



What is the story about?

This story puts the familiar 'House that Jack Built' into a modern setting. Jack finds a quiet place to build his house, and the story takes us through the noisy stages of building. When it is finished, all is quiet again until Jack gets a family and pets. So he makes his house bigger, and all the noise begins again.

Talk together

Look at the cover and read the title together. Talk about the cover illustration, and ask your child what they think the story will be about. Look briefly through the book, and talk about what is happening in the illustrations. Point out all the words for sound and action that appear on the illustrations.

Read the story

- Encourage your child to read the story aloud to you, and join in with the enjoyment of the story.
- On pages 4 and 5, together point to the words and match them to the plan for Jack's house.
- If your child misreads words, ask him/her to reread the sentence and check it makes sense, but don't let your child struggle for long or he/she may lose the sense of the story.
- Join in with your child when reading the action and sound words to encourage reading with expression.
- When a sentence begins 'These are' or 'This is' encourage your child to find the items in the illustrations to help him/her read the words.
- Ask your child to say what he/she enjoyed about this story, and encourage him/her to read it again.

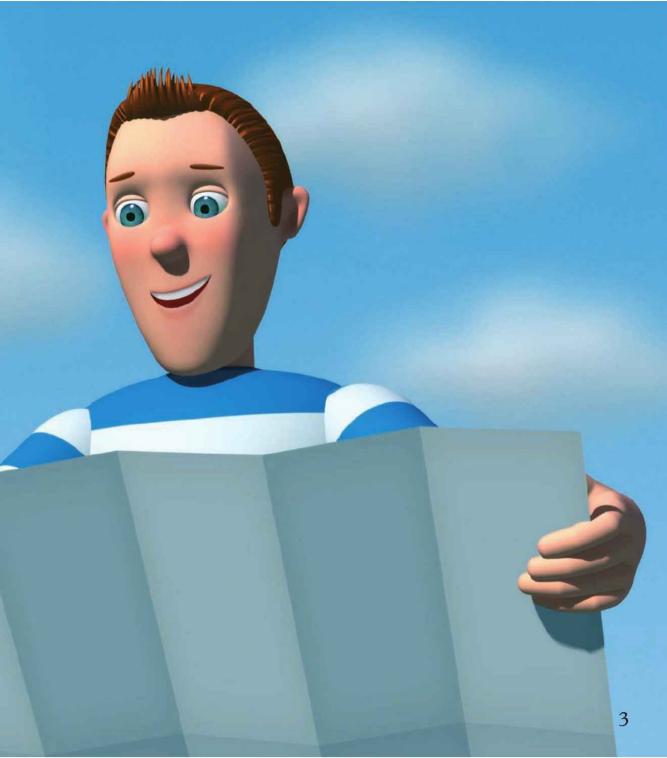


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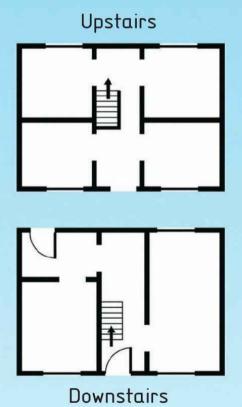
This is Jack, a lad who had no place to live. But Jack had a plan for a house that he wanted to build.

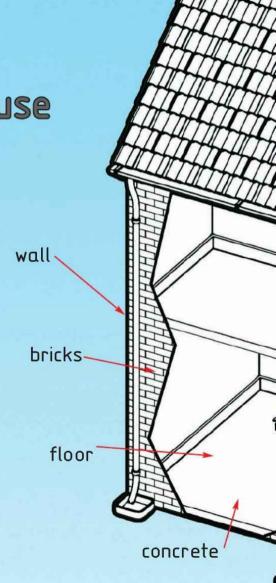


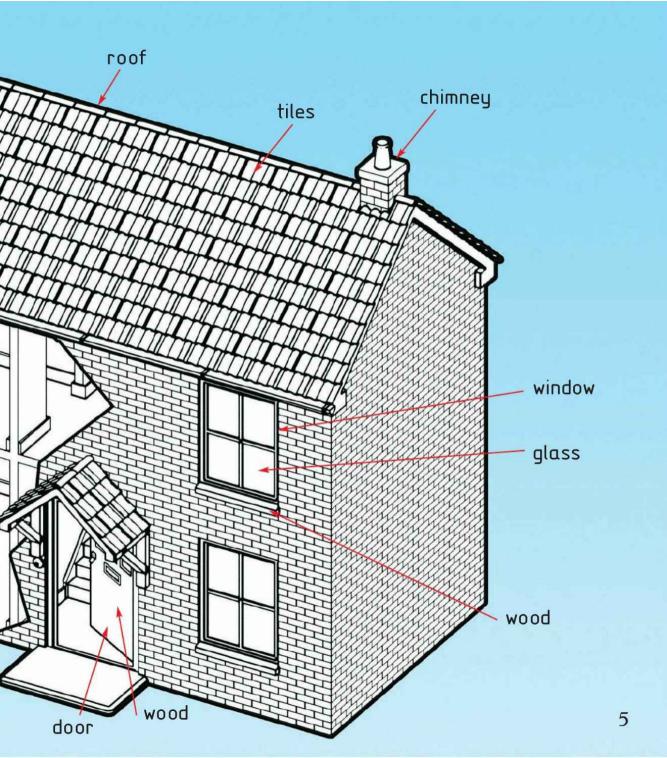


Here is the plan that first began the house that Jack built.

Plan for Jack's House





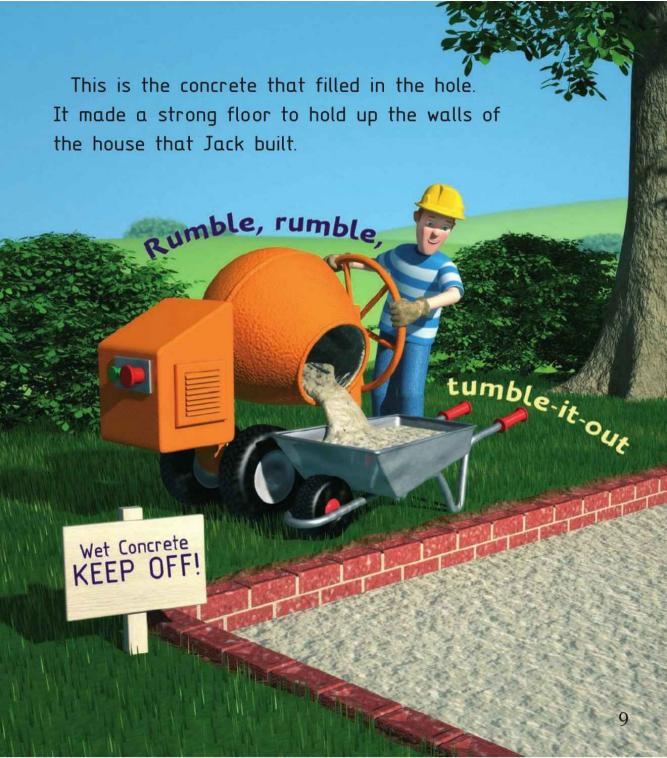




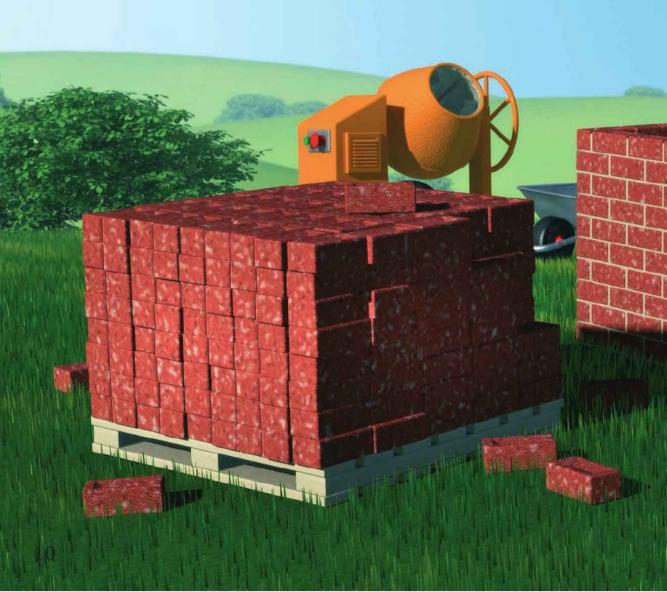


This is the hole that Jack made with his spade. He dug a big square, just where the house would be.



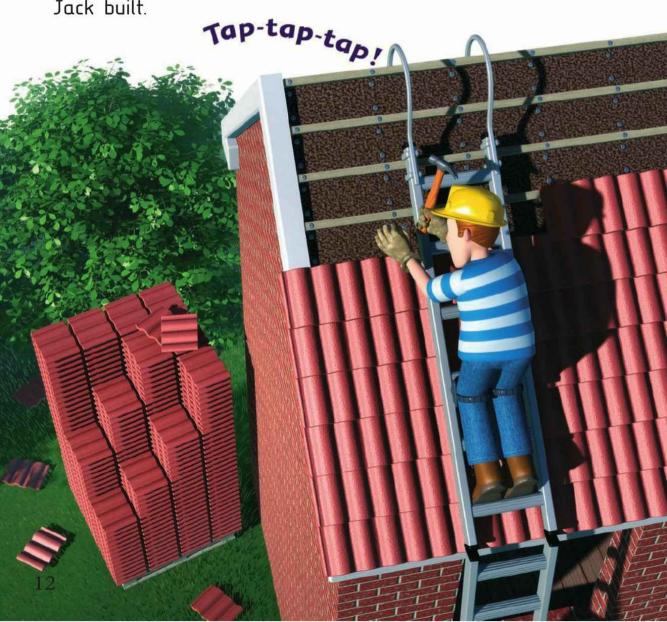


These are the bricks that were built into walls for the house that Jack built.

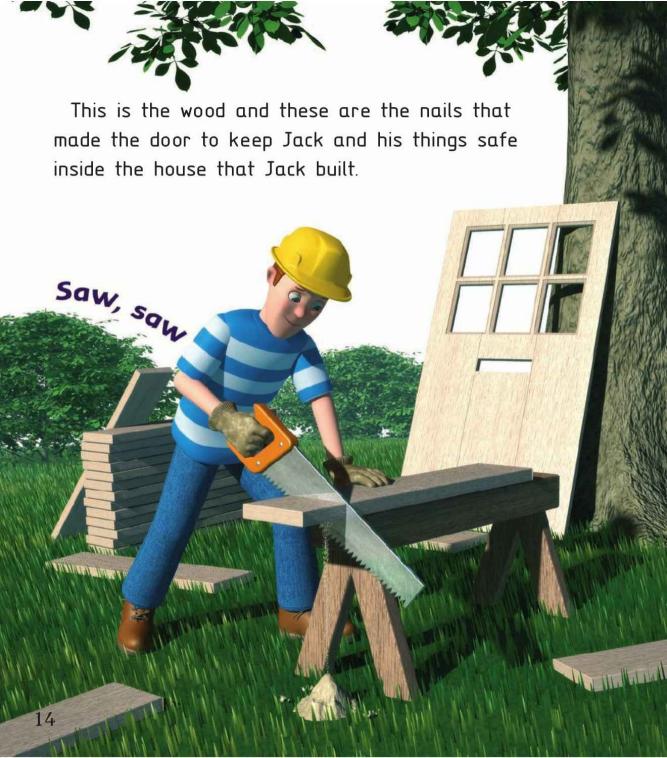


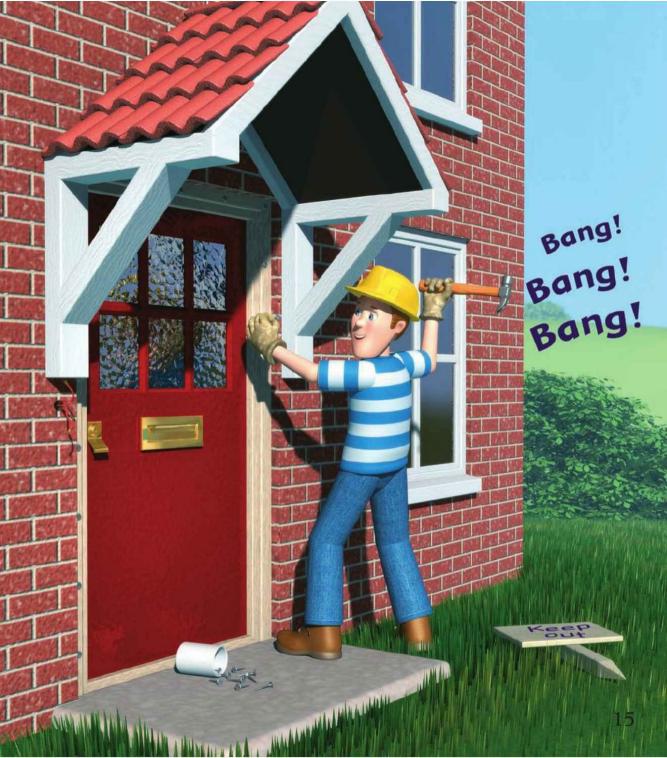


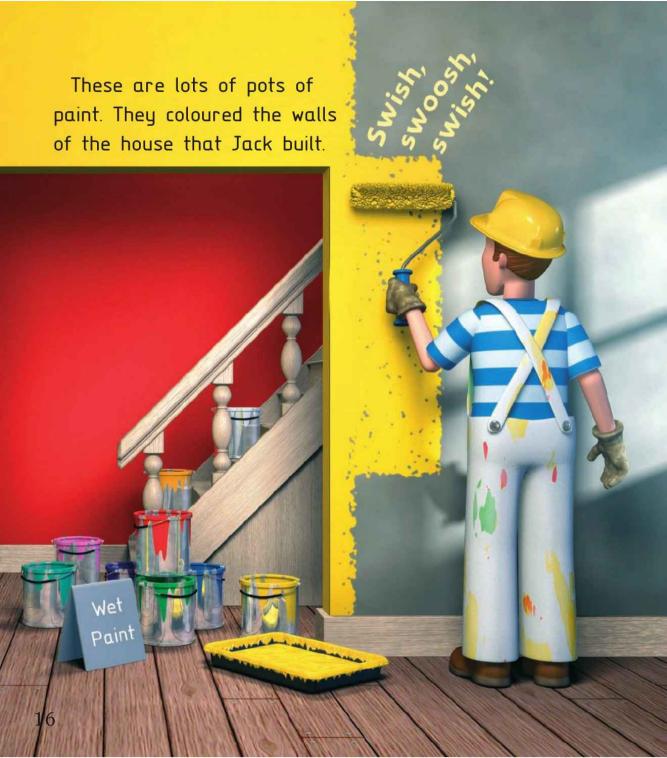
This is the pile of shiny new tiles that went on the roof to keep the rain out of the house that Jack built.



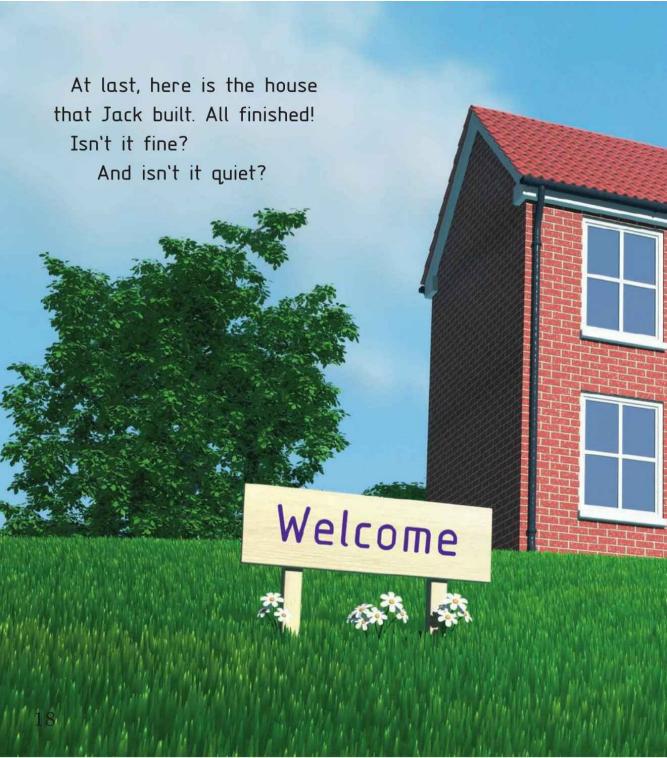








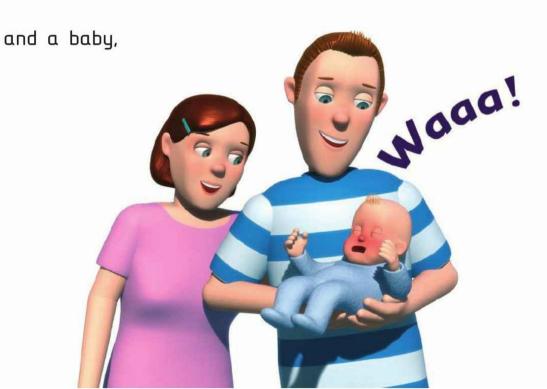






Until Jack found a wife,



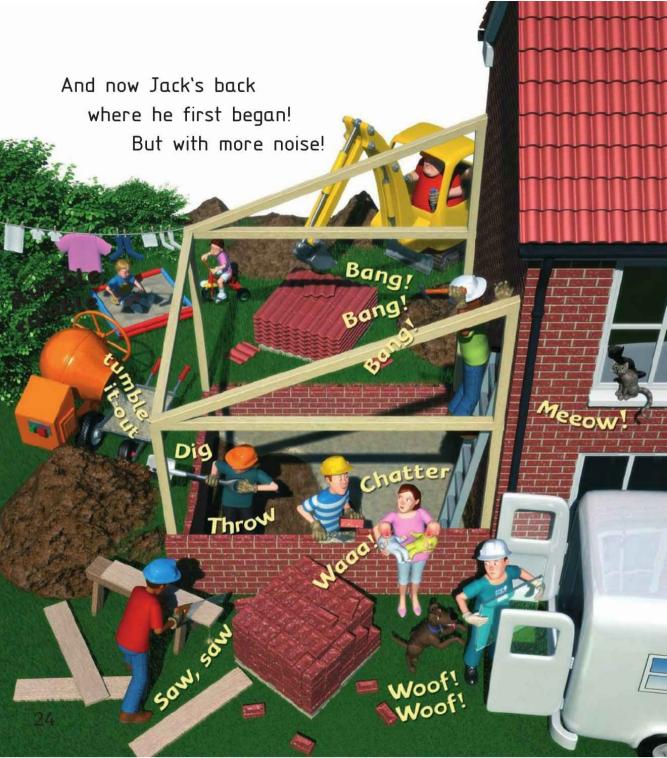












Play a game

Noisy words

This game will help your child read with expression, and understand how words can sometimes make the sound that they describe.

- Look carefully through the pages to find the action/sound words in the story, e.g. Rumble, rumble.
- Take turns to read them in the way you think the author wanted, by looking at the illustration.
- Make it fun by doing actions to match the sounds.

Other ideas

- Ask your child to retell the story in his/her own words by looking at the illustrations. Encourage him/her to use words such as first, next, than, at last, finally.
- Find and read the traditional rhyme, 'The House that Jack Built'.



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The House that Jack Built

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