

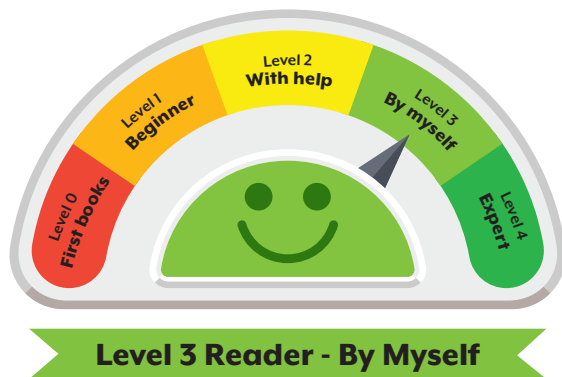
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“Murmel, murmel, murmel,” is all Robin hears coming from a hole in her sandbox. She reaches down and out pops a baby!



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Art by **Michael Martchenko**

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A Note from Robert Munsch

A long, long, LONG time ago when I was in first grade, my class had 60 kids in it!

The teacher didn't read any books and neither did the kids. It was not fun.

Well, here is a book that is fun to read for both you and your grown-ups.

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Before Reading

High-Frequency Words

Practice reading these high-frequency words in the story:

by from said you

Meet the Characters

Get to know the characters from the story by looking at the pictures and names below:

Robin



Baby



Old Lady



Truck Driver



Quotation Marks

Quotation marks look like this (“ ”) and tell the reader the words are being spoken by a character. Practice reading the following sentences as though you were saying them out loud to someone else:

“Excuse me, do you need a baby?”

“I don’t need a baby!”

End Punctuation

You will notice many exclamation marks (!) and question marks (?) in the story. An exclamation mark tells the reader to read the sentence with excitement or surprise. A question mark tells the reader that a question is being asked. Read the next two sentences making sure to pay close attention to the end punctuation:

“What am I going to do with you?”

“Wait, you forgot your truck!”

Phonics

The title ***Murmel, Murmel, Murmel*** has a **M** sound that repeats.

Can you make the **M** sound?

Pay close attention to the shape of your mouth as you make the sound. It might be helpful to make this sound while you look in a mirror to see the shape your mouth makes.

Try these different activities to help practice the letter **M** sound.

1. Take a close look around you and try to find three objects that start with the same sound.
2. Think of three other words that also start with the same sound. As an extra challenge, can you think of any words that end with a **M** sound?

3. A simple word that has the **M** sound at the beginning is the word **mat**. As you read this word, pay attention to the two other letter sounds in the word.
4. When two words rhyme, they have the same sounds at the end of the word. Take a look at the pictures below and point to any of the words that rhyme with **mat**.



cat



hat



dog

5. While you read, look out for other **M** sounds at the beginning of a word throughout the story. You can see the sound easily because it will be written in a different **color**.