## STEPINTOREADING

phonics - ready to read

Speaks

A Phonics Reader

By Anna Jane Hays
Illustrated by Valeria Petrone

### DEAR PARENT,

Our world is filled with letters—those magical squiggles on the page that stand for sounds. Unlocking the mystery of these squiggles will help get your child on the right track to reading success.

One way to lay the foundation for that success is to read with your child every day. Step into Reading Phonics Readers offer a way to make the most of that experience. These books are designed to help your child learn the sounds that letters stand for, how letters come together to make words, and how words can be put together to make sentences. Engaging illustrations help children make the connection between words and pictures.

Tips for reading this book with your child:

Begin by reading this book aloud to your child. As you read, point to each word. This "tracking" will help your child make a connection between the written and spoken word.

 Emphasize the sounds in rhyming words, such as cat and hat, or words that share a common consonant, such as sand and silly.

Read a word from the text and have your child find it. You can give hints, such as "This word starts with the /s/ sound."

When your child feels comfortable with the story, have him or her read it to you. Praise your child's efforts and encourage rereading of the story.

• Invite your child to find words from the story on signs or in other books. This will generate excitement about and interest in words.

Remember—all children deserve the gift of reading. As parents, you can help bestow that gift. It is one of the most important things you can do!

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For children who know the alphabet and are eager to
begin reading.



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• basic vocabulary • short sentences • simple stories
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For newly independent readers who read simple sentences
with confidence.



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• chapters • longer paragraphs • full-color art
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**STEP INTO READING**\* is designed to give every child a successful reading experience. The grade levels are only guides. Children can progress through the steps at their own speed, developing confidence in their reading, no matter what their grade.

Remember, a lifetime love of reading starts with a single step!

This book is for Shelby —A.I.H.

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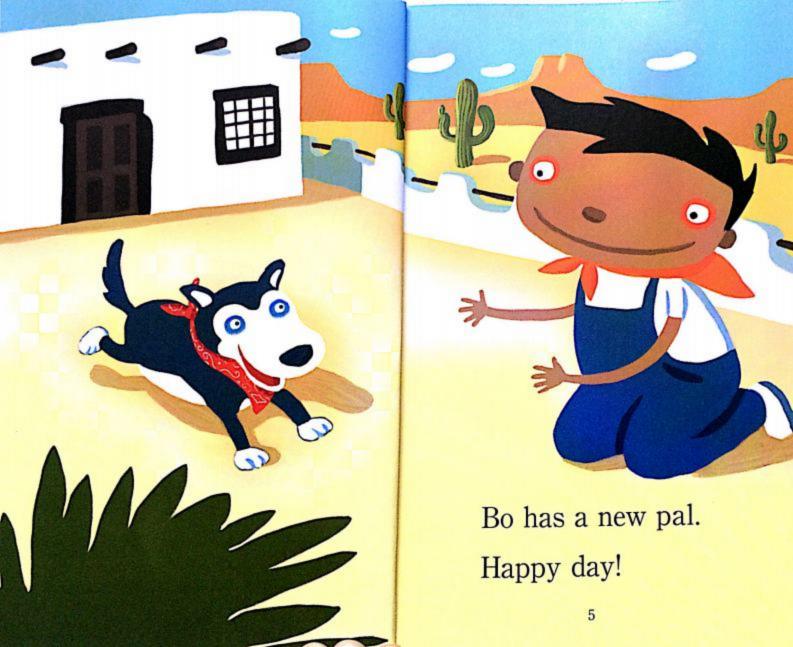
# The Speaks Up



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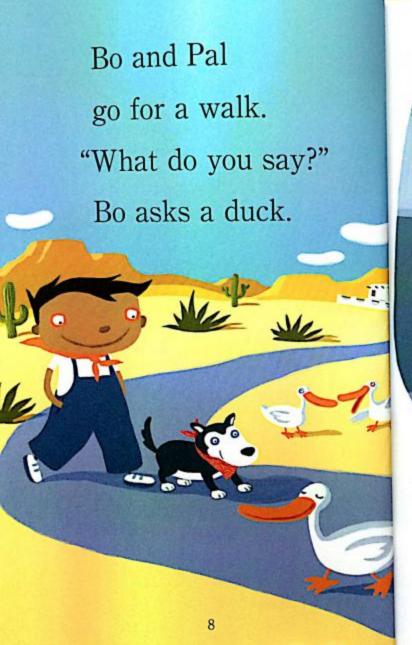


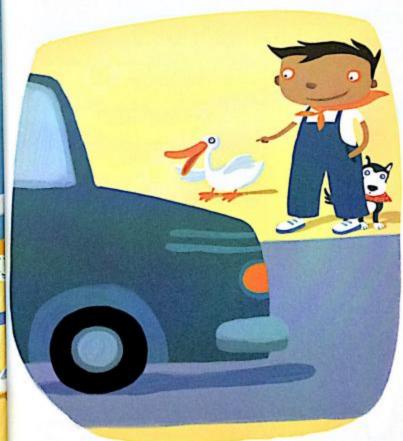
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"What do you say?"

The pup just wags his tail.



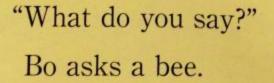




"Quack," says the duck.

"Honk," goes a truck.







"Buzz," says the bee.

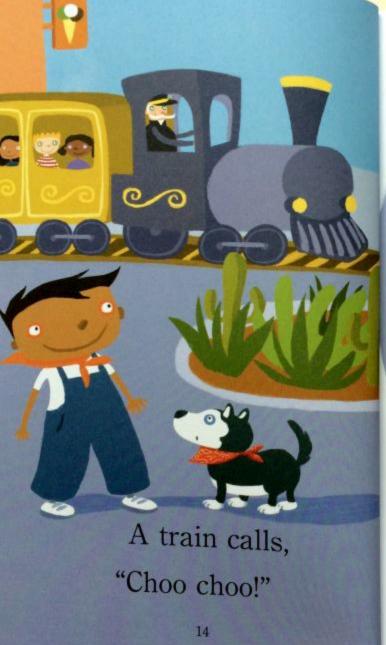
"Buzz like me."



"Tick tock," goes a clock.

"Chug, chug," goes a tug.







A baby cries, "Boo-hoo!"



A rooster crows, "Cock-a-doodle-do!"



An owl hoots, "Hoo hoo!"

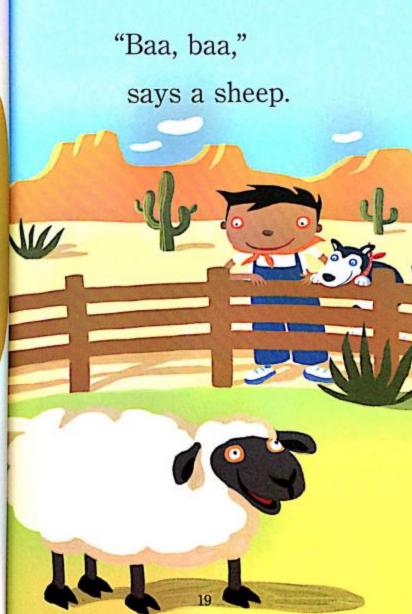


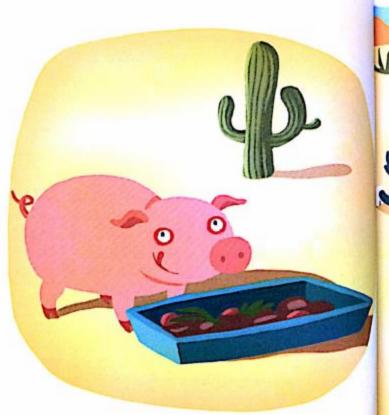
"What do you say?"
Bo asks Pal.
Pal just runs
and chases his tail.





A chick says, "Cheep."





A happy pig says, "Oink, oink, oink."



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A bouncy ball goes boink, boink, boink.

"Ribbit," says a frog.

But not the dog.





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"What do you say?"
Bo asks his pup.

This time Pal just jumps up.

"Moo!" says a cow.

Look out now . . .

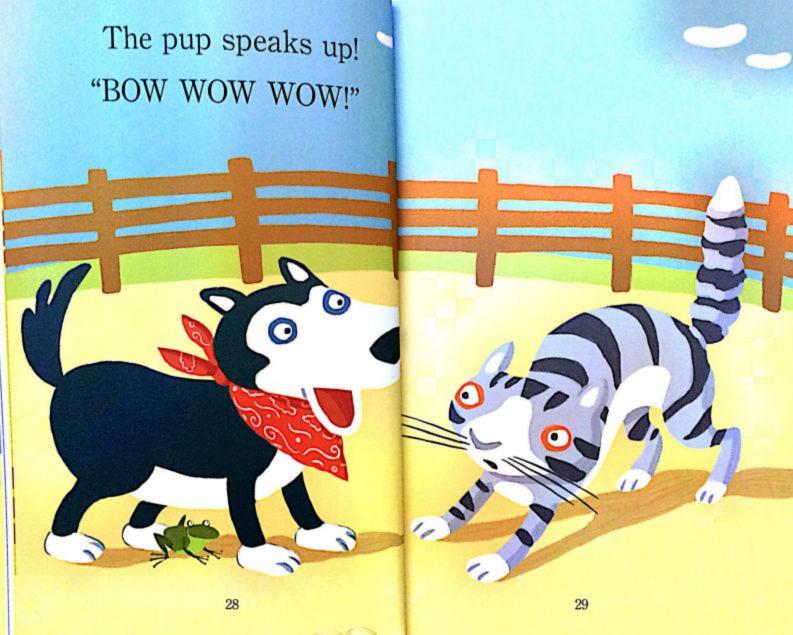


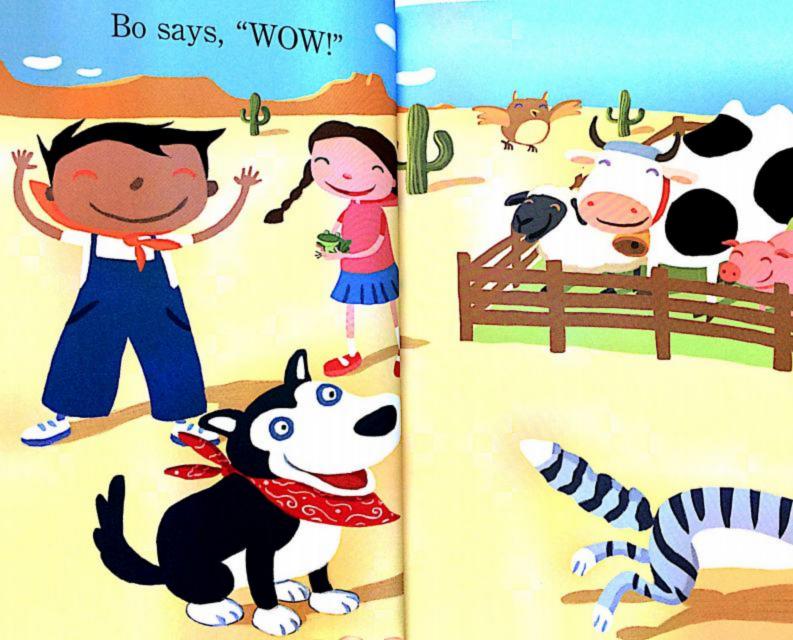
Here comes a cat!

It says,

"MEOW!"









### If you know the alphabet and are ready to read, look for these Step into Reading books:

ALL BETTER BAMBUS HIDE-AND-SEEK O BARBIE: ONE PINK SHOE & BEAR HUGS THE BERENSTAIN BEARS: BIG BEAR, SMALL BEAR THE BERENSTAIN BEARS GO IN AND OUT THE BERENSTAIN BEARS GO UP AND DOWN THE BERENSTAIN BEARS IN THE HOUSE OF MIRRORS THE BERENSTAIN BEARS RIDE THE THUNDERBOLT BIG EGG BOATS! CAT TRAPS CINDERELLA'S COUNTDOWN TO THE BALL O CITY CATS, COUNTRY CATS DANCING DINOS DUCKS IN MUCK FLY, DUMBO, FLY! O THE GREAT RACE > HAPPY ALPHABET . HOT DOG I LIKE BUGS I LIKE STARS

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Pal the pup wags his tail.

But he does not make a sound.

What will make the pup speak up?



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Reader uses rhyme and
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child decode words with
double vowels and double
consonants.

