



*We have a target for
reading this half
term and that is to
improve our fluency.*



What new words can we add to our word bank?

Marshes



Horizon



Reborn



basked



Admire



tranquil



The River Nile



You should now be really familiar with the story but if you would like to listen again, click the link to hear it read aloud.



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mYhhx07BX7w>

This story begins in Ancient Egypt, during the happy age of blue hippies. At that time, if you gazed at the watery marshes that lined the river, you could see the hippies' backs curled up along the horizon.

What has happened in the story so far?

As the good masters of the river Nile, the blue hippies basked in its tranquil waters. All around them bloomed flowers, and as time went by the river's many plants left a mark on their sunbathed skin. Fish would brush against them, butterflies would land on them, and birds pecked without fear at these strange turquoise creatures.



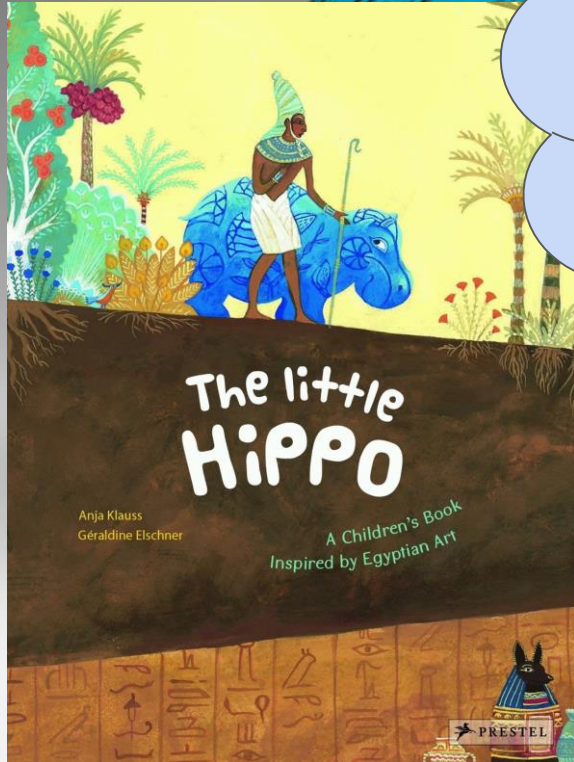
One day the youngest amongst them—the one they called Little Hippo—became the friend of Antef, a tall old man with white hair. Every night, side by side, Antef and Little Hippo would admire the setting sun.


"The sun dies each day to be reborn each morning," the old man would say. "Soon I too will fall asleep just like him. Then a long journey will begin."

When Antef left for this unknown kingdom, and when he was laid below the ground, Little Hippo lay down beside him and fell into a deep slumber. Time went by: days, months, centuries ...

What has happened in the story so far?

Let's read the story
so far together.
You should follow the
text as I read.
Join in with me if you
can!





Look closely at
the next page.
What do you
think has
happened?



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Let's read...



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Remember to read the sentence back exactly as you hear me say it.

Multitude



Think...
What do these
words mean?
Where are Little
Hippo and Antef?

Commotion





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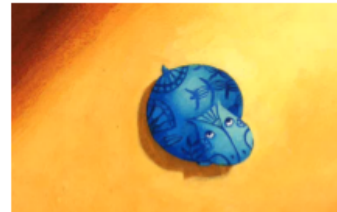
Now it's your turn.

Perform the page we have just read to someone at home but **remember**, you must try to read the text in the same way that you read it with me!



1. Tell me where you think Antef and Hippo are in this part of the story.

2. Tell me what or who you think is causing the commotion.



When you have completed your performance, complete the exit pass for today's lesson.