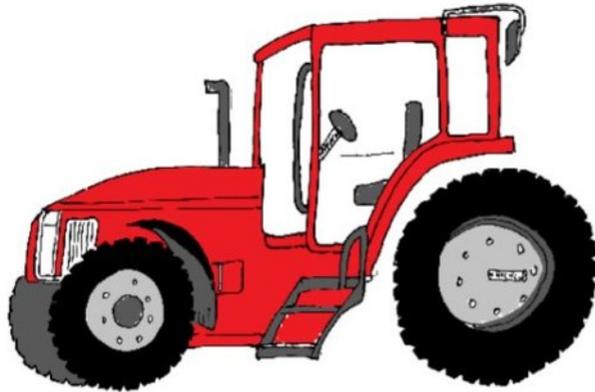


Tom's Tractor



Reading Made Simple



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This book is to be read after the sound

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has been learnt.

These words are odd words.

Learn them on flashcards before reading this book.

could

would

anything

any + thing

something

some + thing



Look at these words with your pupil before reading this book. They can all be sounded out.

squeaking Make sure they recognise 'qu' as it is a rarely used letter combination.

problem Break it up: prob lem

mice Powerful 'e' is making the 'c' say 's' as well as the 'i' to 'eye'.

Talk about these contractions:

it's it is

let's let us

that's that is

One day, Tom came in from the yard
sighing.

“Something is not right with my tractor. It
keeps making a squeaking noise,” he said
to June.

“You should get someone to come and look
at it for you,” said June.

“I could get Bill to come,” said Tom.

“I’ll give him a ring tonight.”

Bill said he would come and look at the tractor. He came the next day.

Tom told him that he could hear a squeaking noise coming from the tractor.

Bill put his ear to the tractor.

“It is making a noise that it should not make. You are right. Let’s have a look.”

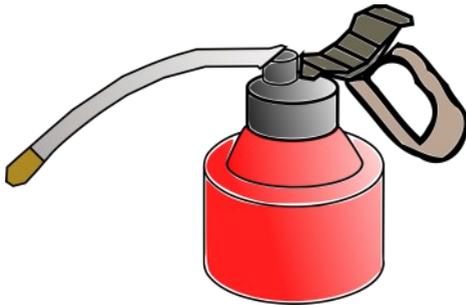
He lifts the bonnet and looks.

Then he points. “That’s the problem!” he says. “You have run out of oil.”

“Have you got some more oil, Tom?”

Tom goes to the barn to fetch the oil and

Bill tips it into the oil tank.



“Right now, start the tractor up again.”

Tom starts it up but they can still hear the noise.

“Right, let’s look at the fan belt,” says Bill.

“Maybe it’s loose.”

“No, that’s fine,” says Bill.

“I can’t think of anything else it could be.”

Just then Tom spots something. He points to something round.

He puts his hand in to feel it.

He feels something soft. It squeaks.

“I think this is my problem,” said Tom.

Bill looks. “It’s a nest of mice!”

“Well, it looks as if that is the problem!”

said Bill. “But you did need more oil!”

