

 Songbirds

Phonics

The Odd Pet



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Reading
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Talk together

Ask the child to

- Point to the letters in the box on the back cover and say the sounds (not the letter name) that each letter usually makes in words (e.g. *p* as in *pet*). Tell them the sound if necessary.
- Look out for these letters in the story and try to remember the sound they make.

Read the story

Remember, children learn best when reading is relaxed and enjoyable, so give lots of praise.

- Talk about the *Odd Pet* on the cover and think what it might be called.
- Encourage children to point to the words and try to read any they don't recognise by saying the individual sounds separately, then running them together quickly. If they find it difficult to say the sounds, say them first and see if they can hear the word.
- Explain that it is important when running the sounds in a word together to check it sounds like a real word as some words are less regular. Read the words *the*, *have*, *of* and *now* to the child if they don't recognise them. Point out the letters that make the usual sound in each word (e.g. the *h* in *have*). This will help them to remember these words.

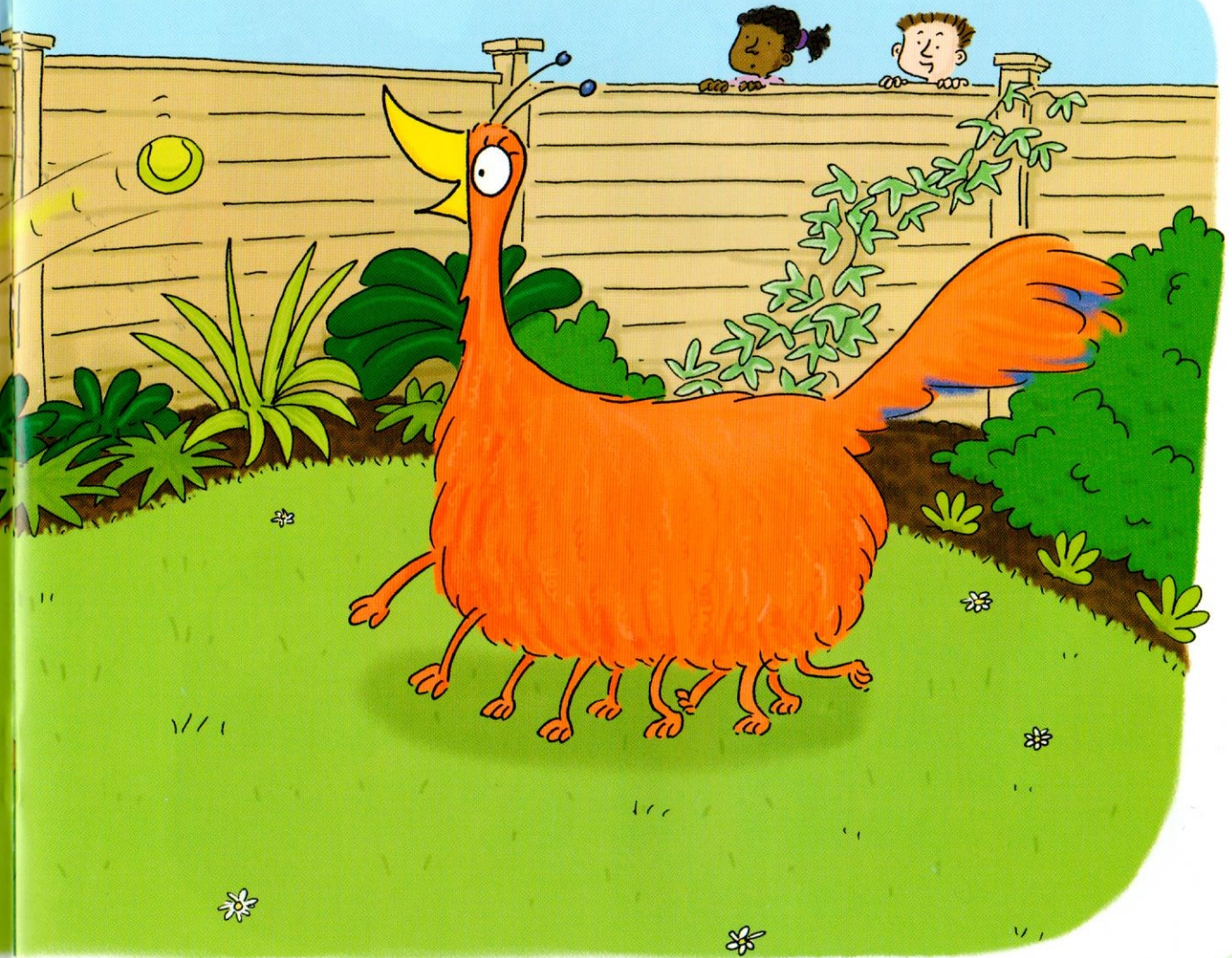
Kim has a cat. Jim has a dog.



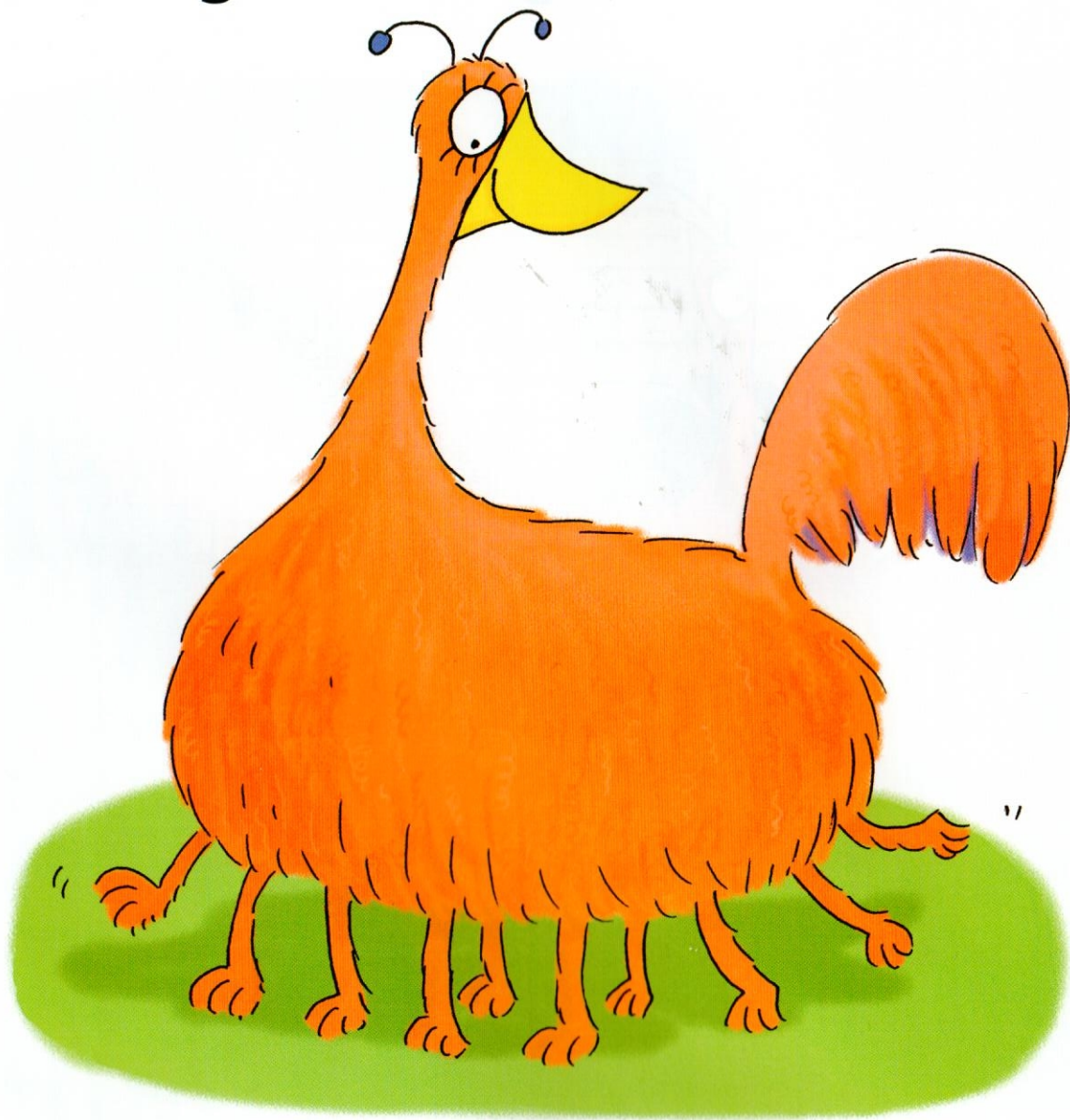
But Viv has an odd pet.

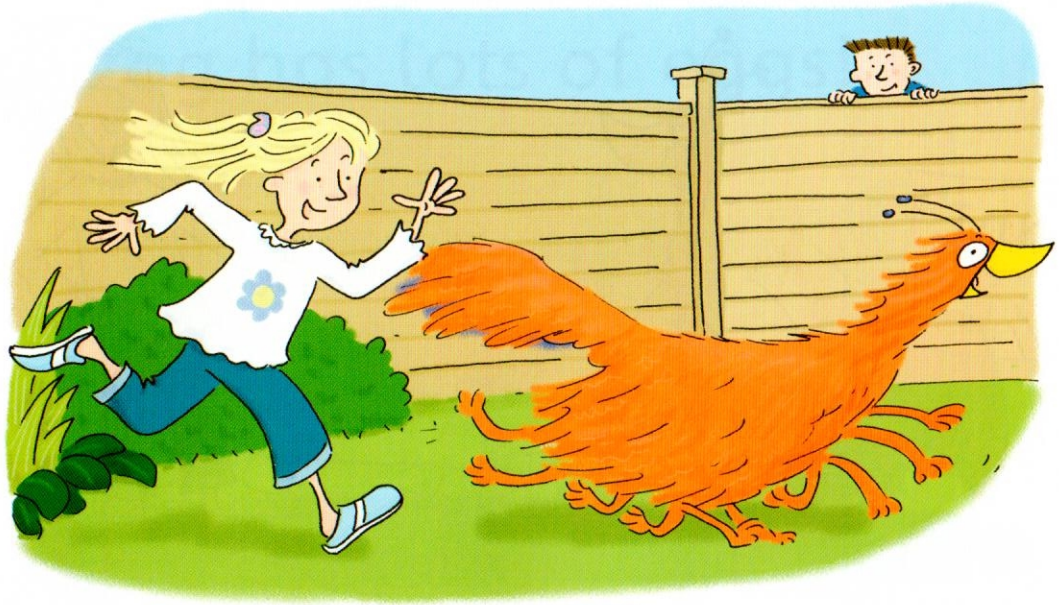


It is a zog! Not a cat, not
a dog, but a zog!



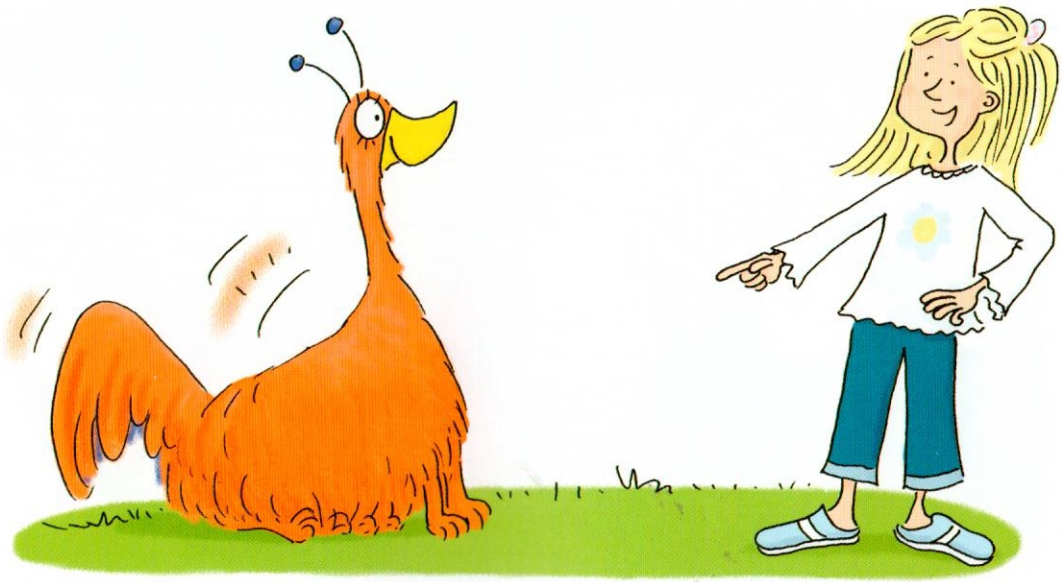
The zog is fat. It has ten red legs.



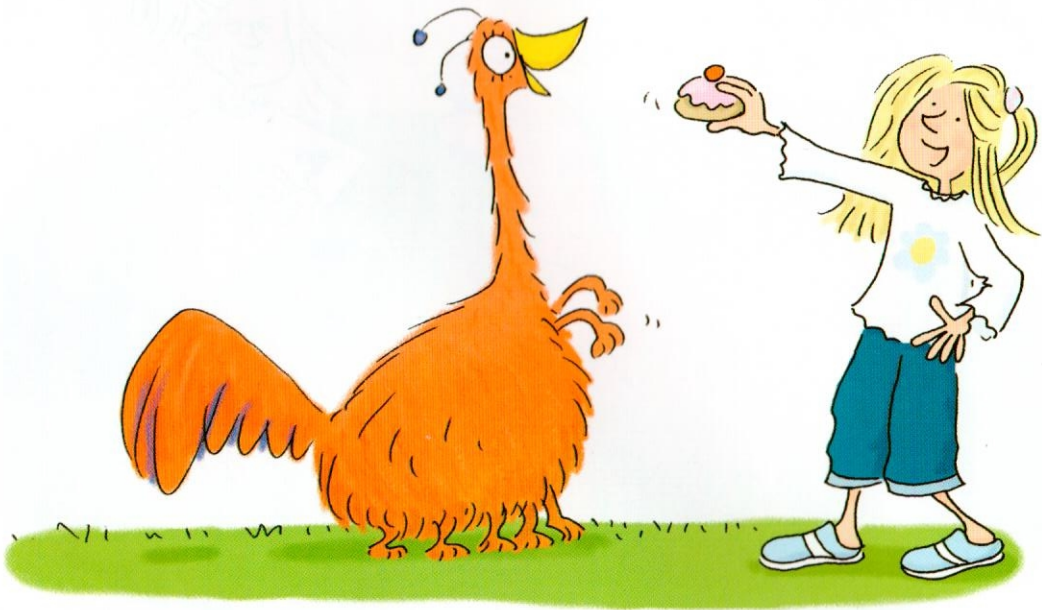


It can run and hop.

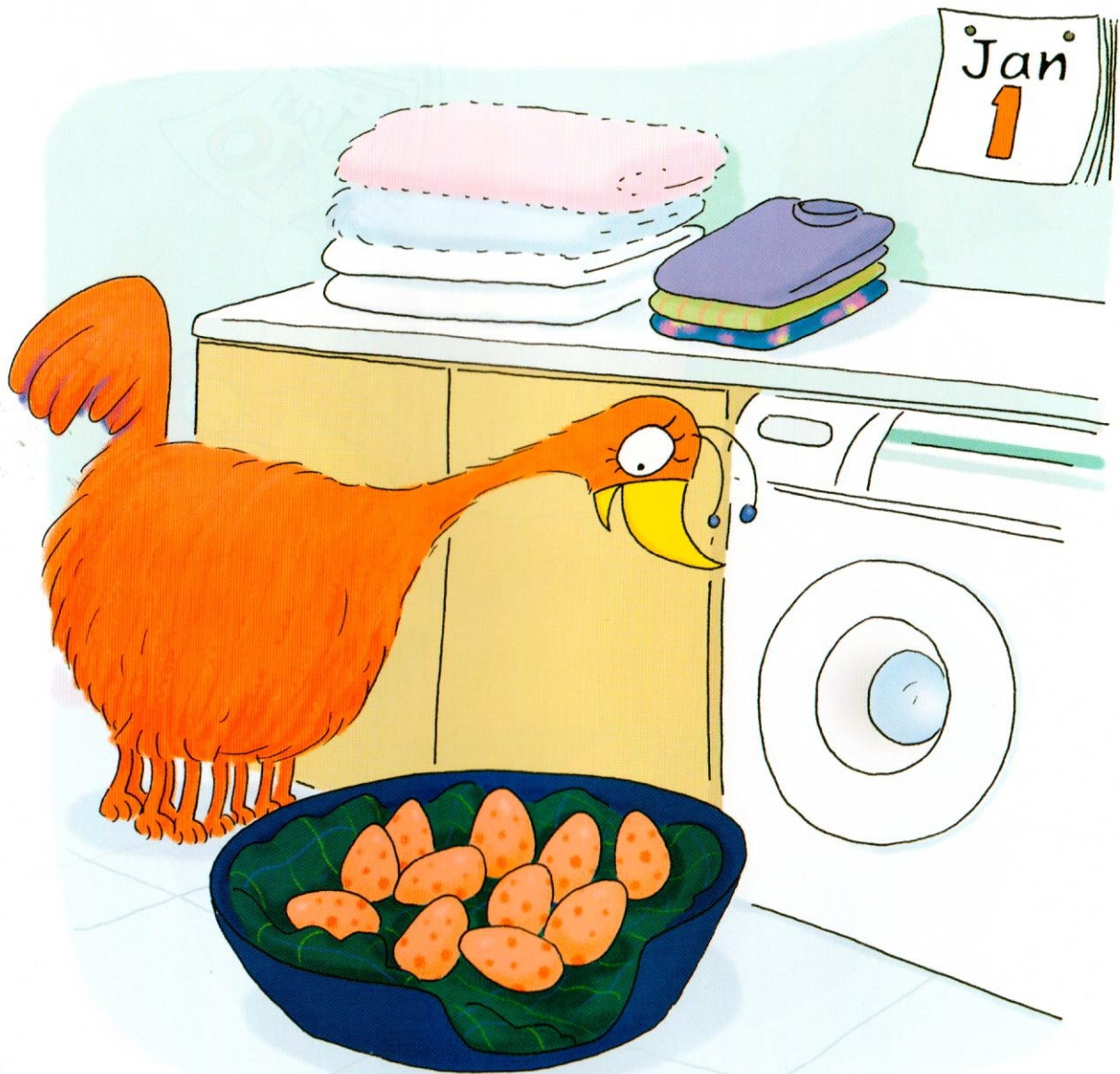




It can sit and beg.



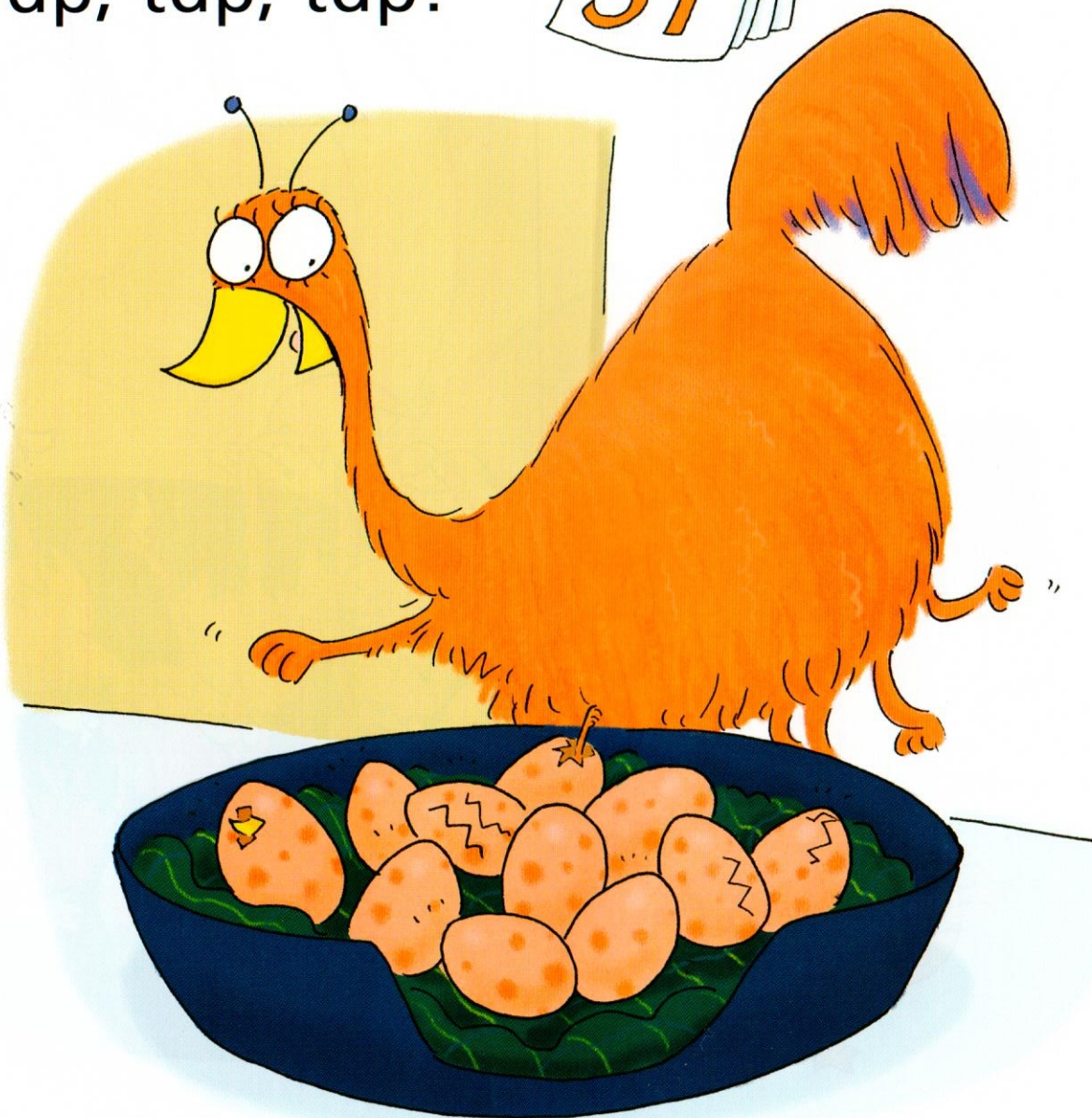
The zog has lots of eggs!



The zog sits on the eggs.
It sits and sits.



Tap, tap, tap!
Tap, tap, tap!



Lots of zogs!

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Can I have
a zog?

Yes, but
not yet.



Can I have
a zog?

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Yes, but
not yet.



Now Kim has a cat and a zog.



Jim has a dog and a zog.



And Viv has ten zogs!



Check comprehension

Ask the child

- How did Kim and Jim get a zog? (Viv gave them one of the zogs that hatched from her zog's eggs.)

Check phonics (letter-pattern sounds)

Ask the child to

- Turn to page 1. Find and read two words which rhyme (*Kim* and *Jim*). Say the middle sounds.
- Find and read some more words with the sound *i* in the middle (*Viv*, *sit*).
- Find and read two words on page 15 which rhyme (*dog*, *zog*).
- Think of some other words which rhyme with *zog* and *dog* (e.g. *fog*, *jog*, *log*, *frog*).

Example phonic words: Kim has cat Jim dog but Viv an pet it is not zog fat ten red legs can run and hop sit beg lots sits on zogs tap yes yet

Context words: a eggs have now odd of the