

DAWN & SHAWN

AND THE HOUSE TRAP



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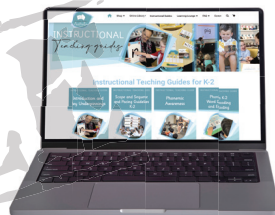


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Meet Dawn and Shawn!



Dawn



Shawn

NOTES FOR EDUCATORS

The Dawn and Shawn books are decodable which means that they are phonetically controlled, matching our level 8 letter-sounds. Follow the steps when using these books during supported reading time.

Supporting the Reader

1. Read the title of the book and predict what might happen.
2. Read through the sounds by having the student tap and say the sounds that match the letters.
3. Read through the sight words. These words will appear often in the book and may have spelling that is either irregular or unknown to the reader at this stage.
4. Read through the word warm up words to practise decoding.
5. Encourage the reader to read the story. If the reader comes to a word that they may not know, it is important to encourage the blending process (sounding out and sliding the sounds together). Reread the sentence if errors are made to help with fluency and comprehension.
6. Stop at each chapter and talk about the events and characters in the story. There are questions at the back.
7. At the end of the story discuss the plot (beginning, complication, resolution) and do a story retell.
8. Lots of positive praise is recommended for struggling readers, as reading can sometimes be strenuous for some.

SOUND WARM UP

These are our focus sounds of Level 8.

Tap and say the sounds!

Level 8 Sounds

aw

draw

ew

drew

ou

touch

air

chair

are

dare

ear

pear

eer

cheer

ore

more

dge

edge

tch

match

SIGHT WORD WARM UP

as

all

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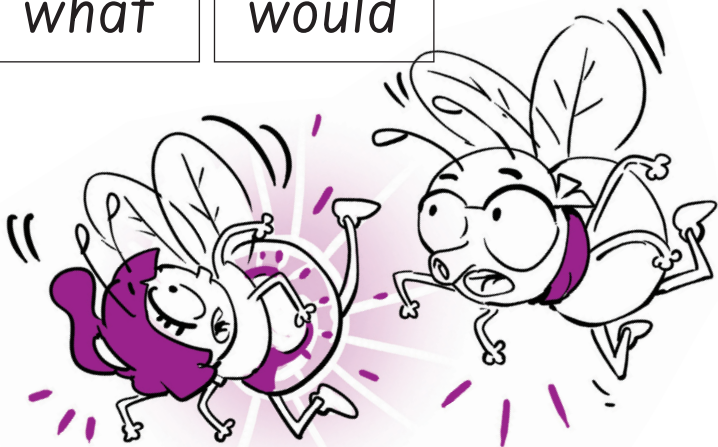
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WORD WARM UP

aw (draw) words

Dawn
draw
drawn
drawing

ew (drew) words

flew
grew
threw

ou (touch) words

cousin
couple

air (chair) words

air
chair

are (dare) words

scare
scared

ear (pear) words

pear
bear

eer (cheer) words

cheer
peer

ore (more) words

more
before
explore

dge (edge) words

edge
ledge
sludge
bridge

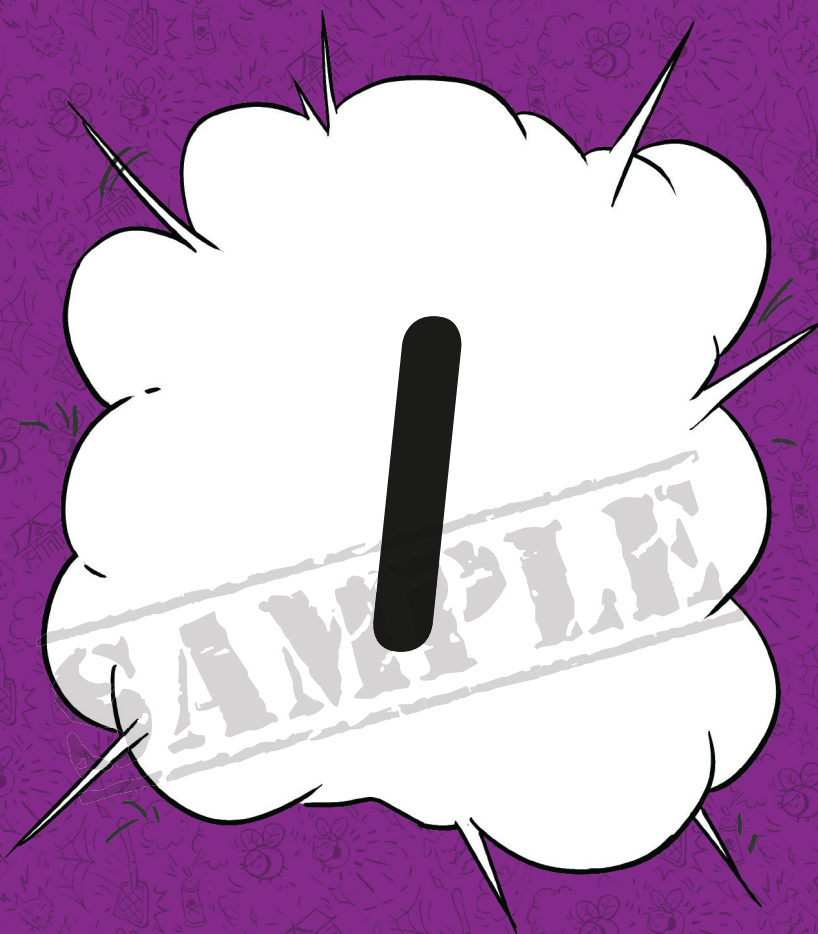
tch (match) words

Patch
catch



DAWN & SHAWN AND THE HOUSE TRAP





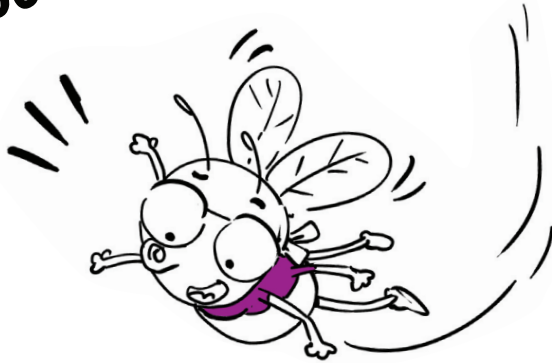
More to Explore

Dawn was not a normal fly.
She was a **tiny fly** with
a bottom that glowed
like a torch.



When she flew in the dark,
her glow made a **bright trail**,
and all the other flies would cheer.

Her **best mate** was her cousin, Shawn.



Shawn was a fly too, but his bottom did not glow.



Dawn and Shawn liked to go on wild trips together, always looking for fun times.

One **night**, Dawn and Shawn sat in a pear tree, looking up at the stars.

I wish for more fun times!

I'm up for more fun times too!

We should go and explore the garden.



The air was still, and Shawn liked to make a wish on the **shooting stars**.

Let's go see what is out
in the garden **tonight**.

Yes!



Dawn turned on her **glowing bottom**
and agreed with Shawn. She zoomed
into the night air.

Dawn and Shawn zipped up to the top of the **pear tree** and over to the garden shed.

You are like a
shooting star,
Dawn!



Dawn's glow left a **bright line** in the air. Shawn tried to match her **glowing track** as he followed behind.

As Dawn and Shawn flew, a **cool wind** blew. It swept them close to the house.



The window was open, and before they knew it, Dawn and Shawn had flown **inside the house**.



Get Out!

Shawn looked around.



There is a big chair, a table, and a bowl of pears.

We are in the
**old lady's
house!**

Look at all
this stuff.



Dawn hovered by the edge of the table.

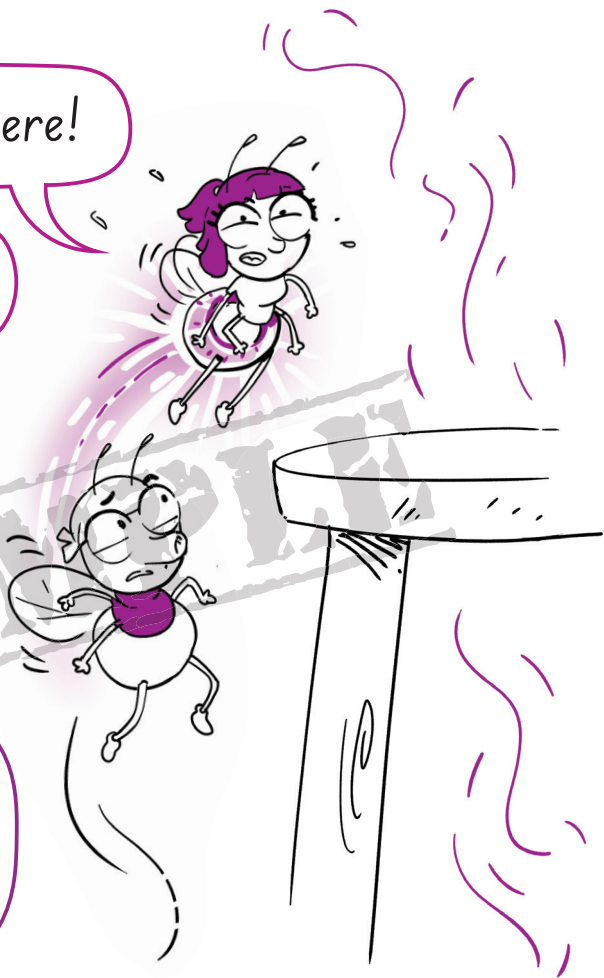
It stinks in here!

Let's go!

I agree!

It smells like
cat litter.

Let's go back out!



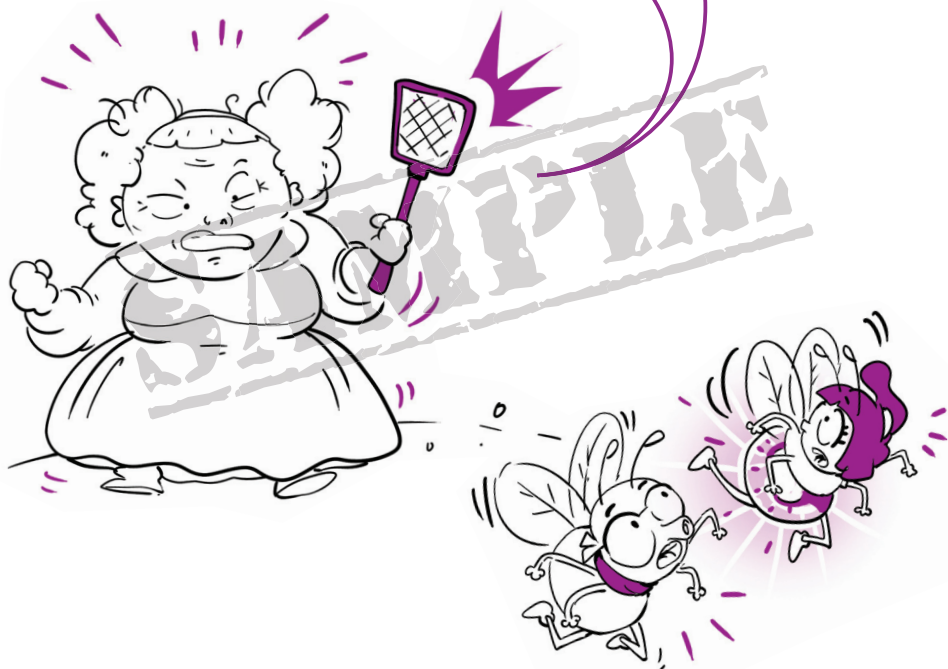
As Dawn and Shawn flew to the window,
the wind **slammed** it shut.



Dawn and Shawn were **stuck** inside!

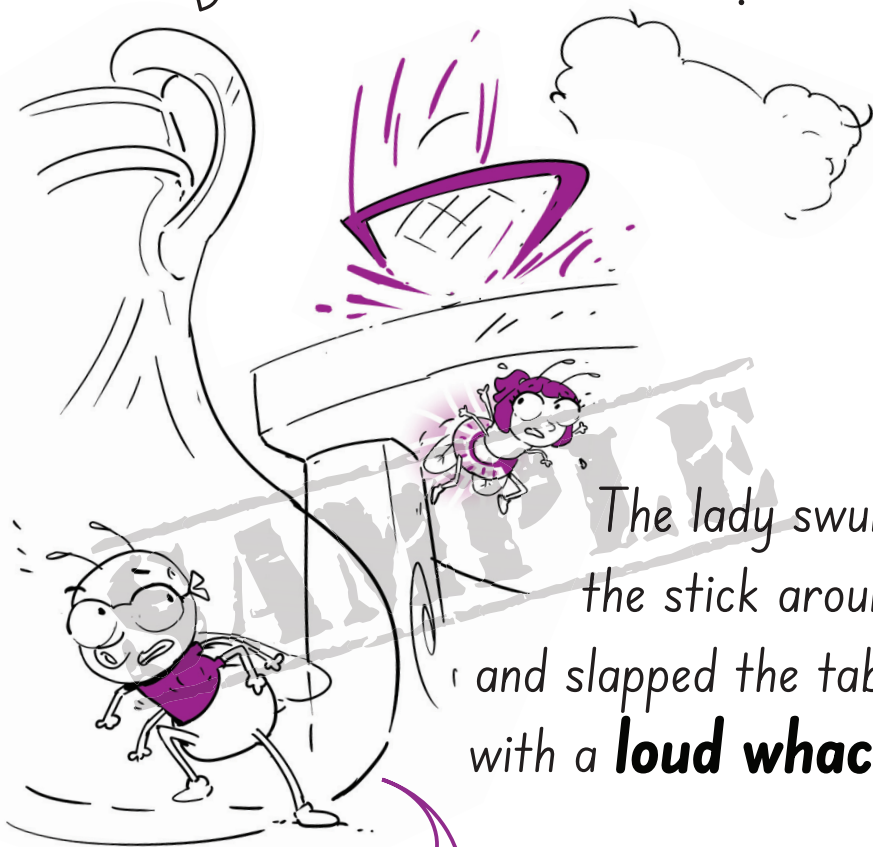
A loud thud made Dawn and Shawn jump. A lady with **wild hair** stood next to them, wearing a pink dress.

There are flies in here Doug!
I will get them!



She had a **long stick** in her hand that had a flap on the end of it for killing flies.

Shawn darted behind a jug on the table.
Dawn zipped under a chair.



The lady swung
the stick around
and slapped the table
with a **loud whack**.

Let's get out of here!

Shawn's chest pounded.

Dawn drew a **quick track** in the air with her glow so that Shawn knew to follow her. The lady saw the light and tried to **whack** Dawn, but Dawn was too quick.



~ She zipped up to the edge of a shelf and hid behind a jar.

Shawn was not so lucky. The man in the house grabbed a can of **bug spray**.

I will get them, Madge.

Doug sprayed a mist of **bug spray** into the air.



Shawn let out a **quick puff** and flew low, trying to dodge the spray.

Dawn saw her cousin in trouble. She zipped down and made her glow **shine bright**.



Shawn followed Dawn's light, veering from **left to right**.

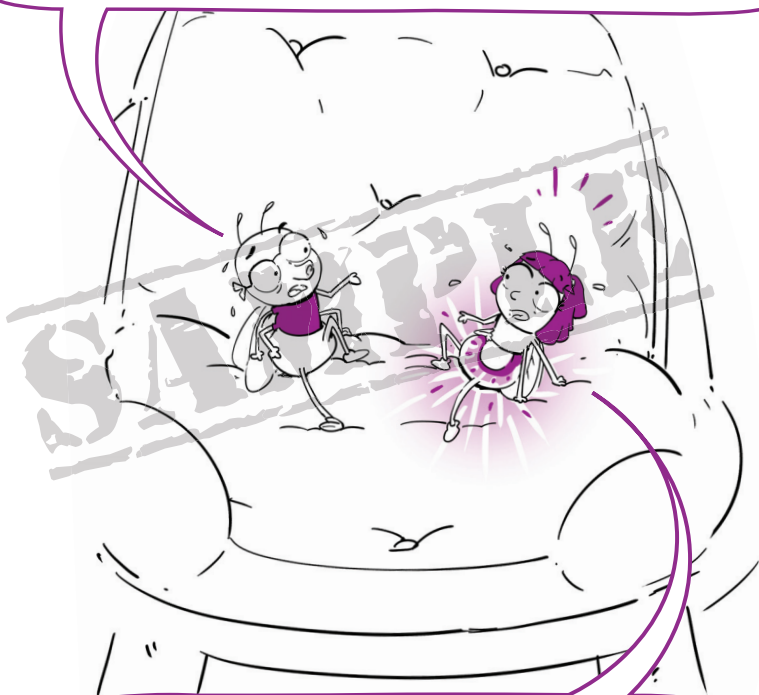
Follow me!



The old lady and man tried to chase them, but Dawn and Shawn were **too quick**.

Dawn and Shawn flew into the next room and landed on a **soft chair**, panting.

That was close! Your glow helped me see where to go. Thanks Dawn.



We need to find a way out.
Let's look for an open window.

Dawn and Shawn flew around the room,
looking at every **edge** and **corner**.



There was no way out. Then, a loud
purring sound made them freeze.



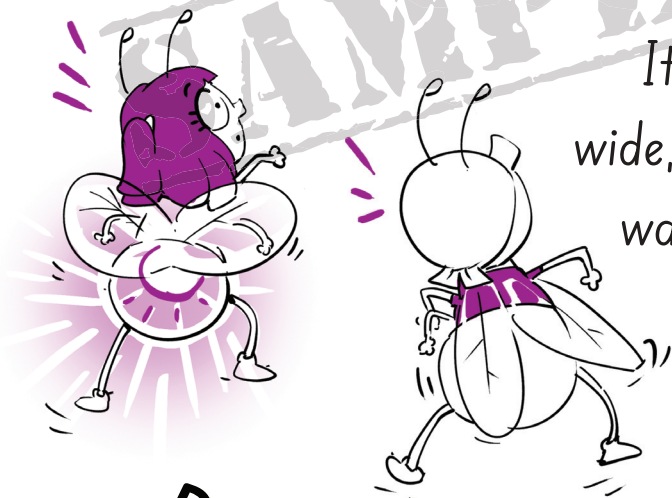
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Claws and Paws

A **big, fluffy cat** was crouching
low on the rug.



Its stare was
wide, and its tail
was twitching.



Dawn and Shawn froze.

The cat saw Dawn's glow and **sprang**.



The **cat's paw** came down with a thud, only just missing Dawn.

Dawn zipped up. Her glow
flashed in the cat's face.



Shawn flew low, trying to get away.

The cat then saw Shawn and chased him. The **cat's claws were out**. Dawn saw her cousin in trouble. Shawn was dodging out of the cat's way.



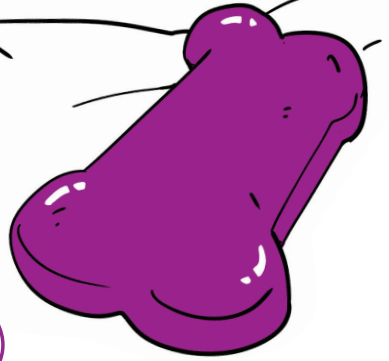
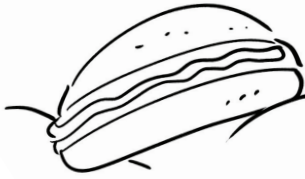
Dawn flew quickly to the cat and drew a **bright circle** in the air with her glow, and this shone right in the cat's face.

The cat stopped chasing Dawn and Shawn for a bit, trying to **blink** and **see**.

Let's get out
of here, Shawn!



Dawn and Shawn flew to the next
room without the cat seeing them.



We need a plan!

Yes! Let's rest on this small **fluffy bed** to think.



Dawn and Shawn landed on the fluffy bed, not noticing the **dog toys** in the bed.

Then, a loud bark filled the room. A **big** dog ran in with its nose up. The dog saw Dawn and Shawn on his bed.



Dawn and Shawn flew as quick as they could around the room, but the dog was quick too.

Light, light, bright and strong,
help me fix what is wrong.



Dawn stopped still and shone her light
as bright as she could, right in front
of the dog's face. The dog stopped,
puzzled by the bright light. Shawn
took the time to fly up high.

Thanks, Dawn!
You saved me again!

Here is a
high ledge we
can rest on.
It looks like a
safe spot.

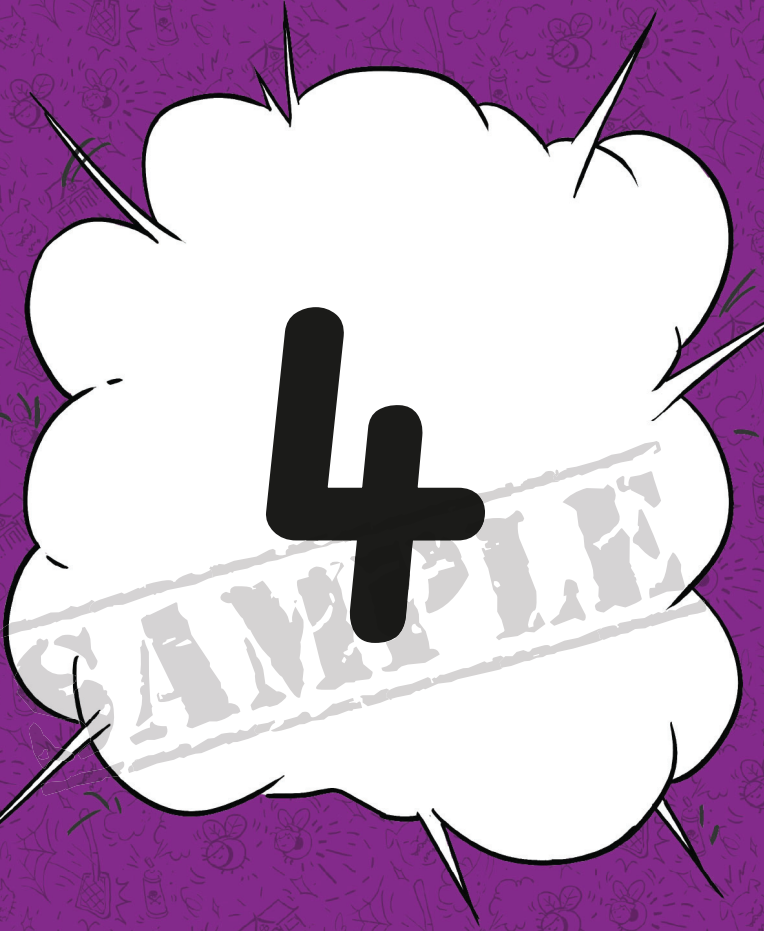
Dawn and Shawn landed on the
ledge and stayed there for a while.

Dawn and Shawn sat on the **ledge**
and came up with a plan.



We need to check
each room for
a way out.

Yes, and we need to stay up high, so
we don't get chased by the dog or cat!
Let's go that way first.



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They're Back!

Dawn flew off, leading the way. Shawn stood up to fly but he was stuck in a **thin sticky and stretchy web**.



As Shawn tried to get **unstuck** from the web, his wings and legs got more tangled.

Dawn spun around and saw her cousin trapped in the web. She flew over to him.

**Help!
I am stuck!**



**Hold on, Shawn!
I am coming.**

Dawn landed next to the web and tried **tugging** at it to help get it off Shawn.

You are lucky that this is a cobweb and has no spider in it, Shawn.



The web was stretchy and hard to tug off. Dawn even used her jaws to bite and rip them apart.



Dawn kept **tugging and biting** at the web until Shawn was freed.

Shawn was freed from the web, and Dawn was keen to get out of the **horrible house**. They flew into the next room. Dawn spotted a **gap** in a window.

Look! A gap in the window.

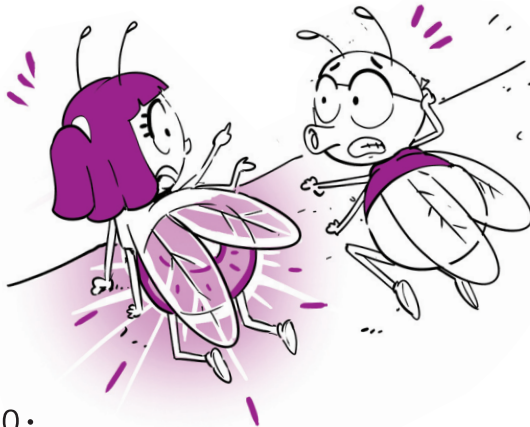


We can get out that way!

As Dawn and Shawn flew
across the room to the
gap in the window,
the lady and man
were back.



The cat and the
dog were both in the
room, too. The man
had his bug spray,
and the lady was
trying to **whack**
Dawn and Shawn.





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The Escape!

Dawn and Shawn flew as quick as they could, going for the gap.



The **lady and man** chased after them.
The dog and cat went **crazy too**.

Dawn and Shawn squeezed through the gap and out into the **cool night air**. They landed in the pear tree, panting.

That was a close one!





*That was the
wildest night yet!*



*Your glow
saved us.*

*You are the bravest
fly I know.*

Shawn's chest was **pounding**,
but he gave Dawn a big smile.

**Let's promise never to go
into that house again!**



Shawn and Dawn **shook hands**
agreeing that going inside houses
was too much of a scare.

CHECK FOR UNDERSTANDING

These questions can be asked at the end of each chapter.

Chapter 1 - More to Explore

1. What makes Dawn different from the other flies?
2. How did Dawn and Shawn end up inside the house?

Chapter 2 - Get Out!

3. Why couldn't Dawn and Shawn leave the old lady's house through the window?
4. How did Dawn help Shawn escape from the lady and man?

Chapter 3 - Claws and Paws

5. What did Dawn do to help Shawn when the cat was chasing him?
6. What plan did Dawn and Shawn come up with while sitting on the ledge?

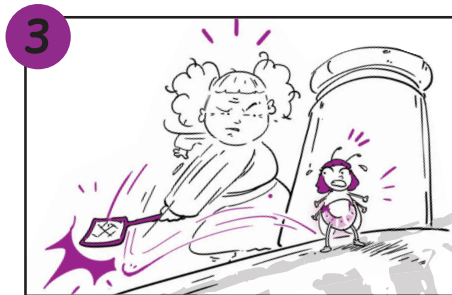
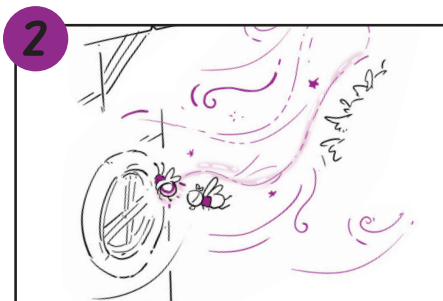
Chapter 4 - They're Back!

7. What happened to Shawn when he tried to fly away at the start of the chapter?
8. How did Dawn help Shawn get free from the web?

Chapter 5 - The Escape!

9. What did Dawn notice in the next room that could help them get out of the house?
10. Who was in the room when Dawn and Shawn tried to escape?

LET'S RETELL THE STORY

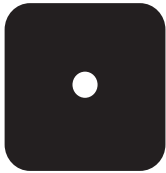


I CAN SPELL

Word	Sound Tap Blend	Cover	Write (sound boxes)				
scare	s c are						
blew	b l ew						
cheer	ch eer						
ledge	l e dge						
claws	c l aw s						
hair	h air						
stare	s t are						
before	b e f ore						
pear	p ear						
trouble	t r ou b le						
wear	w ear						
stretch	s t r e tch						

ROLL AND READ

2-3 players. Each player takes a turn to roll the dice and read a word on the list under that number. If the word is read correctly it can be covered by a coloured chip or highlighted. Play continues until all the words are covered. The player who has the most words covered wins.



Dawn

edge

pear

explore

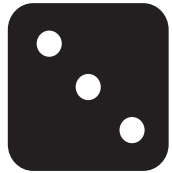


Shawn

blew

hair

trouble



Doug

match

dodge

veering

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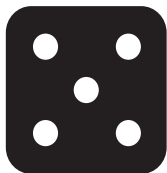


Madge

more

stare

stretchy



paw

cheer

drew

wearing



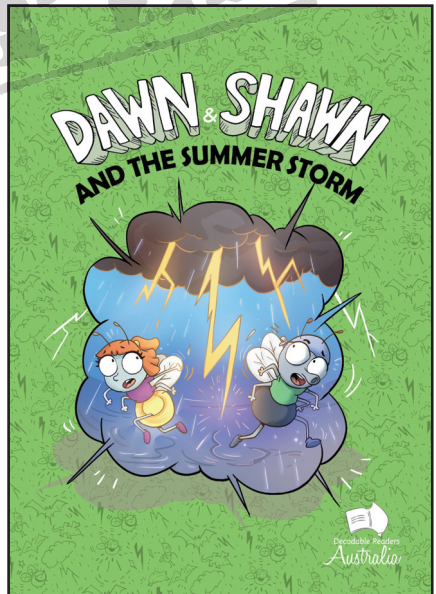
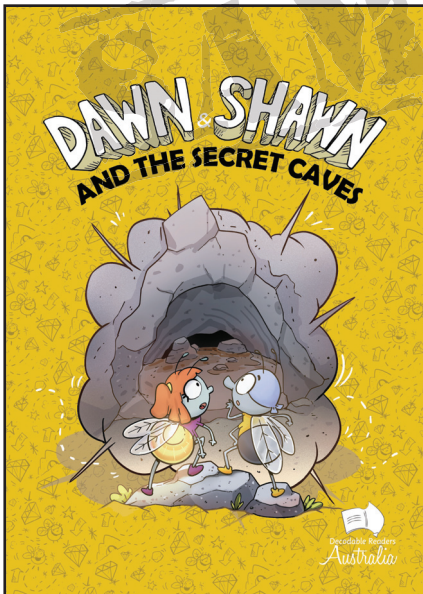
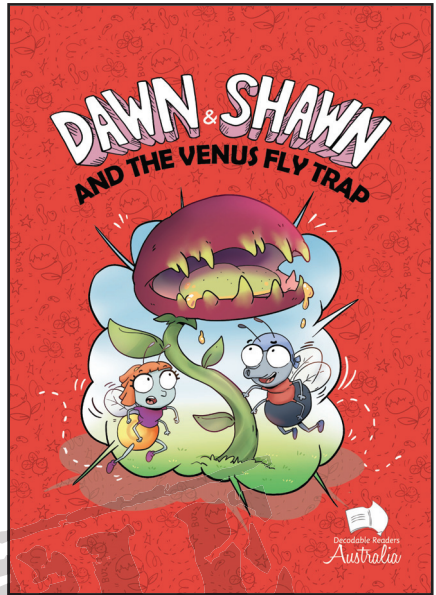
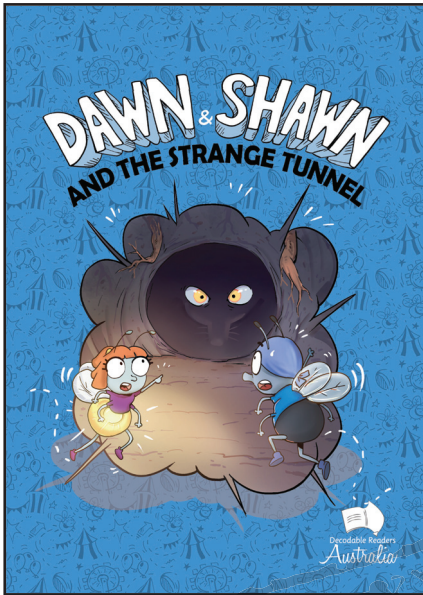
air

saw

cousin

twitching

Keep reading the Dawn and Shawn Set.....



DAWN & SHAWN AND THE HOUSE TRAP



Dawn and Shawn become stuck in a house full of danger. Can Dawn and Shawn escape an old man with bug spray, an old woman who wants to whack them, and an angry dog and cat chasing them? Entering a house was a bad choice!



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