

Information for Teachers

This book is about Alfie, the little elephant, who is separated from his family in Africa.

It is one complete story told in six chapters.

The vocabulary reinforces the vowel spellings 'ay, ai, a-e, ee, ea, i-e, ie, y, ou, ow, oo, er, ar, ear, oi, ir'.

The vocabulary also contains words with different pronunciations of the single vowel letters 'a, i, o, y, g, c', e.g. 'baby, father, lion, over, monkey, towards, my, suddenly, gentle, distance.

The story is written in the past tense. It uses the 'ed' verb ending with three different pronunciations, e.g. 'peeped, lived, waited'.

It also includes the past tense verbs 'was, were, saw, said, came, gone'.

Some of the 'tricky' words included are 'here, there, their, one, two, some'.