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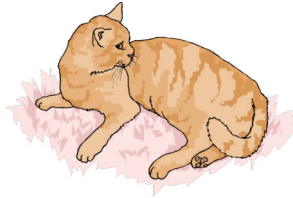
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Were you right?

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Why this book is good

- The left to right feeling of movement should ideally permeate every activity during the school day as much as possible.
- Reading a word requires a very secure prior knowledge of its individual phonemes (as learnt in Bouncy Vowels and Consonants in Rhyme).
- **Exhaling (breathing out) practice is the vital teaching step that enables children to feel and understand the physical action in the phoneme-joining up part of oral reading - i.e. connecting each word sound so that it floats out of the mouth on a smooth and even breath of exhaled air.**
- Not knowing how to vocally join three known individual sounds into one word unit can be the missing link for many children. The three sounds of *h e n* stay as *h e n* rather than becoming *hen*.
- Vowels are always voiced and can be stretched out on exhaled air to be felt and heard.
- Demonstrations by the teacher with exaggerated consonant sounds at the beginnings and ends of CVC words — with that all-important stretched-out vowel in the middle — teach learners how to combine the visual, oral and aural.
- Teaching reading requires this depth of detail.

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