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BEFORE READING Talk together

- Look at the title and cover. Ask: What is Biff holding? What do you think might happen in this story?
- Read page I together. Explain that the magic key has taken Gran and the children on an adventure.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

 Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

don't old time came frog inside witch

Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

oh people looked called couldn't yelled opened

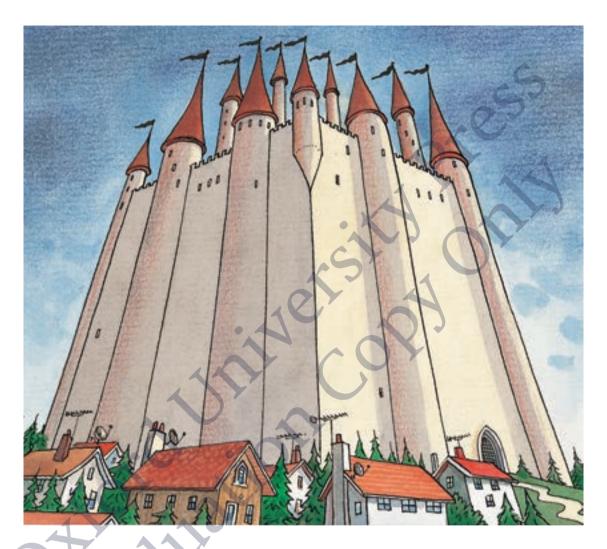
DURING READING

Enjoy the story together. If your child needs support to read the story:

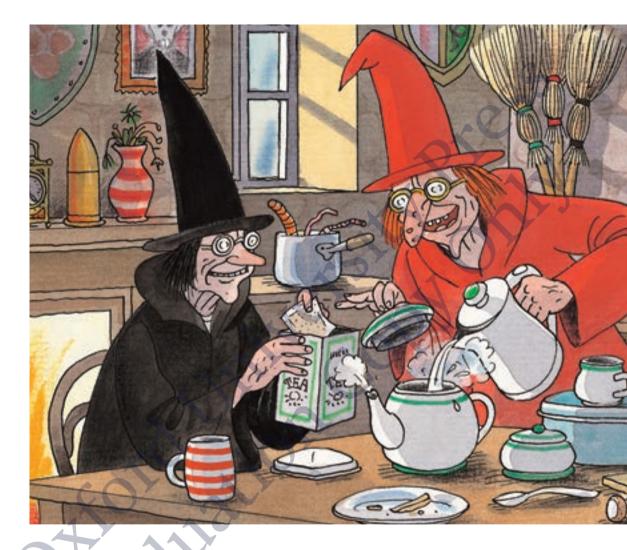
- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. moonlight.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



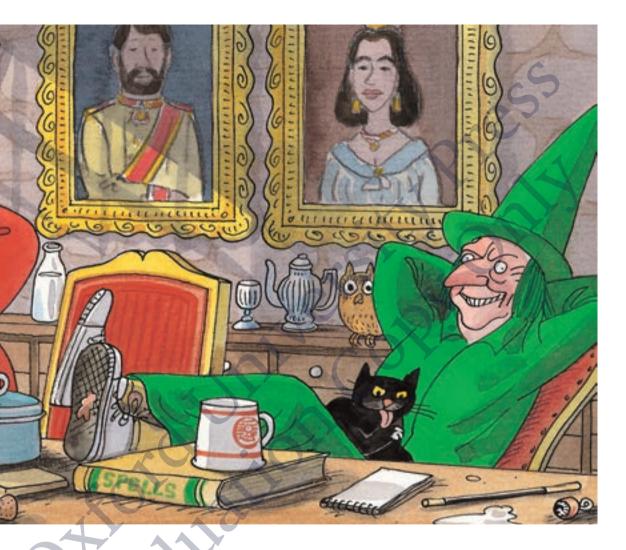
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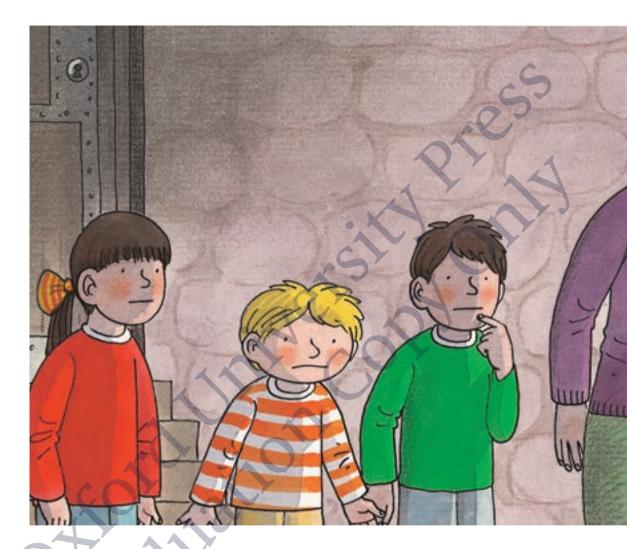
The magic took them to a castle.



Three witches lived in the castle. They were nasty witches.



One was a black witch. One was a red witch. One was a green witch.



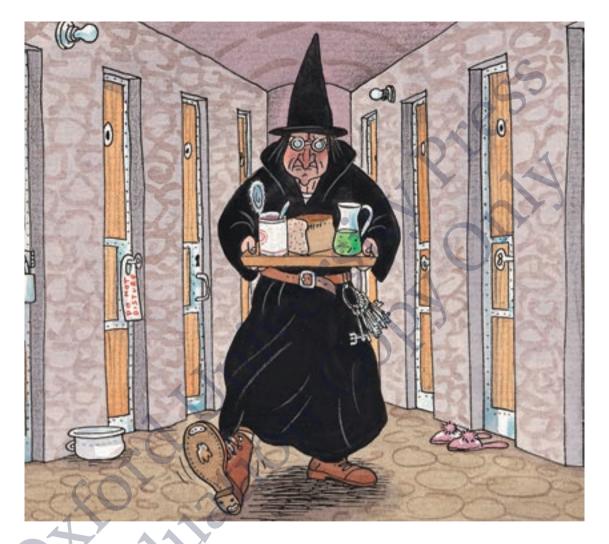
The magic took the children inside the castle. It took them to a room.



A frog was in the room.
"I am a king," said the frog. "I am
the king of this castle."



"The witches turned me into a frog. Help me," he said.

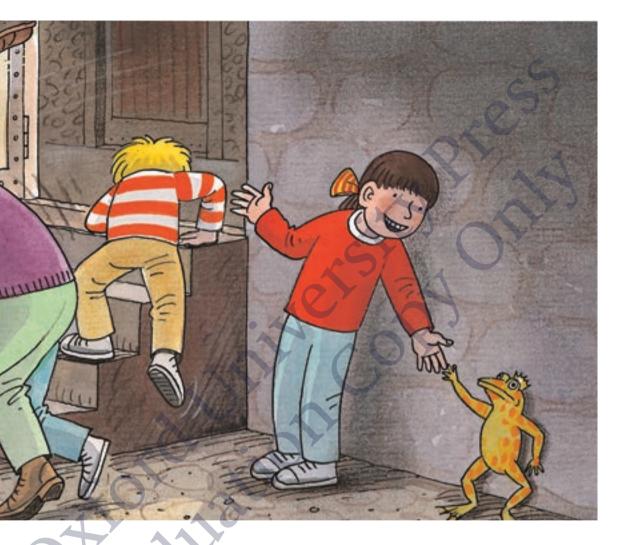


A witch was coming. It was the black witch.

"Look out!" said the frog.



The witch opened the door. Gran pushed the witch. Chip took the witch's keys.



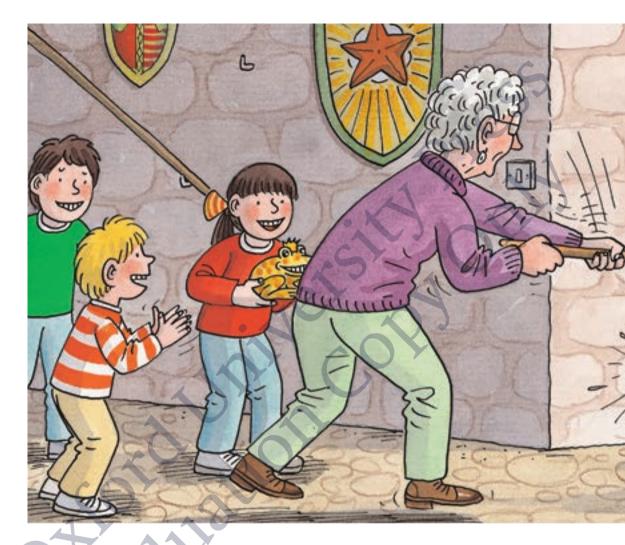
They ran out of the room. Chip locked the door. The witch couldn't get out.



Everyone ran. "Look out!" called Chip.



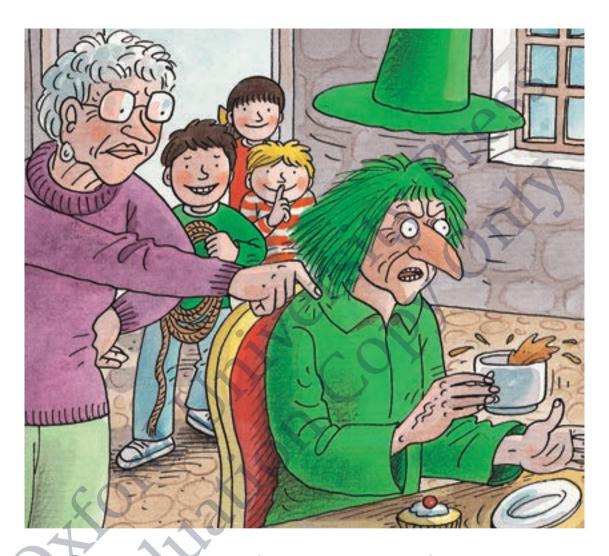
A witch was coming. It was the red witch.



"I don't like witches," said Gran. She put a net over the witch.



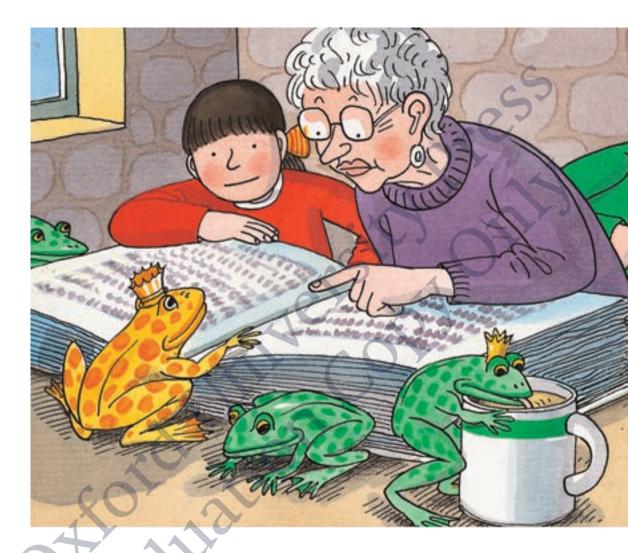
The witch couldn't get out. "Good old Gran," called Biff.



Gran went to the green witch.
"I don't like witches," said Gran. "I
don't like nasty witches."



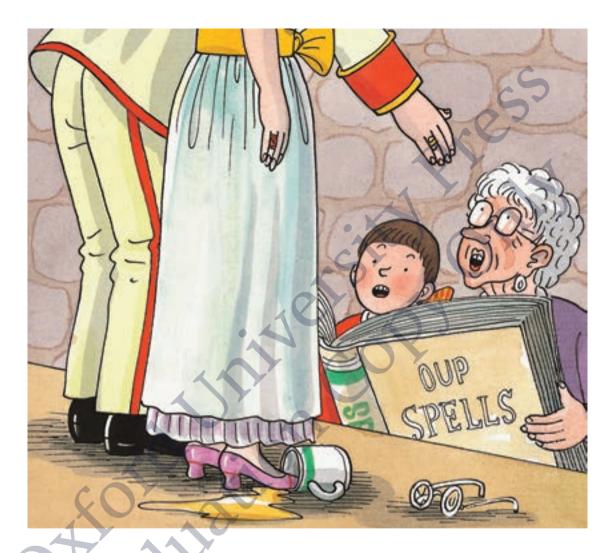
Gran threw the witch on the floor. "Help!" yelled the witch. "Good old Gran," said the children.



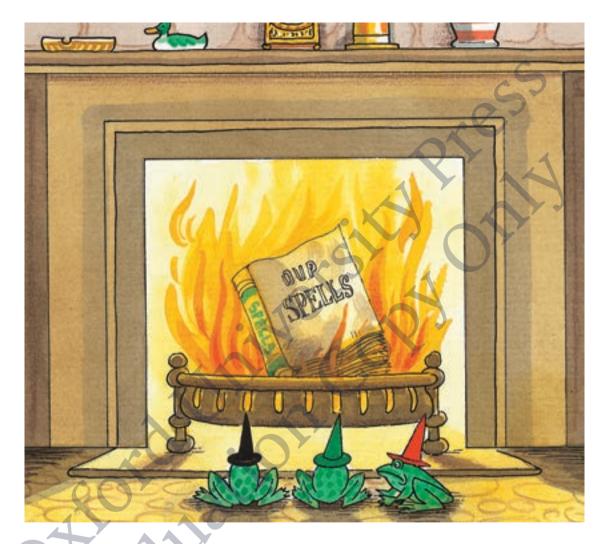
Some frogs came in and jumped on the table. One was the king.



"Help us," he said.
Biff and Gran looked in the witches' book.



The frogs turned into people. "Thanks!" said the king.



The witches turned into frogs. Gran put the book on the fire.
"Oh no!" said the witches.



The king had a party. Everyone went to it.

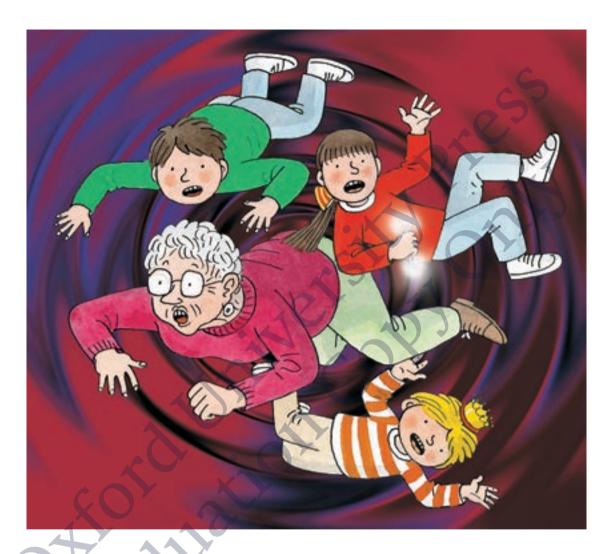
"What a good party!" said Chip.



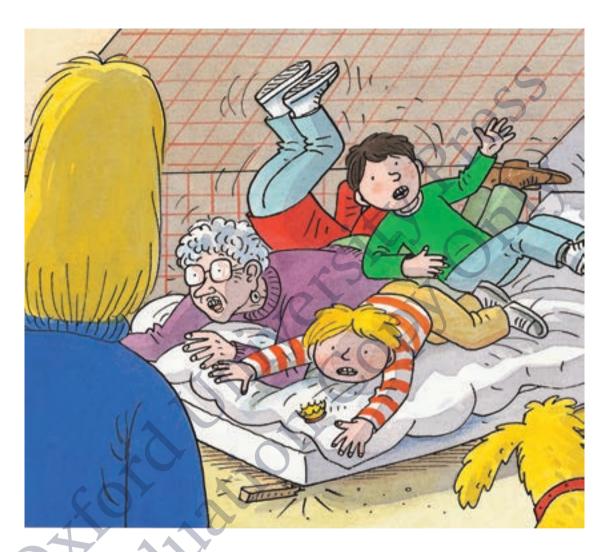
"What an adventure!" said Biff.
"I like adventures," said Gran.
"Good old Gran!" said everyone.



The magic key was glowing. "It's time to go," said Biff. "Goodbye," said the king.



The magic took them back to Biff's room.



They fell on to Biff's bed. "Oh no!" said Mum.

AFTER READING

- Re-read page I9. Ask: Do you think it was a good idea to put the book of spells on the fire? Why?
- Ask: Can you read your favourite part of the story to me? Encourage your child to read the spoken words with emphasis.
- Re-read page 24. Ask: What do you think happened next? Do you think Gran told Mum about the adventure?

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