

Mighty Mouth Movers

Student Book

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Mighty Mouth Movers is a set of two books –
the **Student Book** and the packed-to-the-rafters-with-ideas **Teaching Manual**.

The Mighty Mouth mover rhymes were written to make the serious business of teaching literacy – and in particular how to speak, read and use English – a playful but rigorous learning adventure.

The world of wonder comes bouncing into the classroom as each rhyme is explored, helped in no small measure by the wonderful illustrations of Sydney artist, Noeline Cassettari.

So – put some zip and zap into the chant words as you say them out loud.

Keep the beat going as you meet the quirky characters in the story lines.

Drama improvisation, creative thinking, researching, science, geography, history, drawing, mathematics, vocabulary development, spelling accuracy, mouth muscle awareness, speech clarity, teamwork, putting thoughts into words and visualisation skills are just some of the many high-level outcomes achievable in this Mighty Mouth Mover package.

Illustrations Noeline Cassettari

Preamble

How does this book work?

The rhymes in **Mighty Mouth Movers** have alternating **chant lines** and **story lines**, as shown here.

at it art eight	<<< chant line
That train is carrying lots of freight.	<<< story line
eat ought out ate	<<< chant line
It's never more than a minute late!	<<< story line

The **chant words** are related not in meaning but in their sound. The consonant beginnings and endings (or as in the rhyme above, just the endings) stay the same, while the middle vowel sound does the changing.

Out-loud reading of the chant words rather than silent reading is recommended because when these words are spoken with exaggerated and purposeful mouth movements, their brilliant oral and aural colours emerge.

The **story lines** tell the narrative depicted in the accompanying illustration.

The **illustrations** that accompany each rhyme are the basis for yet another layer of energetic learning.

Comprehensive teaching ideas for each rhyme are set out in
the companion book

Mighty Mouth Movers Teaching Manual.

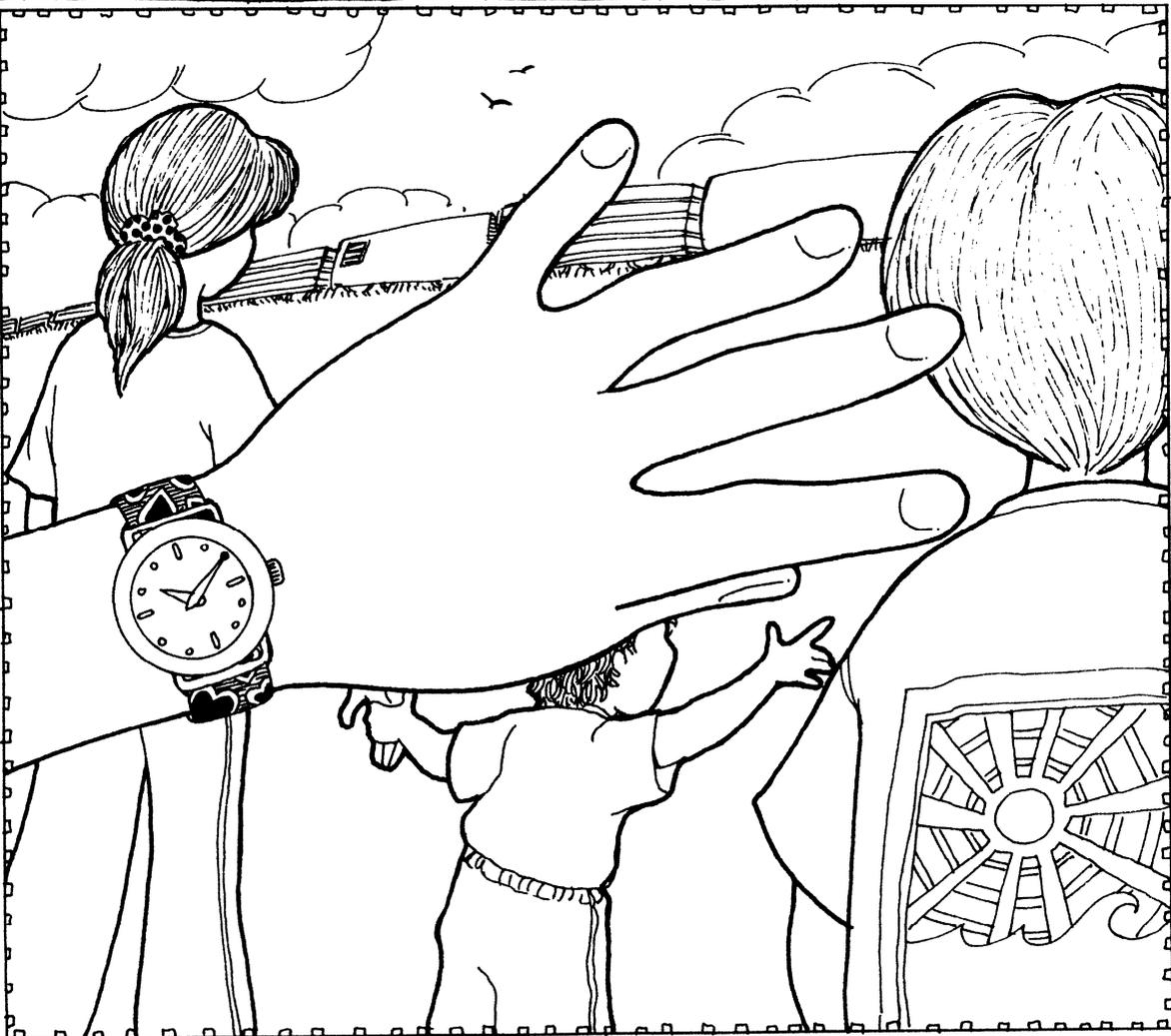
This Manual provides the busy teacher with a wealth of lesson ideas to cherry-pick from and then tailor to suit the needs of the individuals in the class.

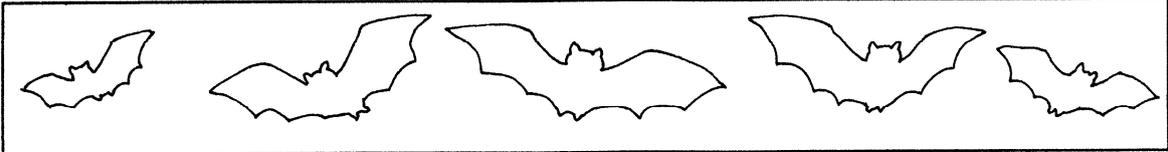
The Teaching Manual provides a cornucopia of deeper learning possibilities regarding content expansion, method variations, stretching more-able learners, unusual revision and re-teaching ideas, oral language confidence-boosters, listening-skill and thinking development projects, new ways to assess progress – to give teachers the ways and means to make the daily and on-going literacy journey a powerfully successful one for all abilities of student.

The rhymes are not graded in order of difficulty.

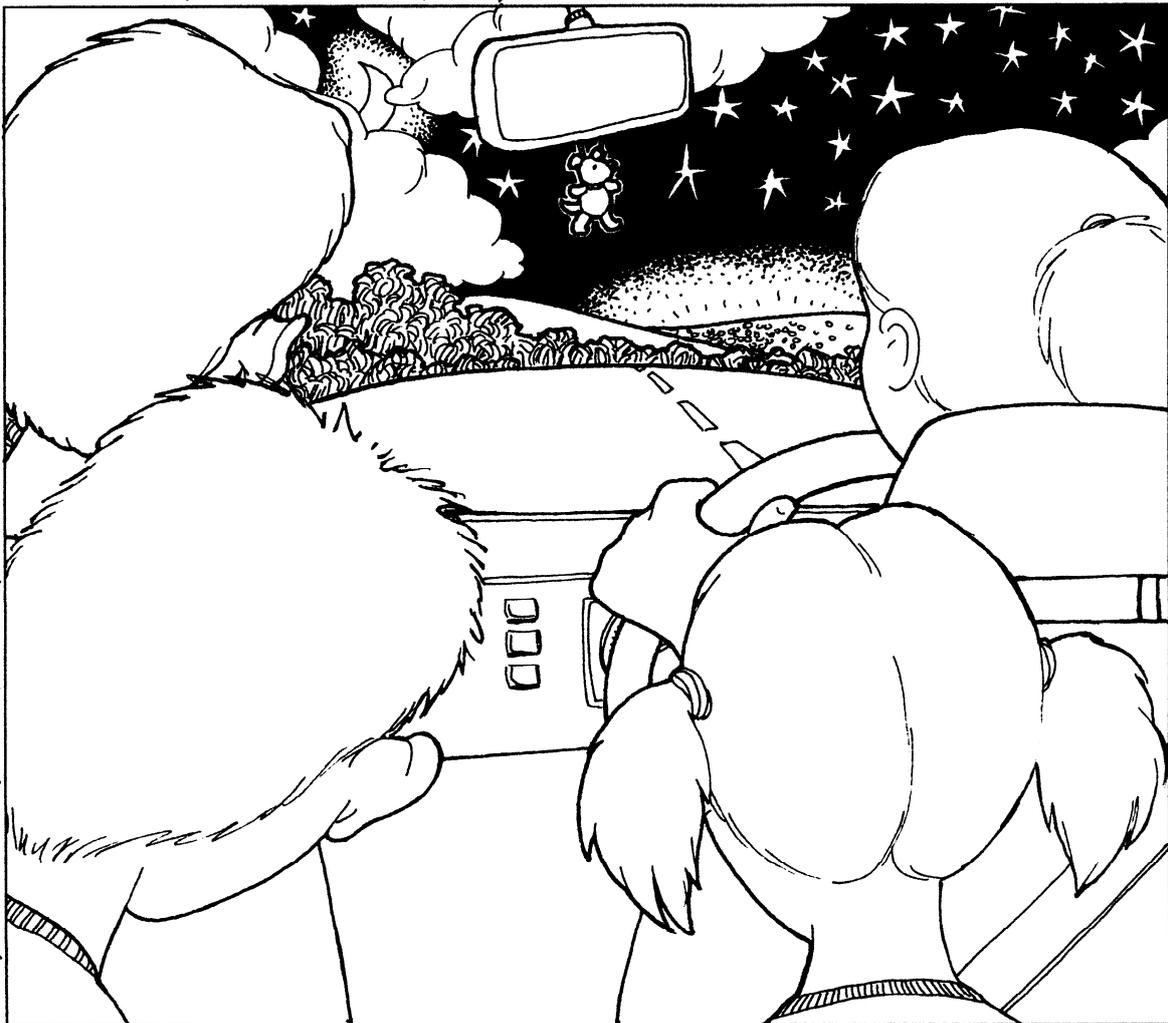
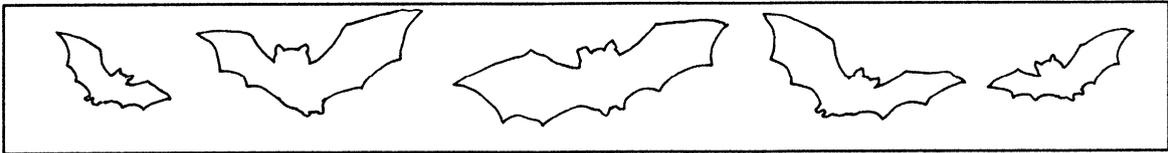


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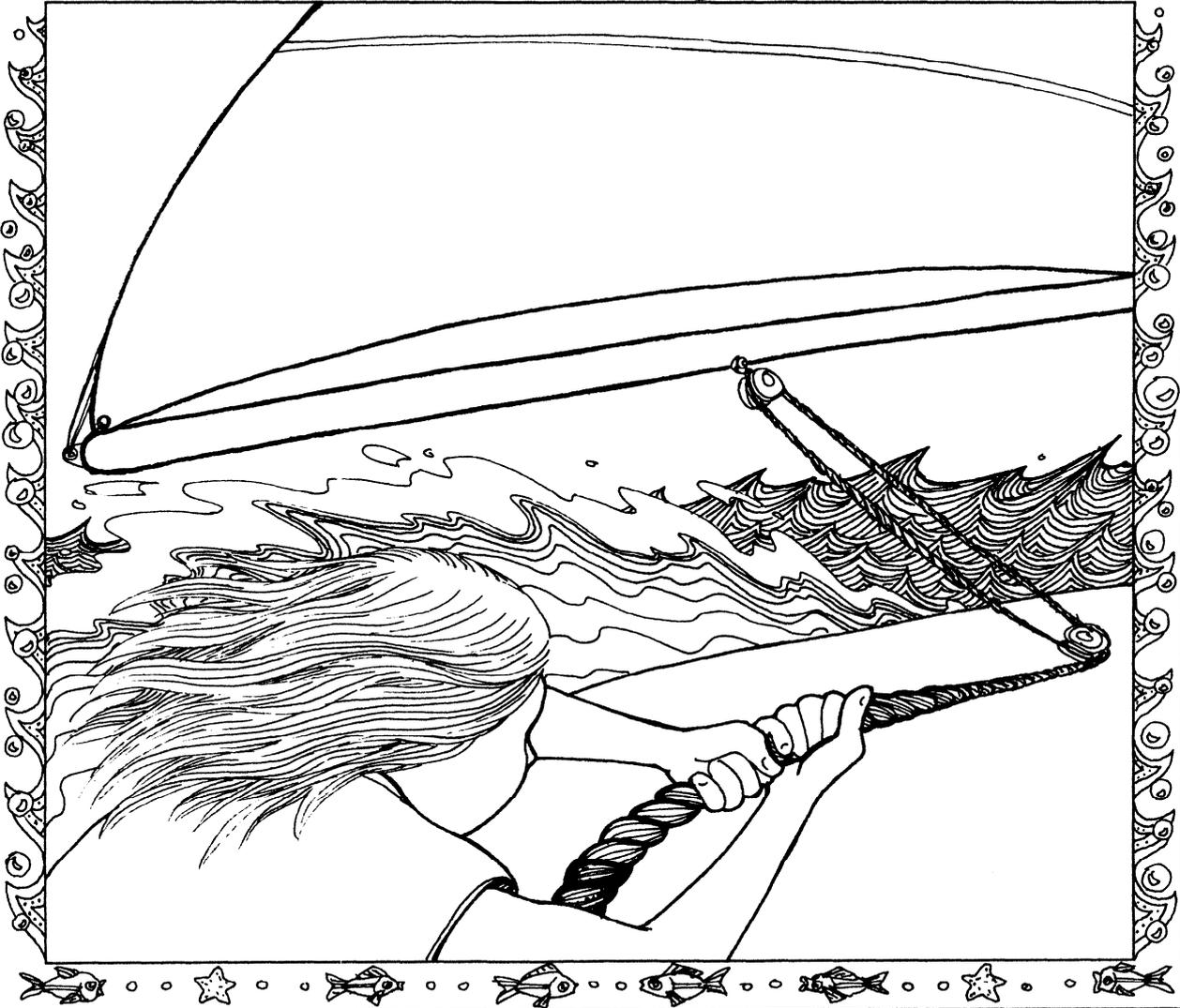
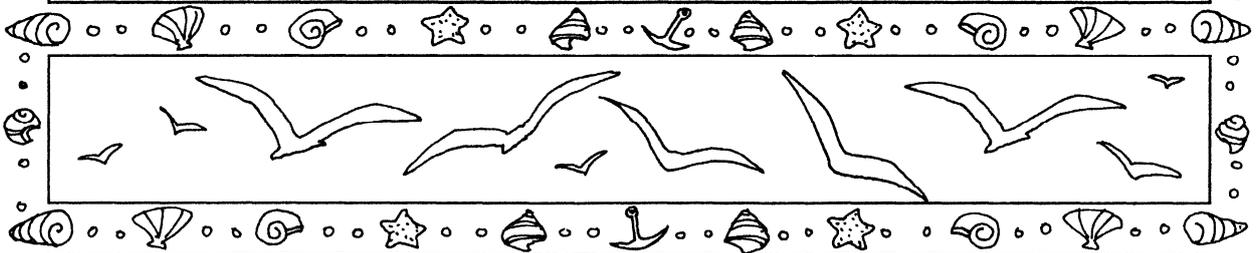




bat bait beat bite
It's very dark - there's not much light!
boat bit boot bet
Can you see the township yet?



bawl bowl bull bail
Lift the anchor and hoist the sail!
boll bile boil ball
Our mast is strong and very tall.
burl bale bill bell
The breeze has caught us very well.





beak back bike book
Oh no - I think it's Captain Hook!
bin bean born ban
It's quite alright - it's Peter Pan.

