones that are across from each other.



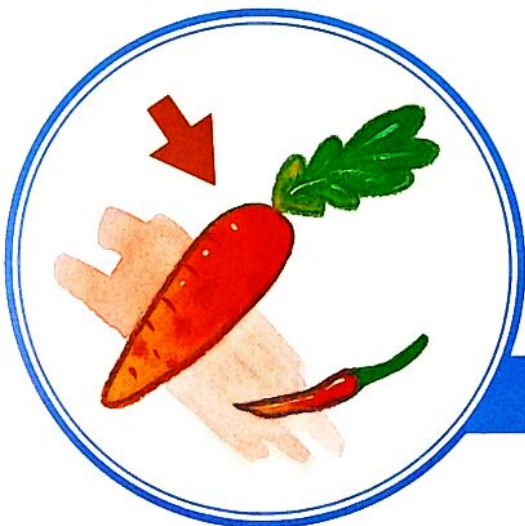
C p and b sounds. Help Ernie spell the words. Use "p" or "b."



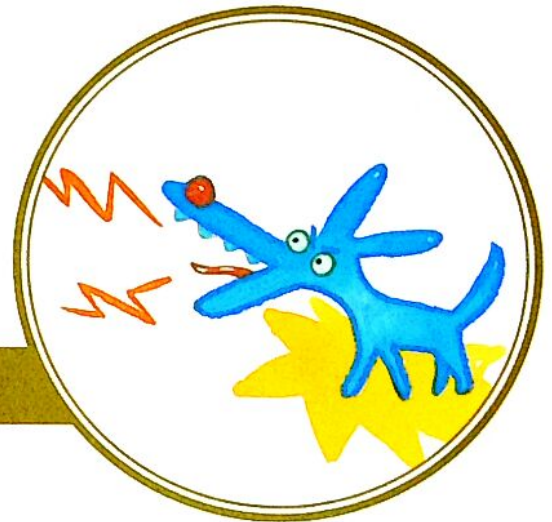
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___ig



___ark



___ig

D Say the sentences.

1. The dog barks in the park.
2. The pig is big.



What Season Is It?

Ernie is at school.
The teacher says,
"Today we will learn
about the seasons.
What season is it now?"



June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

September						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

Ernie raises his hand.

"I know. It's summer right now,"
Ernie says.

"That's right," the teacher says.
"Very good, Ernie."

"Summer starts in June. It starts
on June 21st. Summer ends in
September. It ends on September
22nd," the teacher says.

Teacher Tip

Stress the prepositions "on" and "in" for months and dates. Make sure the students realize that "on" is for a certain date and "in" is for the month. Ask students to tell you what month their birthday is using "in" and to tell you the exact day using "on."

Exercise 5.1

A Circle the summer months and answer the questions.

January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

- Is August 22nd in the summer? Yes No
- Is December 1st in the summer? Yes No

B In or on?

- | | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ___ September
(in/on) | ___ December
(in/on) | ___ January 3rd
(in/on) |
| ___ February
(in/on) | ___ May 1st
(in/on) | ___ October 10th
(in/on) |

C Check the calendar and answer the questions.



January						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Mimi's birthday

March						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Ernie's birthday





June						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

December						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



The last day of school

Christmas

1. When is Ernie's birthday?

Ernie's birthday is _____ (in/on) March 10th.

Ernie's birthday is _____ (in/on) March.

2. When is Mimi's birthday?

Mimi's birthday is _____ (in/on) January 15th.

Mimi's birthday is _____ (in/on) January.

3. When is the last day of school?

The last day of school is _____ (in/on) June 24th.

4. When is Christmas?

Christmas is _____ (in/on) December.



Review

A Circle the answers.



1. Which month is a summer month?
a) April b) December c) August

2. Which month is a winter month?

- a) September b) January c) May



3. Which month is a fall month?

- a) October b) June c) February

4. Which month is a spring month?

- a) November b) April c) July



B Fill in the blanks.

1. Bob's birthday is _____ July 10 _____.
(on/in) (nd/th)

2. I am going to go to Canada _____ March.
(on/in)

3. School starts _____ Sept. 3 _____.
(on/in) (rd/th)

C Match the words.

July December January August

Jan. Feb. Aug. Sept. Jul. Nov. Dec.

November February September

D How is the weather? Fill in the blanks.

1. It is s____nn____.



2. It is c____o____d____.



3. Is it sunny? a) Yes b) No

4. Is it windy? a) Yes b) No

