

# The Black Truck and the Big Bird



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Practice these words before reading the story. You can sound them out.

running	boating	meeting
odd	seen	no-one

Here are some odd words you will find in this book.  
Practice them before you begin to read.

any	many
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This book is to be read after the sound

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has been learnt.

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**Introduction:** A big bird has been seen in the park. Some people come rushing to see it. What happens?

Tom, Sam and Pam are at the park.

The sun is shining.

Sam kicks the ball to Tom.



Tom kicks it to Pam.

“Kick it back to me” said Sam.

A girl came running a-cross the  
park.

“Have you seen any big birds?” she  
said to them.

across      seen

“No!” said Tom. “We have not seen any big birds. I can see many birds in the tree tops, but they are not big birds.”

The girl ran off.

Then a man came running across the park.

“Have you seen any big birds?” he said to them.



running

“No!” said Tom. “We have not seen any big birds. I can see many birds in the tree tops, but they are not big birds.”

“That is odd,” says the man. “I think I am right. Someone has seen a big bird in the park and I have come to look at it.”

Then the girl ran up to them.

“The bird is high up in a tree by the boating lake.”

Off she ran. Off ran the man.

Tom, Sam and Pam went to the boating lake to look for the bird.

“I can see many birds, but not a big one.” said Tom.



boating

“I can see many ducks,” said Pam.

“No-one is looking at the ducks!”

Then six men got in a boat to go  
and look for the bird.

“I will push the boat off the bank”  
said a man.

He gave a big push but the boat  
sank and the men had a fright.

No-one



“I have dirt on my shirt,” said one man.

“Wait! I can see the bird high up in that tree!” said a girl.

“She is right!” said a man.

“Quick!”

The men ran, but the bird got a fright. Up, Up, up it went.

With a moan and a groan the men  
and the girl went home.

Tom, Sam and Pam went back to  
the black truck in the car park.

“We must get back,” said Tom.

“It is late and I have a meeting  
tonight.

“Dad, look! I can see a big bird on  
the truck! Shhh!” said Pam.

meeting

A big bird sat on top of the truck.

“That must be the bird that the girl and the men came to the park to see,” said Tom.

“They did not see it, but we have!”  
said Sam.

“And we did not come to see it!”  
said Pam, with  
a grin.



grin

“The men and the girl gave the bird a fright,” said Tom.

“It is not good to give a bird a fright.”

That night, Sam sat in bed thinking of the big bird.

I think we must tell the men and the girl that the bird sat on the black truck!

