

Information for Teachers

This book tells the story of two cats who are abandoned on the road next to Follifoot Farm. They go into the farmyard to look for a good place to stay. They have not been to a farm before, neither have they seen or heard farm animals. They are surprised by the size of the animals they meet and the noises they make. The day turns out to be eventful for all of them.

The story is told in six chapters mainly in the present tense.

The split vowel digraphs **a-e**, **i-e**, **o-e** are used in the words 'escape, place, gate, takes, like, inside, home'.

The vowel digraph **ew** is introduced in the word 'new'.

Some of the high-frequency 'tricky' words included in the story are:

one two four come some her here there their where
want what was who Mrs friendly lives loves

* Rumple is the tabby cat. Pippin is the black and white cat.

Phonic Analysis of Vowel Graphemes

ai/ay/a-e/a afraid away stay hay escape place gate takes lady

ee/ea see meet speeds peep sheep creep asleep heap leap Bean squeal eat

igh/y/i-e frightened try by like inside

oa/o/o-e road over opens home

oo moo soon too food cock-a-doodle-doo

oo Follifoot looks good woof

ou/ow out house loud round about found farmhouse down cow now bow-wow

ar car far farm barn yard part farmyard garden farmhouse barking

er/or another under after over corner other farmer Robert tractor

or for corn horse corner door

all wall fall all small

ear hear

are scared

ew new