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Please practice sounding out all of these words and be sure that the child is confident to do so before giving him/her this book to read.

This book introduces short vowel sound

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In this book, the text is on one page and the child must turn over to see the picture. This is to discourage guessing the words by looking the picture.

Guessing is not a reading strategy but rather prevents true reading from taking place and so it must be avoided at all costs. The urge to guess is very strong in many children.

Introduction: Do you like getting on top of things? See who does in this story! Note to parents/teachers

Talk about the story with your child.

'On top' is a concept some children struggle with. Help your child to understand what 'on top' means with this book. It will of course help your child learn to read as well!

After your child has read the text on each page, turn over to see the picture. Talk about the picture.

Have you ever climbed on a log and been 'on top'?

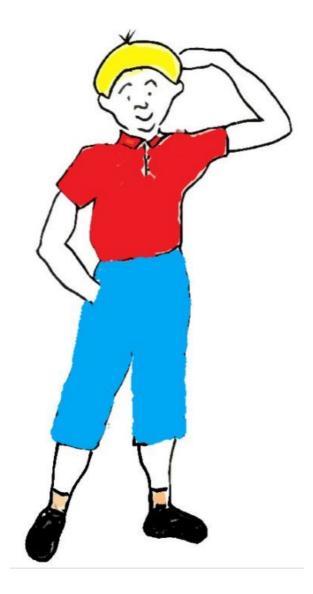
Where is the cat? On top of a table.

Where is the dog? On top of a log.

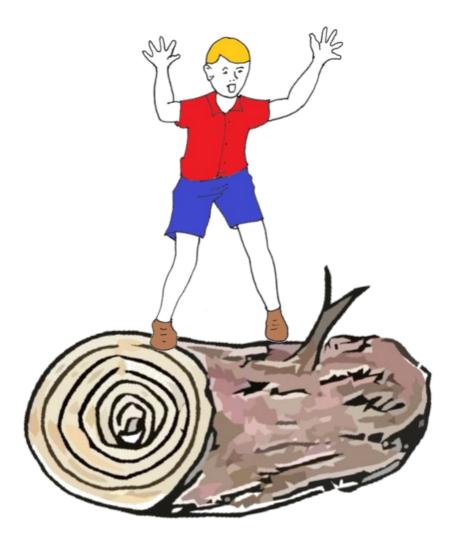
Where is the man? Why might he be on top of the roof?

Why might a rat be on top of a bin?

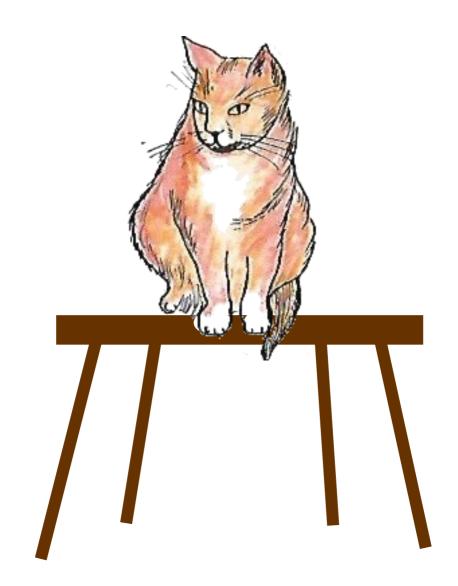
#### Sam



# Sam on top



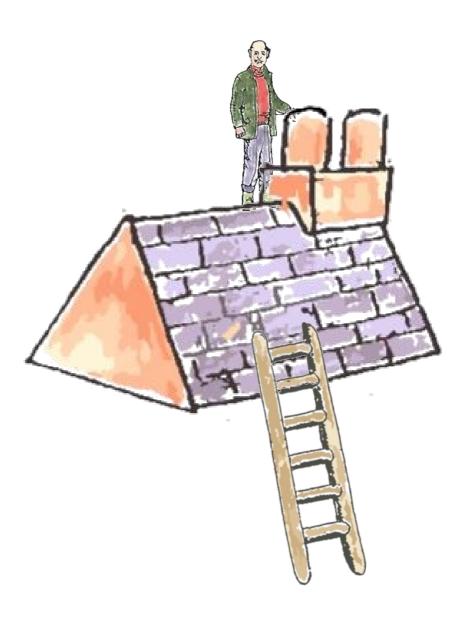
# a fat cat on top



# a dog on a log



### a man on top



### a rat on top

