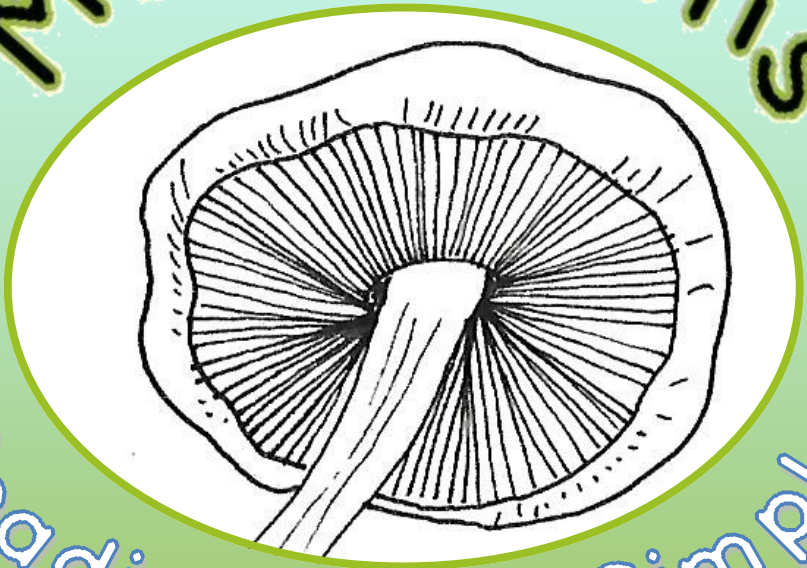




# Mushrooms



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This book is to be read after the sound

**ow saying oe**

has been learnt.

This is an odd word. Practice it on a flashcard before reading this book.

**eyes**

You can sound these words out. Practice them before you start to read the book.

mushroom

bracket

poisonous

fungi

interesting

disturbed

It was October. Uncle Jim had come to stay. Uncle Jim likes looking for mushrooms in the woods.

One, damp day he said to the children, “Would you like to come mushroom hunting with me?”

“Oh, yes please,” said Pam and Sam.

They quickly put on their boots, got their coats down off the hook and off they went.

When they got to the woods, Uncle Jim said, “Now keep your eyes open for mushrooms!”

“I can see one over there!” said Sam.

They all went to look.



Fly Agaric

“You have sharp eyes, Sam. This is a Fly Agaric,” said Uncle Jim. “It is very poisonous. It is a lovely mushroom to look at.”

They walked on a bit more and Pam found one.

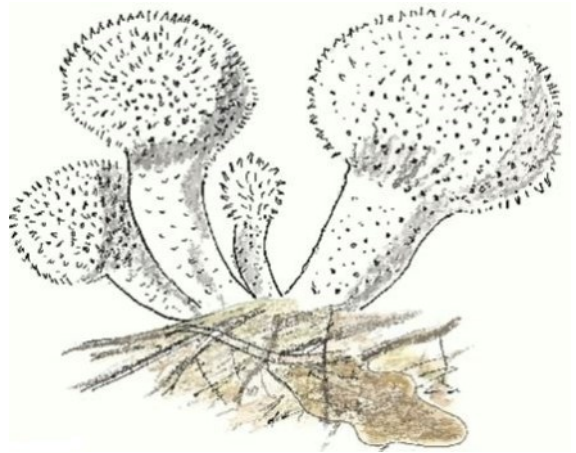
“What is this one Uncle Jim?” she asked.

“Well done, you have sharp eyes too!” said Uncle Jim.

He bent down and peered at the mushroom. “This one is very interesting,” he said. “It’s called a Puffball. That’s because the spores puff out if the mushroom is disturbed.”

“What are spores?” asked Pam.

“Spores? Why, they are the mushroom’s seeds,” said Uncle Jim.



Puffballs

A little bit further on into the woods  
Uncle Jim found some more mushrooms.  
This time they were growing on the side  
of a tree.

“You have sharp eyes too!” said  
Pam. Uncle Jim smiled.

“These are funny mushrooms,” said Sam.  
“They don’t have stalks.”

“No, these are Bracket Fungi,” said Uncle  
Jim.

“See, they look like  
shelves on the branch.  
They grow on rotting  
wood.”



Bracket Fungi

“I’m hungry” said Pam.

“Yes, we must get back home. It must be time for lunch,” said Uncle Jim.

“Maybe we will have mushrooms for lunch,” said Sam.

“That would be funny, wouldn’t it?” said Pam.

“I say it would be rather nice,” said Uncle Jim with a grin.

