

**1. Choose a book to read (there are two)**

Jan's pancake – book 1

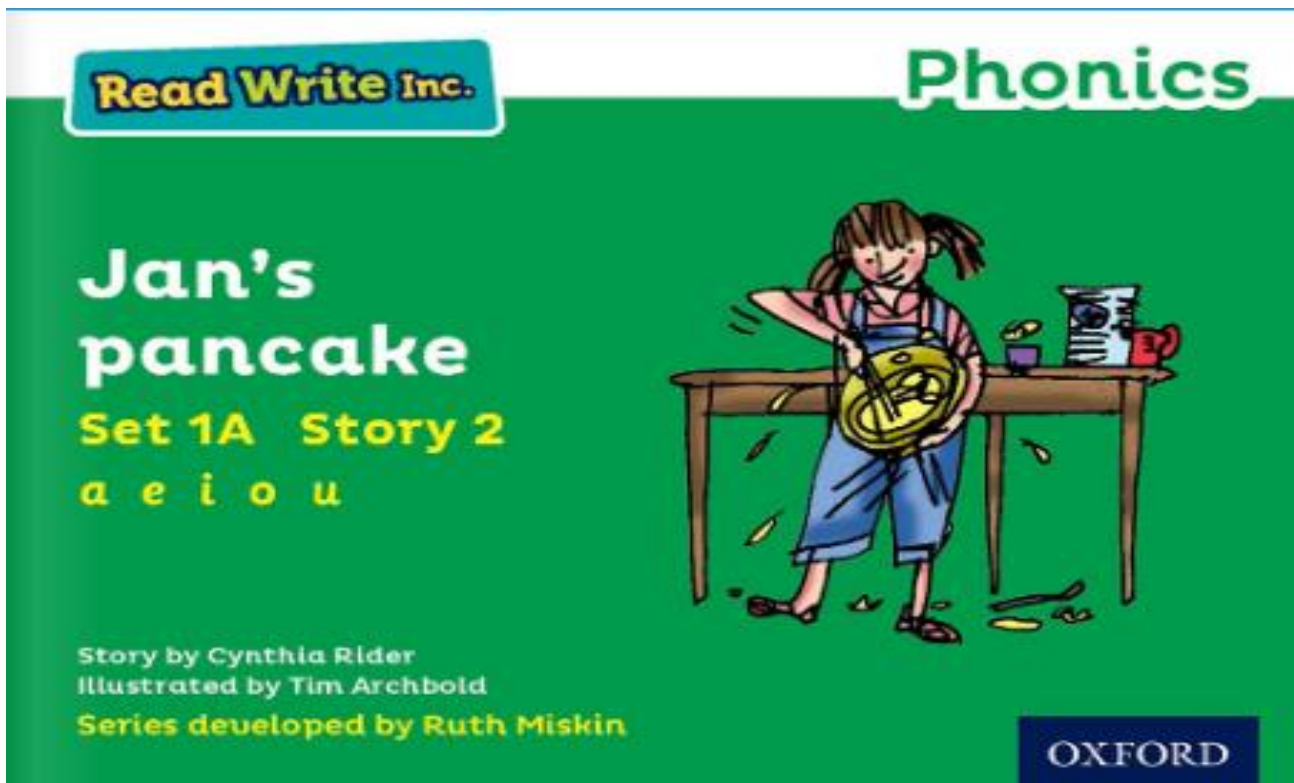
The Orchid Thief– book 2

**2. Talk about what you have read**

**3. Do the follow up activity after the story**

Remind children of the range of strategies that they can use to decode new words: sounding out, using the pictures for clues

**BOOK 1**



## Jan's pancake

**Introduction**

Do you like pancakes? Jan, the girl in the story, loves them. When she fancies making a pancake, her brother Dan helps her. Jan enjoys mixing up the pancake batter and then Dan cooks it. Have you ever seen someone toss a pancake over to cook the other side? It's not easy – as Dan and Jan find out!

“Let’s have a **pancake**,”  
said Jan.



“Mix it, whisk it,  
pop it in a pan,



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toss it, flip it,  
catch it if **you** can.”



Up went **the** pancake.

“Catch it!” said Jan.



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Dan ran with **the** pan.



Splat!  
A **pancake** hat for Jan!



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### Questions to talk about

Ask children to TTYP for each question using 'Fastest Finger' (FF) or 'Have a think' (HaT).

- p.8 (FF) What does Jan want to do?
- p.9 (FF) What does Jan do to make the pancake?
- p.10 (FF) What does Dan do to make the pancake?
- p.13 (HaT) Does Dan catch the pancake?
- (HaT) How does Jan feel about what has happened? (Look at the picture to help.)

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### Speedy Green Words

Ask children to practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.

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| have | mix   | it    |
| in   | catch | can   |
| up   | went  | with  |
| have | mix   | catch |

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*Follow up activity: Jan's pancake*

*Questions*

1. What does Jan want to do?

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2. What does she do to make the pancake (what actions)?

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3. Does Jan cook the pancake?

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4. What does Dan do to the pancake in the frying pan?

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5. Does Dan catch the pancake?

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6. Where does the pancake land?

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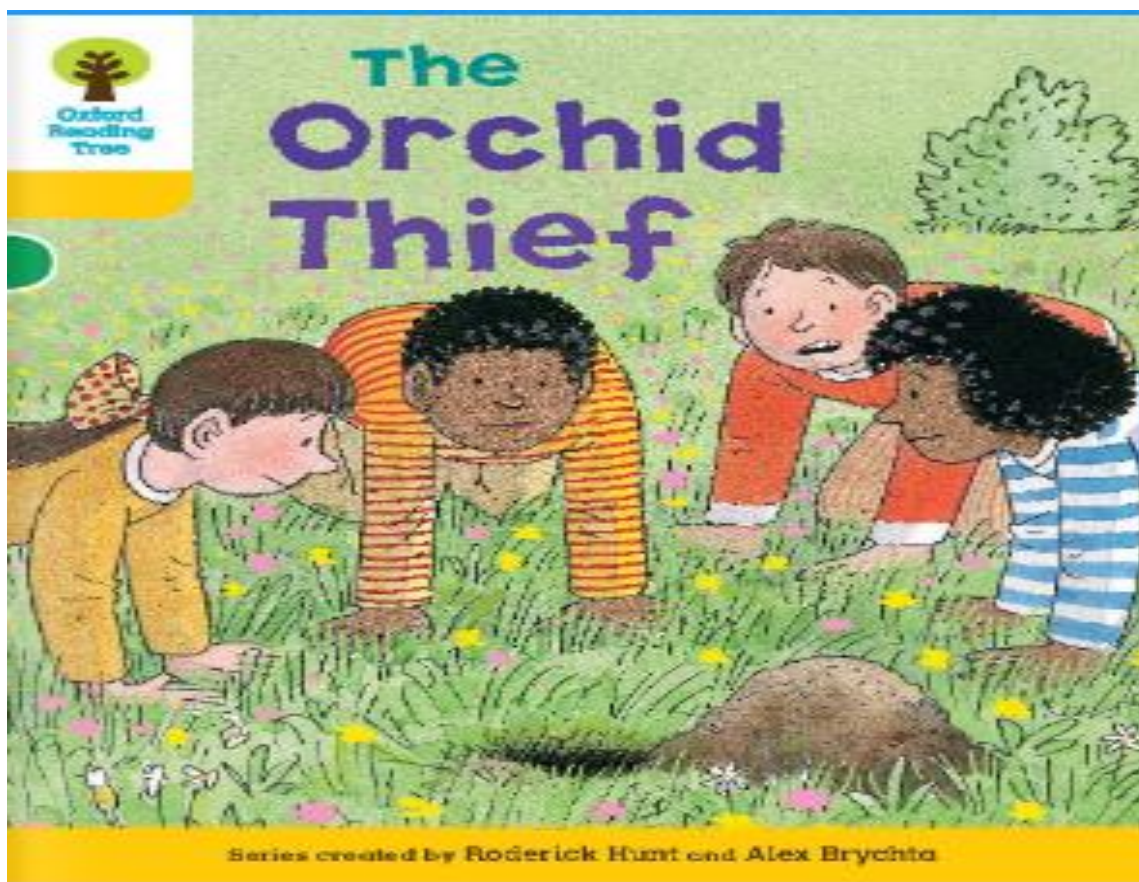
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7. How does Jan feel about what has happened?

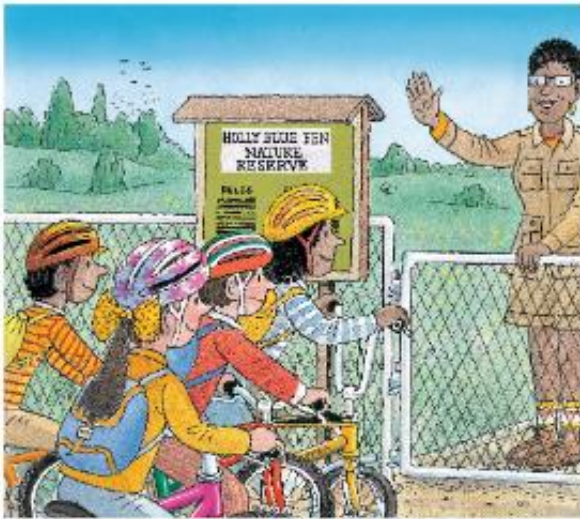
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BOOK 2

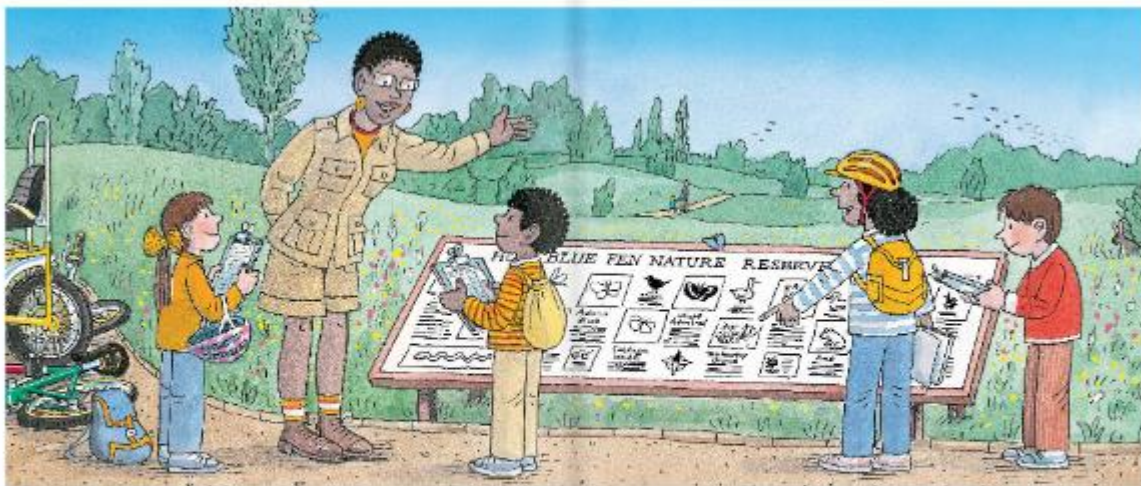






Biff, Chip, Wilf and Wilma went to Holly Blue Fen Nature Reserve.

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Sally, the Nature Ranger, met them.  
"You can count butterflies," said Sally.

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Wilma wanted to see the orchids.  
"I'll show you one later," said Sally.

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The children counted butterflies. They ticked the list each time they saw one.

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"I have seen five of the blue ones," said Chip. "And three of these."

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"We've counted loads of butterflies!" said Wilma. "Can we see the orchids now?"

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Sally took them to see one of the orchids. "It's been dug up!" she gasped.

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Sally was upset. She went off to report the stolen orchid.  
"Who would do that?" said Biff.

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"What's that man doing?" asked Chip. "Is he digging something up?"

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"He's getting on his bike. Quick! We must stop him," said Chip.  
"I'll run and tell Sally," said Biff.

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They raced after the man.  
"Don't let him get away!" yelled Wilf.

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The children raced as fast as they could.

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"Stop!" called Chip. But the man didn't stop. He kept going.

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Sally ran up the path with Biff. "Stop!" yelled Wilf.

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The man stopped. "What's going on?" he asked.

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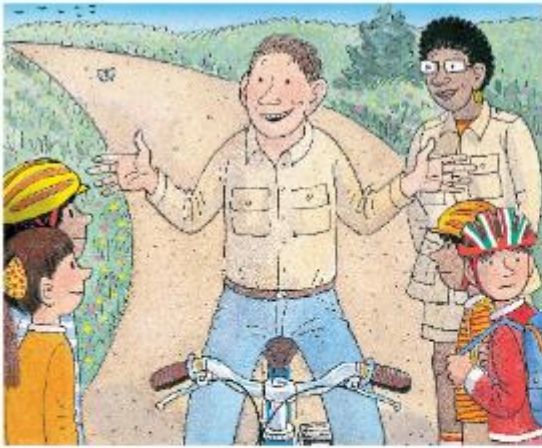
"This is Alex," said Sally. "He is a botanist. He works here."

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"Sorry, Alex," said Chip. "We thought you were the orchid thief."

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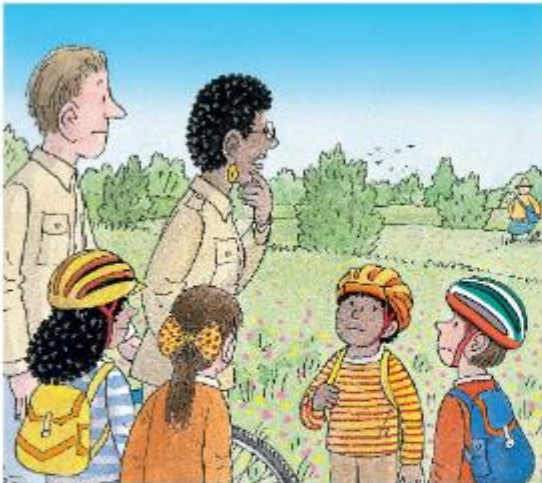
Alex gave a grin.  
“Don’t worry,” he said. “You were  
just trying to help.”

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“What’s that lady doing?” asked Chip.  
“Don’t start that again!” said Wilf.  
“She’s just looking at the flowers.”

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“One of the orchids is growing there,”  
said Sally. “We’d better check.”

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“Oh no!” said Sally. “Another orchid  
has been dug up.”

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"I bet that woman has stolen them," gasped Sally. "We must stop her!" They all ran after the woman.

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Alex took the bag from the woman. There were the orchids!

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"Well done!" said Sally. "We got the orchids back, thanks to you." "And we got to see them!" said Wilma.

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*Follow up activity: The Orchid Thief*

*Questions*

1. Can you name the children in the story?

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2. What was the name of the nature reserve that the children went to?

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3. What was the name of the nature ranger?

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4. What do you think nature rangers do?

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5. What was Wilma excited to see?

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6. What had happened to the orchid?

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7. How many orchids had been stolen?

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**Answer the following questions true or false.**

The children saw blue and yellow butterflies. **True/False**

The children chased a man on their bikes. **True/False**

The old lady put the orchids in her red bag. **True/False**

The children went camping. **True/False**