LEN THE LION

Introducing the letter ‘L’
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Quick Start Guide

Read the book WITH your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.

Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns.

Don’t rush it. Body-builders don’t train in a day – neither does a child.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!
Lesson 1

This is the letter ‘L’ –

The letter ‘L’ says “-leh- for lion.”
Can you say “-leh- for lion”? 
We use the “-leh-” sound in lots of words, like:

Little lambs leap a lot.

Lovely lemon lollipops.

I like lazy lions.
Show me the pictures that start with the “-leh-” sound.

Answer: Lion, lamp. lamb, lemon.
Lesson 1

Here are two words we can make with the letter ‘e’ – can you read them?

len
lan

(Len is a boy’s name, Lan is a girl’s name.)
Len the lion lived by a lake.
with his little son, Lonnie,
and a lot of lemonade.
len liked to
look at his
lovely, lovely wall —
at all his trophies, big and small:
a pot, a pan and

half a cucumber.
“All because,” said len, “I am a GREAT hunter.”
But there was an empty spot waiting to be filled with something special, something really chill.

Chill is American slang for very nice. It also means to relax, like, “Chill out!”
So len said, “Lonnie, my little lion son, go get your net – we are going on a hunt!”
len and Lonnie crawled without a sound,
stopping now

and then to look

around.
“Aha!” said len.

“What do I see?”
Lonnie looked too.

“Is that a bumble bee?”
“No!” said len. “Don’t be absurd! That is not a bee, that is a bird!”

Absurd means very, very silly.
But it wasn’t a bird
or a bee or a lamb.
It was the hat of Lady Lola lan.
Bang! The net came down by her feet.
“What are you doing?”

said lan with a squeak.
“We are saving your life,” len the lion said.

“There’s a dangerous beast upon your head.”
“That is not a beast – that is my hat!”
“You’re wrong!” said Len. “It’s a blue-tailed bat.”
Lola *lan* snorted.

“Don’t be absurd.
That is a *hat*.

It is NOT a bird!”
Now it just so happened, right then and there, that a big, brown bird dropped out of the air...
...and grabbed the hat of Lady Lola lan...
...and ran away across the sand.
Lola lan screamed and fainted with surprise.
“Quick!” said len.

“There goes our prize!”
len chased the bird around the lake.
...until the bird tripped on a snake.
“Oh, my!” said **len**.

“What a hunter I **am**.

Look **at** my prize,

lying in the sand!”
But did *len* take the snake?
Or did len take the bird?
No! Ilen took the hat.
How very absurd!

THE END