

Ruby Tuesday Readers

### **Tips for Reading Success**

#### **Before Reading**

Take a "picture walk" with the reader by looking at the photos to:

- Activate the reader's prior knowledge about the animal.
  - Predict what may be learned in the book.

Introduce the reader to specific non-fiction text features:

- Locate the table of contents, photo labels, and the index.
- Briefly discuss the glossary and identify the bolded vocabulary words.

### **During Reading**

Encourage the reader to track the words with a finger or fun pointer while reading or listening to someone else read.

When the reader encounters unknown words, ask:

- Does what you are reading make sense? Does it make sense with the picture?
  - Does what you are reading sound right? Is that how you would say it?
- Does what you are saying look right? Do your sounds match with the letters?

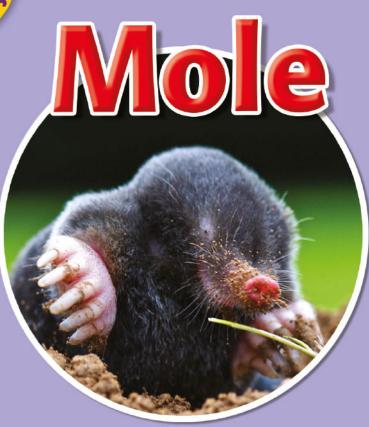
#### After Reading

Encourage the reader to:

- Find their favorite picture and describe what is happening.
- Remember three facts they learned about the animal in the book.
  - Write down their three favorite facts.

#### Above all, enjoy the time spent with this book and make reading fun!





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What happened last night? There are small piles of soil all over the grass.



They are **molehills**!

Last night a tiny mole was digging tunnels under the ground.



large feet

A mole is about 6 inches (15 cm) long.

Now the mole is digging another tunnel.

She digs with her front feet and sharp claws.





The tunnel is soon filled with lots of loose soil.

The mole digs a tunnel up to the surface.

Then she pushes the loose soil out of the tunnel onto the grass and makes ...

# ...another molehill!