



# Fight the Flames

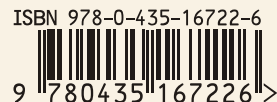


When Dixie spots a fire, she realises it's time to get out her magic pocket zoo! Can the animals help rescue everyone from the burning building?

“It is really funny because the firemen didn't know who really put out the fire!”  
Oliver



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## Bug Notes



Words  
people  
asked  
looked  
oh  
once  
called  
friends  
house

This book  
practises



\* At this level, children will be learning new ways of spelling familiar sounds.

Alternative  
spellings\*

ce (as in nice)  
ge (as in page)  
stl (as in bustling)  
gi (as in giraffe)  
dge (as in ledge)  
ch (as in chemist)  
ed (as in picked)

## Top Tip

Whilst reading, encourage your child to talk about the book. Ask them what will happen next, how a character might be feeling or how the book makes them feel.

Your child may need help with these words:  
**giraffe giggled fire**  
**water before**

Have  
a go!

## Spelling sounds

Write these sounds  
on strips of paper

**ck and ch**

Encourage your child to think of words with these sounds (e.g. thick, clock, cheese, much)

## Skill builder

Look together at the front cover of the book. What do you think the book is going to be about? What do you think a pocket zoo might be?

**Bug Time** fun is  
on the back page!

## How many?

How many times can you spot Dixie's magic purse in the book?



Bug Time!



## Do it!

Pretend to be a fireman putting out a fire. Can you find or make a costume? Think about what a fireman might say. What words might he use?



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Dixie and Mum were at Mr Bick's book shop.  
"This book about kittens is nice," said Dixie,  
turning a page.  
"Come on, Dixie, let's go to the chemist  
now," said Mum.



People were bustling about outside.  
Suddenly, Dixie heard shouting.  
She could smell something strong.





Help! We are stuck!



“Is that smoke?” Dixie asked.  
Dixie and Mum looked up.  
The house next to the  
book shop was on fire!





“Oh no!” said Dixie. “Those people are stuck!”

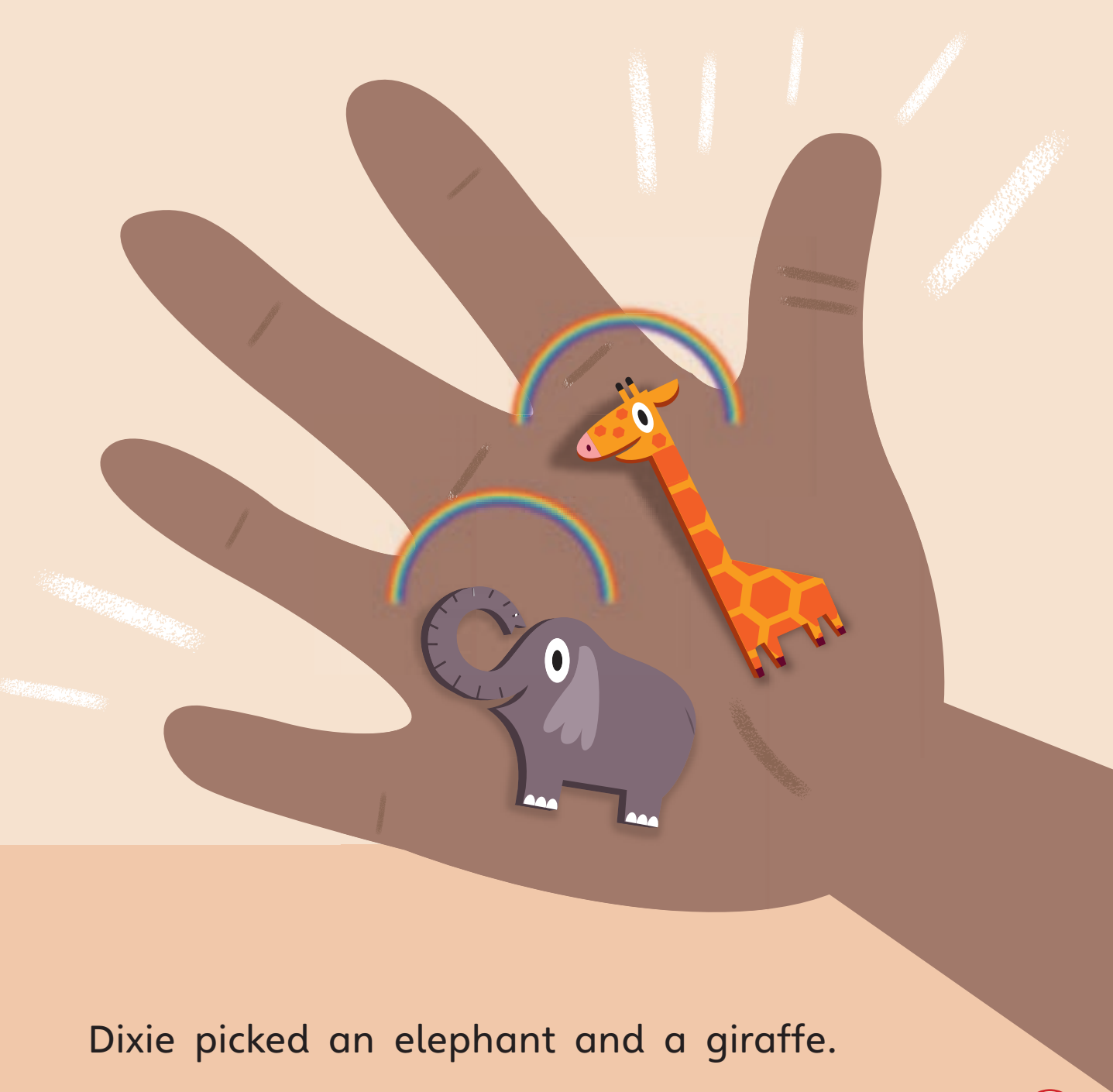


“I will ring the fire brigade at once!” Mum said.  
She went into Mr Bick’s shop to use his phone.



Dixie's animals were inside her purse.





Dixie picked an elephant and a giraffe.

Magic friends! Wake up! Be quick!  
Save the people before the smoke  
gets too thick!





The animals grew and grew and grew ...  
until they came to life!

Gina the giraffe ran to the window ledge.  
The people slid down her neck to the ground.





Ed the elephant collected water  
from the fountain.

*WHOOSH!* Ed squirted water at the fire!

*WHOOSH!*





Mum came back with three firemen.  
“Where is the fire?” they asked.



“An elephant put out the fire!” said a man.  
“A giraffe helped us down from the ledge!”  
said a woman.  
“An elephant? A giraffe?” Mum said.  
“Where are they?”



Dixie's animals were tiny toys again!  
She put them back in her purse, patted her  
pocket ... and giggled.