

Cooper and Tan-Tan

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Learning to read

SPELD SA Phonic Books support the teaching of reading by using a structured synthetic phonics approach. The books support the learning of letter-sounds and blending in a sequential phonic order, helping readers to develop their independent decoding skills.

Reading tips:

- Have the reader point to each spelling, saying the sound they represent. Swipe left to right under the letters, saying the sounds quickly and smoothly together to read the word. e.g. t-r-ai-l is 'trail'; ch-i-p-s is 'chips'; g-r-ea-t is 'great'.
- If the reader is having difficulty hearing the word when blending, try to model stretching the sounds together without pauses, e.g. Illlooong, is 'long'. If you can't stretch the sounds, e.g. 'tap', have the reader put the first two sounds together before adding the final sound. Alternately you can use letter tiles and push them together while saying the sounds.
- Check that the reader understands the meaning of the words in the book.
- Some words include sounds that will be taught in later units. Many of these words
 will be able to be sounded out as the reader learns more alternate spellings. For
 these words tell the reader the word and determine any 'tricky' parts by breaking it
 up into its sounds.

Readers may need help with these words:

calls	friend	asks	shout
you	hi	lives	dunes
your	desert	here	out

Help with syllables:

Coo/per	ba/lloon	out/side	flow/ers
hea/ding	be/hind	wai/ting	a/llowed
de/sert	good/bye	to/ge/ther	



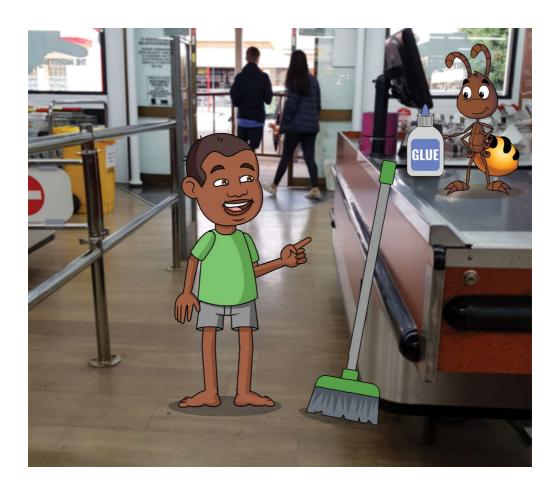
Cooper's best friend is his dog, Tan-Tan. He is there when Cooper feels happy or blue. Everyday Tan-Tan and Cooper have fun together.



"Can I get a dog chew for Tan-Tan at the shop mum?" asks Cooper. "Yes," says his mum, "you can grab me some glue and a new broom too."



Tan-Tan and Cooper are at the shop.
"You can wait here, dogs are not allowed in. I will be back soon." Cooper pats Tan-Tan.



At the check-out Cooper sees Sant the ant's dad.

"I will take this broom, some glue and a dog chew, please."

"Here you are, Cooper," Sant's dad grins.



Cooper can see Tan-Tan is waiting where he left him. "You wait so well, Tan-Tan. Here comes Spotty, Sant and Buzz. Hi crew!" says Cooper. "Hello, Cooper and Tan-Tan," shout the crew of friends.



"That's a great balloon!" says Cooper.
"Thanks. It's for Nana. We are heading to her house to see what flowers bloom in June. Do you want to come too?" asks Sant.

"Yes please," says Cooper.



Nana lives next to the sand dunes. "If we stand on top of the dunes, we can just see the flowers that are in bloom," says Spotty.



"Hello Nana, we have come to see your flowers in bloom." Cooper says.
"These are Sturt Desert Peas. You can take some home." Nana waves.
"Thank you Nana!" Cooper and his friends head home.

Words with alternate spellings for the sound m/oo/n. Practise blending sounds in words:

<00>	<6M>	<ue></ue>	<u_e></u_e>	<0>
Cooper	chew	glue	June	to
broom	crew	blue		do
soon				today
balloon				
1 00				
bloom				

About this series

In developing this series, SPELD SA has consulted with people who live and work in the Anangu, Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands.

We understand that the content, settings and characters may not reflect all Aboriginal people and their experiences but hope that Aboriginal students learning to read can find some familiarity in and connection with these books in their literacy journey.

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This set of SPELD SA Phonic Books aligns with the learning objectives of the Sounds-Write linguistic phonics program. Sounds-write.co.uk

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Book 2	/ee/	<e> <ea> <ee> <y></y></ee></ea></e>	Three great mates
Book 3	/oe/	<o> <oa> <ow> <oe> <o_e></o_e></oe></ow></oa></o>	Sant the disco ant
Book 4	/er/	<er> <ir> <or> <ur></ur></or></ir></er>	Sant's first race
Book 5	/e/	<e> <ea> <ai></ai></ea></e>	Quest to the shed
Book 6	/ow/	<ou> <ow></ow></ou>	Lilly's loud crowd
Book 7	m /oo/ n	<00> <ew> <ue> <u_e> <o></o></u_e></ue></ew>	Cooper and Tan-Tan
Book 8	/ie/	<i> <ie> <y> <i_e> <igh></igh></i_e></y></ie></i>	Ride a bike or fly a kite
Book 9	b /oo/ k	<00> <u> <oul></oul></u>	Camping in the bush
Book 10	/u/	<u> <ou> <o></o></ou></u>	A day with Doug



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'This artwork represents the literacy and numeracy learning journey, and the path towards independent learning. The circles represent the collaborative learning and supports around children with specific learning difficulties, including children, schools, families, SPELD SA and others.' Elizabeth Close, Artist.

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