

Information for Teachers

This book has three stories set in and around Follifoot Farm. The stories feature Jelly, Lotty, Kevin and Wellington.

The emphasis in this book is on the alternative spellings of the vowel sounds /oo/, /yoo/, /air/, /ear/ and /e/.

The spellings used are: oo (cool), u-e (June), ew (grew), ue (blue), u-e (tube), u (January), air (air), ear (pear), are (carefully), ear (dear), ea (heavy).

Other vowel spellings include: ay (way), ai (waiting), a-e (came), a (chasing), ee (tree), ea (reached), i-e (ice), ie (tried), i (find), y (by), igh (high), ow (snow), o-e (roses), o (cold), ou (farmhouse), ow (down), oo (stood), ar (farm), er (winter), ir (blackbird), ur (surprise), or (for).

The stories are written in the past tense. All three pronunciations of ed are used in verbs such as landed, followed, jumped.

Other verbs include was, saw, were, could, caught, thought.