

## Information for Teachers

This book has three stories about Alfie, a little elephant, and Harpo, a little hippo, who meet down by a river in Africa.

The vocabulary includes words with alternative pronunciations of the letters 'a, o, g' in the words 'watch, want, water, falls, Harpo, hippo, over, crocodile, giraffe'.

The adjacent letters **ir** are introduced with different pronunciations in 'thirsty, giraffe'.

The adjacent letters **ie** are introduced with different pronunciations in 'Alfie, tries, friends'.

The consonant combinations **qu, ph, dge, tch** are used in 'quickly, elephant, edge, watch'.

The 'tricky' word **two** is introduced.

Story Title	Featured Words
Best Friends	elephant tries friends lives hippo wants
The Big Crocodile	water over tries friends two quickly edge watch crocodile
The Little Giraffe	thirsty giraffe falls water