



Dandelion Readers

Level 3

Book 14

Extended Phonic Code

<ear>

Bear's Fears



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How to use this book

The Extended Phonic Code series introduces the various spellings for each sound. It can be used with any phonic programme a school is teaching.

The phonic progression in the series can be found on the back of this book.

Encourage the reader to say the sounds in the words and blend the sounds together, using pure sounds, without adding an extra 'uh' sound after the consonant sounds.

High-frequency words are words the reader may not be able to decode at this stage. In the process of learning the Extended Phonic Code, the reader will gradually be able to decode these words. Encourage the reader to sound out the sounds they know and provide the sounds not yet learned (pointing at letters that represent that sound). If the reader is struggling, offer the whole word.

Check that the reader understands all words in the vocabulary on the page opposite.

Before reading this book, the reader needs to know:

- two or more letters can represent one sound
- the spelling <ear> can represent the sound 'ear' as in 'ear', 'air' as in 'bear', 'ar' as in 'heart' and 'er' as in 'learn'

This book introduces:

- the spelling <ear> for the sounds 'ear', 'air', 'ar' and 'er'
- text at 2 syllable level

High-frequency words:

was, dark, put, gone, what

Vocabulary:

gripped with fear - was very frightened
appeared - could be seen

Talk about the story

Bear is afraid of the dark. When Viv switches off the light, he is gripped with fear. He sees a monster on the wall. Will it get him?

Reading Practice

Alternative pronunciations for the spelling <ear>.
Practise blending these sounds into words:

'air'

bear

pear

tear

wear

swear

'er'

earn

heard

learn

pearl

earth

search

early

'ar'

heart

hearth

'ear'

near

fear

dear

hear

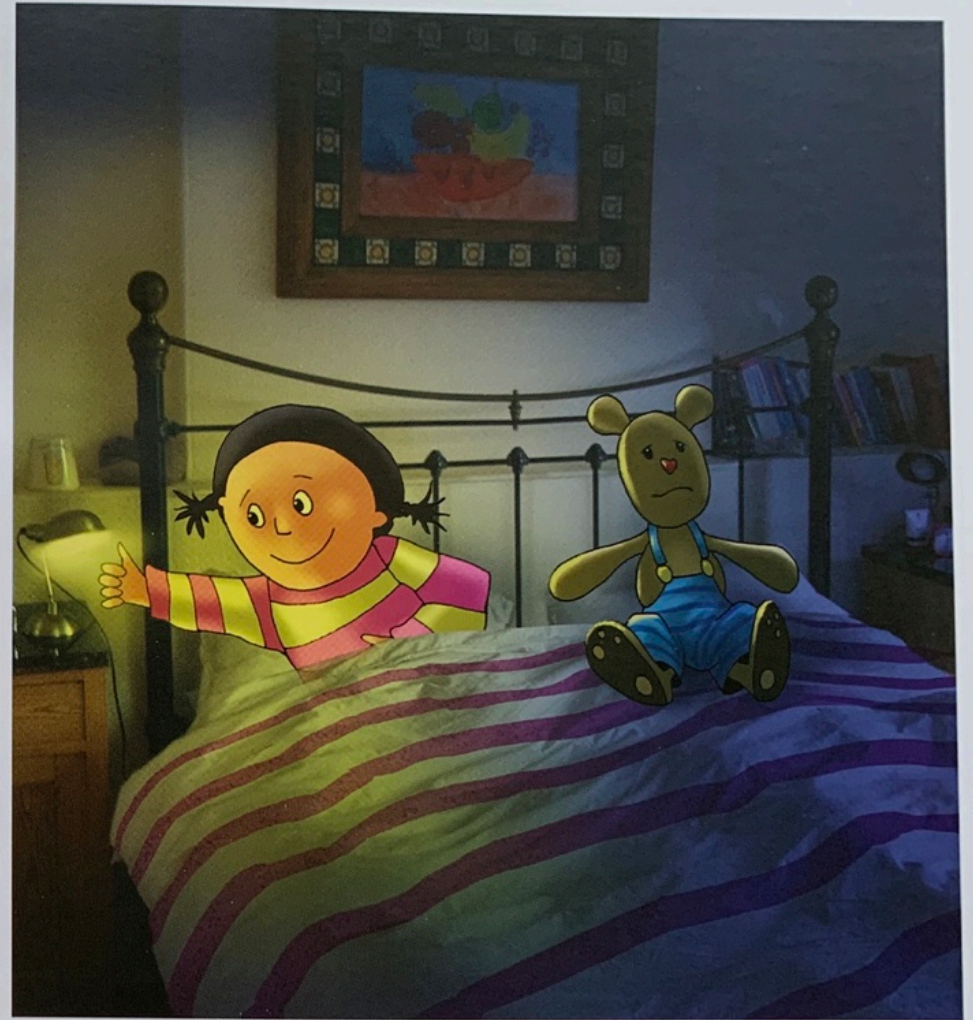
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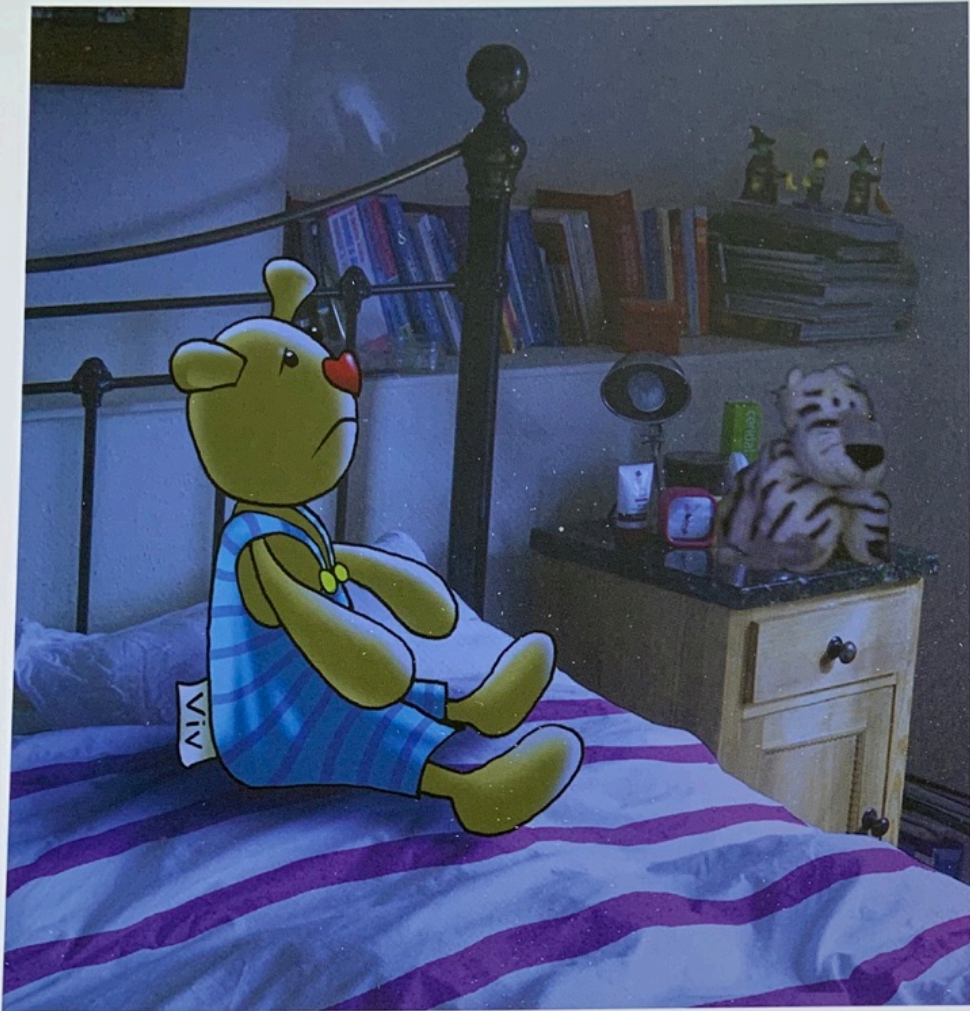
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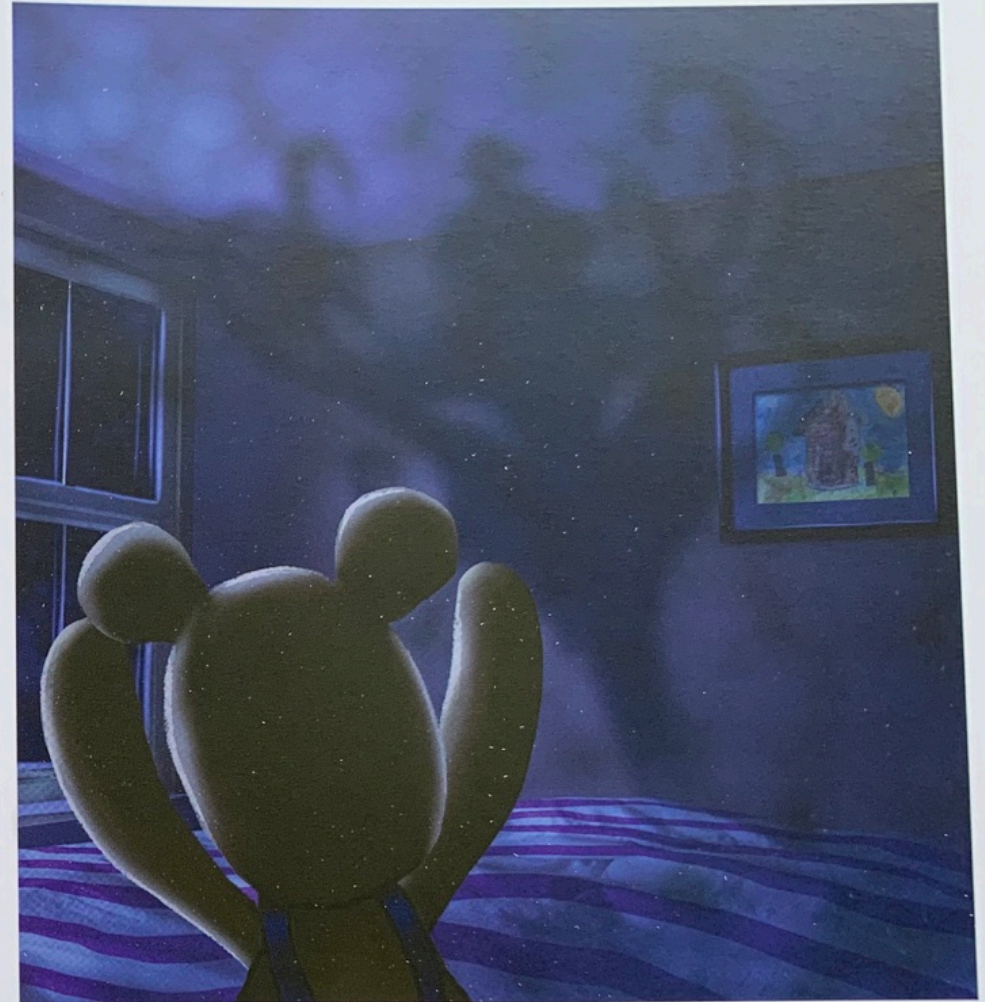




Ted, the bear, was afraid of the dark. When Viv switched off the light, Ted was gripped with fear.



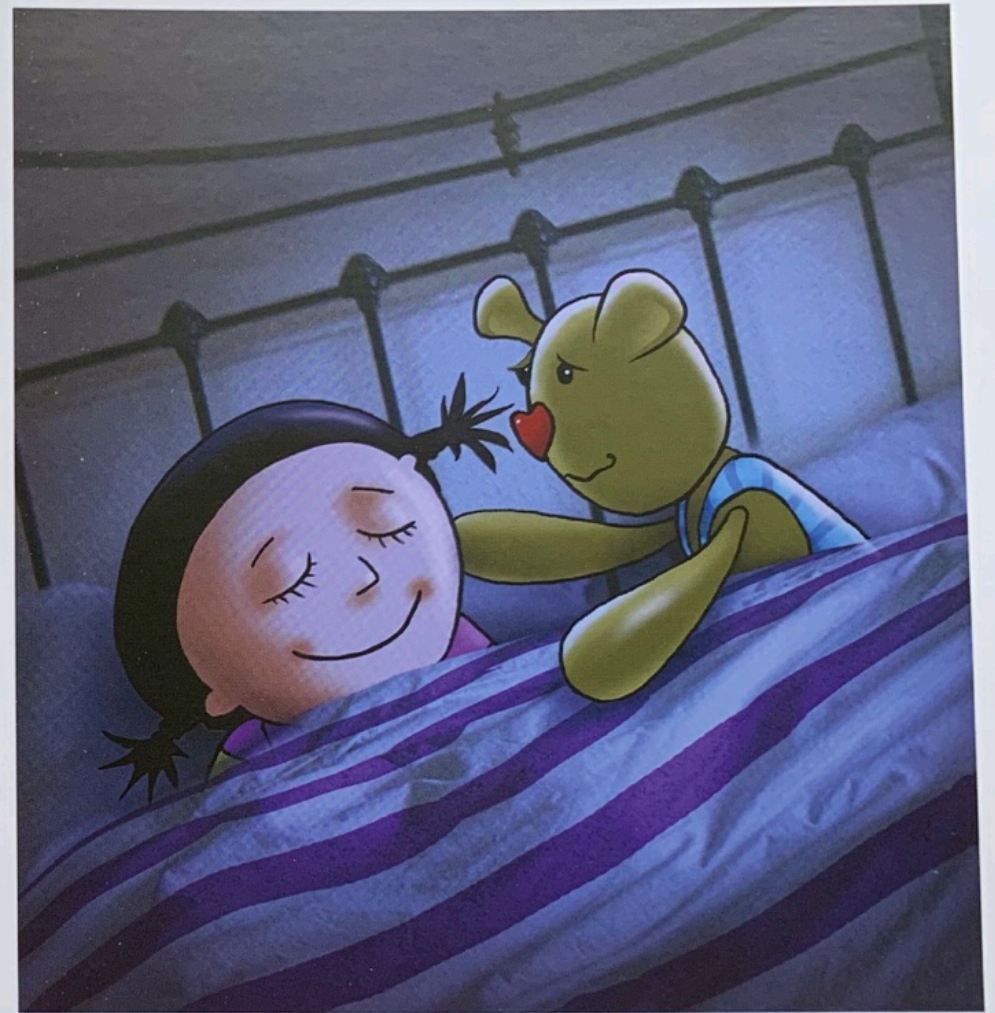
Ted stared into the night. What was that banging he could hear? He heard his heart thumping.



Ted put his hands over his ears. A monster appeared on the wall. Ted feared it would get him.



Tears dropped onto his soft fur.
"Oh dear! The monster will tear
me apart!" he heard himself say.



Ted, the bear, crept under the
blanket to be near to Viv. His
heart stopped thumping.



The next day, Ted saw the pear tree and the hat stand. The monster had gone and so had Ted's fears.

Questions for discussion:

- Why was Ted gripped with fear?
- Why did Ted cover his ears?
- What did Ted find out the next morning?

Game with <ear> words

Play as pelmanism or use for reading practice. Enlarge and photocopy the page twice on two different colours of card. Cut the cards up to play.

Ensure the players sound out the words.

bear	ear	learn
heart	wear	clear
dear	pear	earth
appear	hearth	swear

Lotto game with <ear> words

Enlarge and photocopy twice on two different colours of card. Cut up one full set of cards.

Ensure the players sound out the words.

bear	heart	search
fear	pear	appear

wear	clear	heard
pearl	hearth	dear