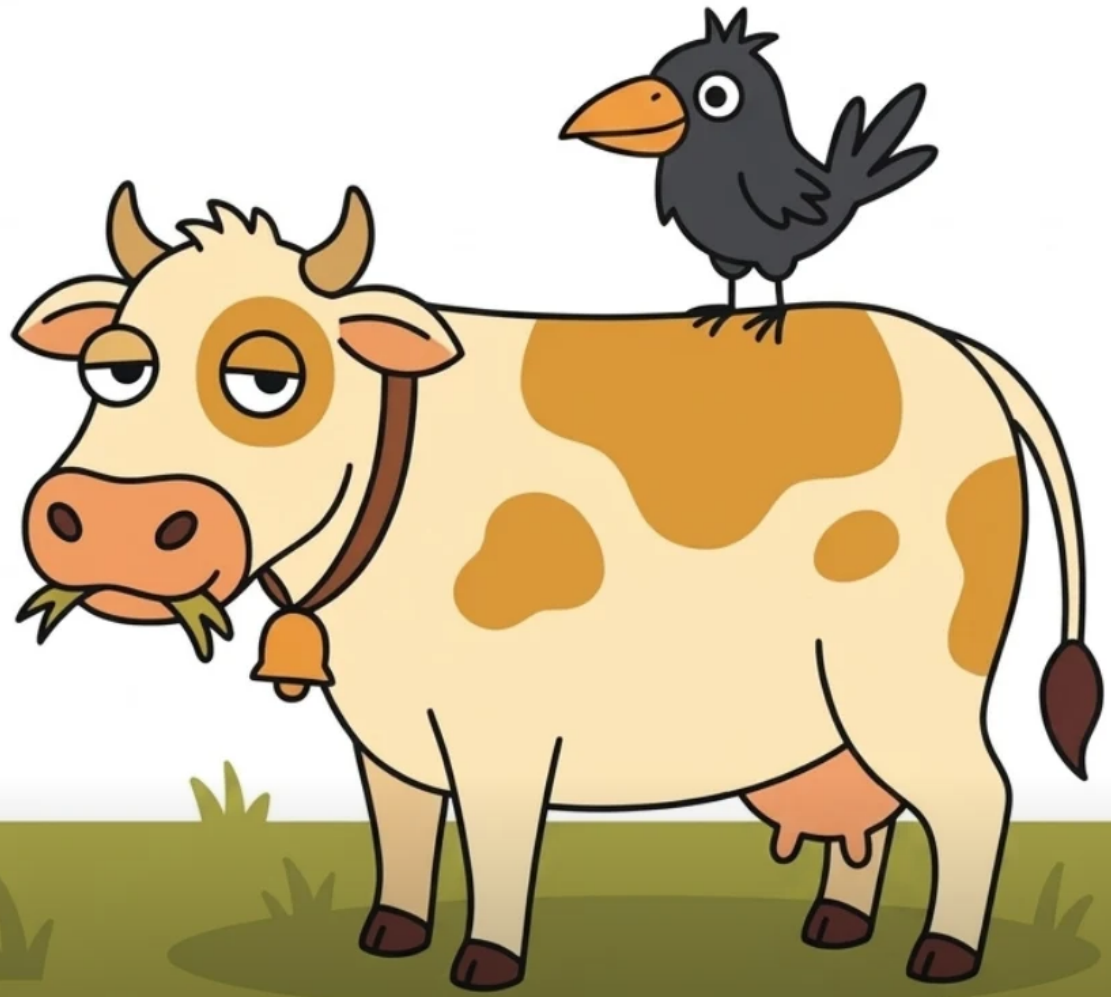
Level 1



ਗਾ!

Sing, Crow, Sing!

The crow is going to sing for the cow. His song has one word, and it is his own name. He sings it louder and louder. New word: ਗਾ (sing).

WORDS YOU'LL READ

ਗਾਂ	ਆ	ਗਾ	ਕਾਂ	ਵਾਹ	ਨਾ	ਜਾ
gaan	aa	gaa	kaan	vaah	naa	jaa
cow	come	sing (imperative of ਗਾਉਣਾ)	crow	wow!	no	go

HOW TO READ THIS BOOK

This is a read-together book. It uses only a handful of Punjabi words, repeated often, and the pictures show what each word means. Your child doesn't need to speak Punjabi to enjoy it.

- You read, your child joins in. Point at each word as you say it. The English under each picture is there for you.
- Reread it. Children reread what makes them laugh. After a few reads, let them read the words back to you.

WHAT THIS BOOK IS REALLY ABOUT

For grown-ups: the crow puts on a show for the cow. His whole song is ਕਾਂ! ਕਾਂ! ਕਾਂ!, and each time she just chews, so he sings it louder, until the leaves fall off the tree and his voice gives out. Sulking, he tells her to go. She doesn't. She leans down and says one word: ਗਾ (sing). She wants more. Read his song bigger every time and her line flat. Point out that ਗਾ and ਗਾਂ look almost the same: only the dot is different.



“Cow! Cow! Come! Come!”



“Sing, crow, sing!” he tells himself.



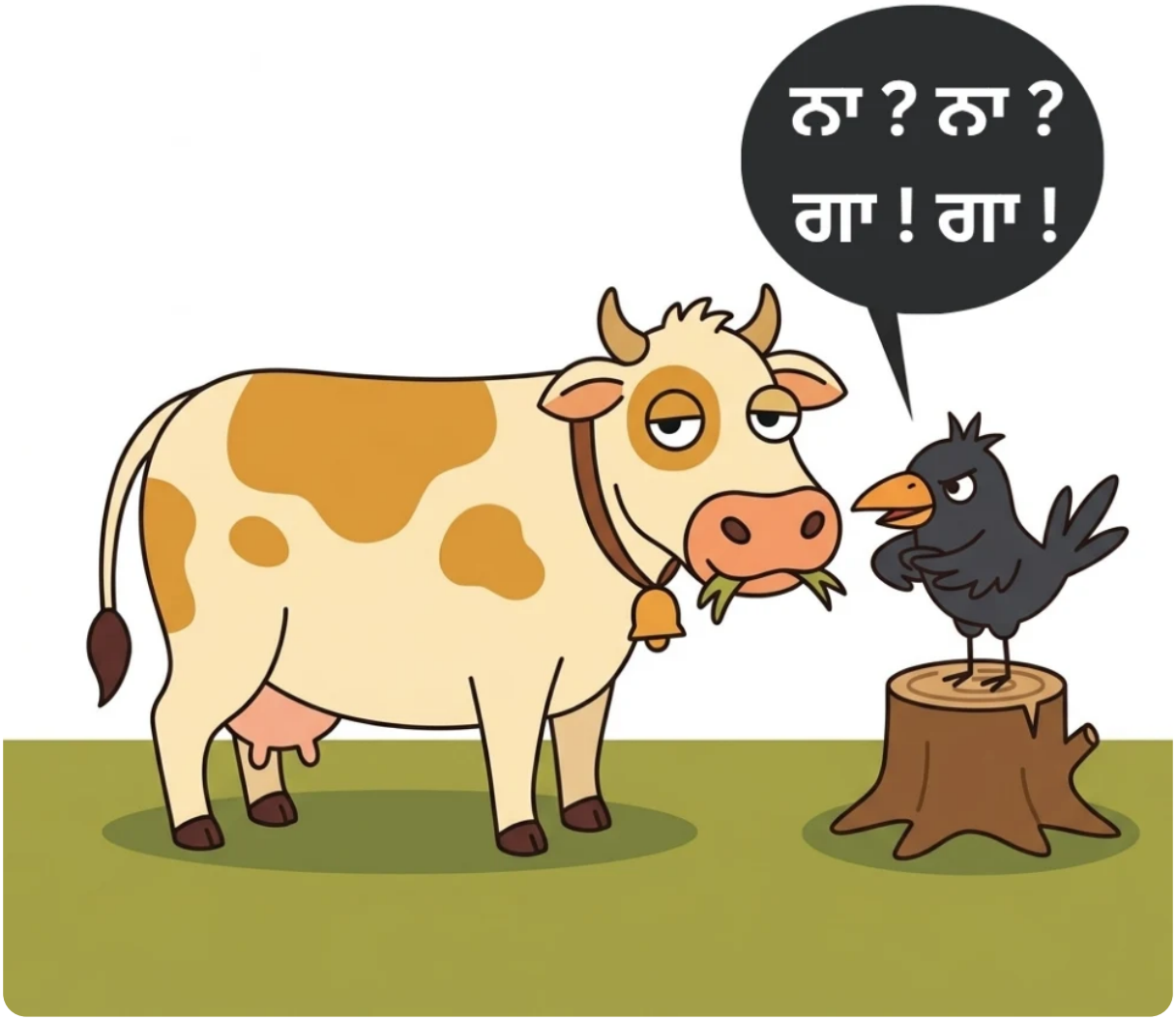
“Caw! Caw! Caw!” That is the whole song.



He waits. She chews.



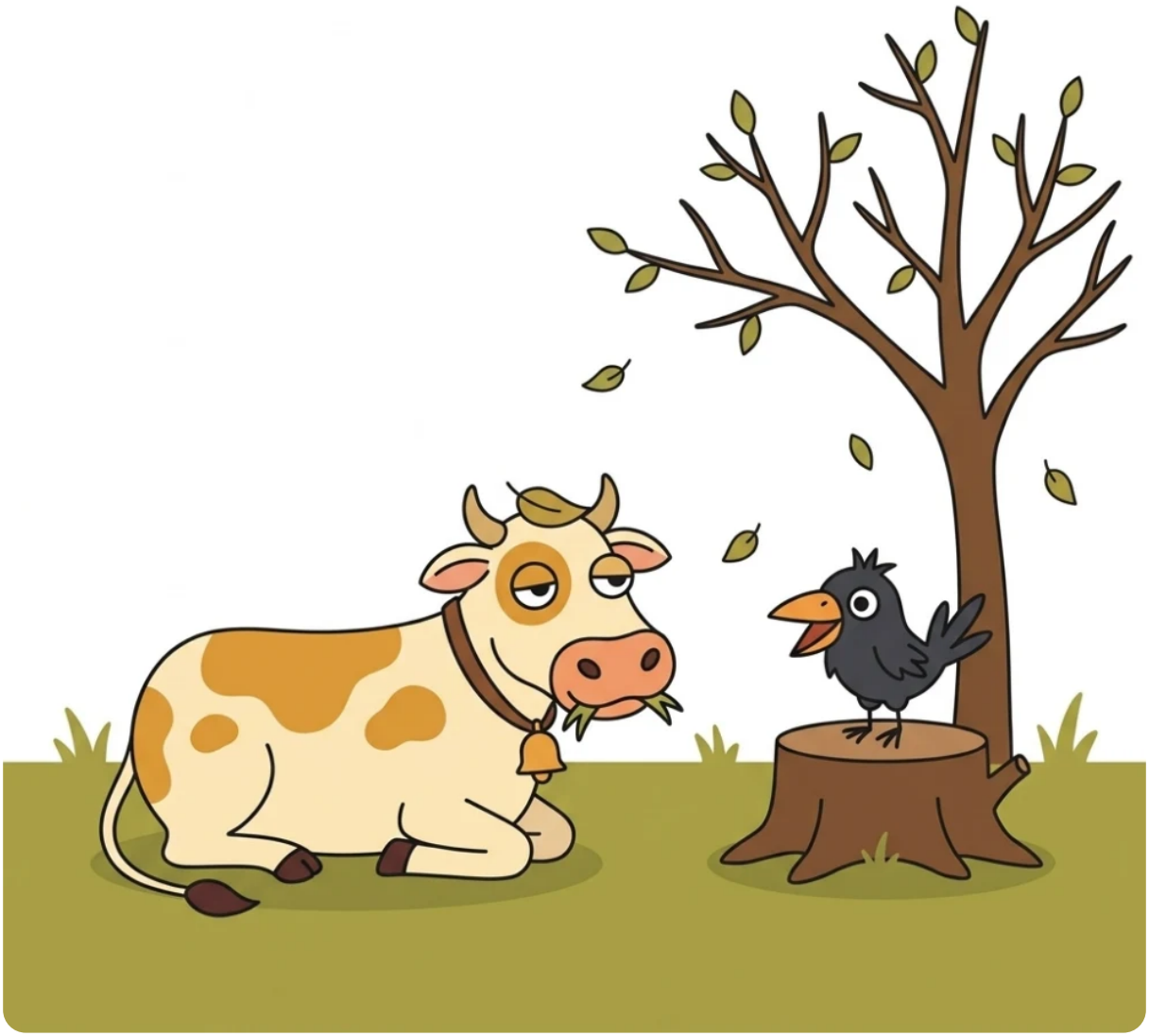
“Wow? Cow? Wow?” He wants her to say it.



“No? No? Then sing! Sing!”



“Caw! Caw! Caw! Caw!” Louder.



The birds have left. The cow has not.



“Wow! Wow! Crow! Wow!” He says it for her.



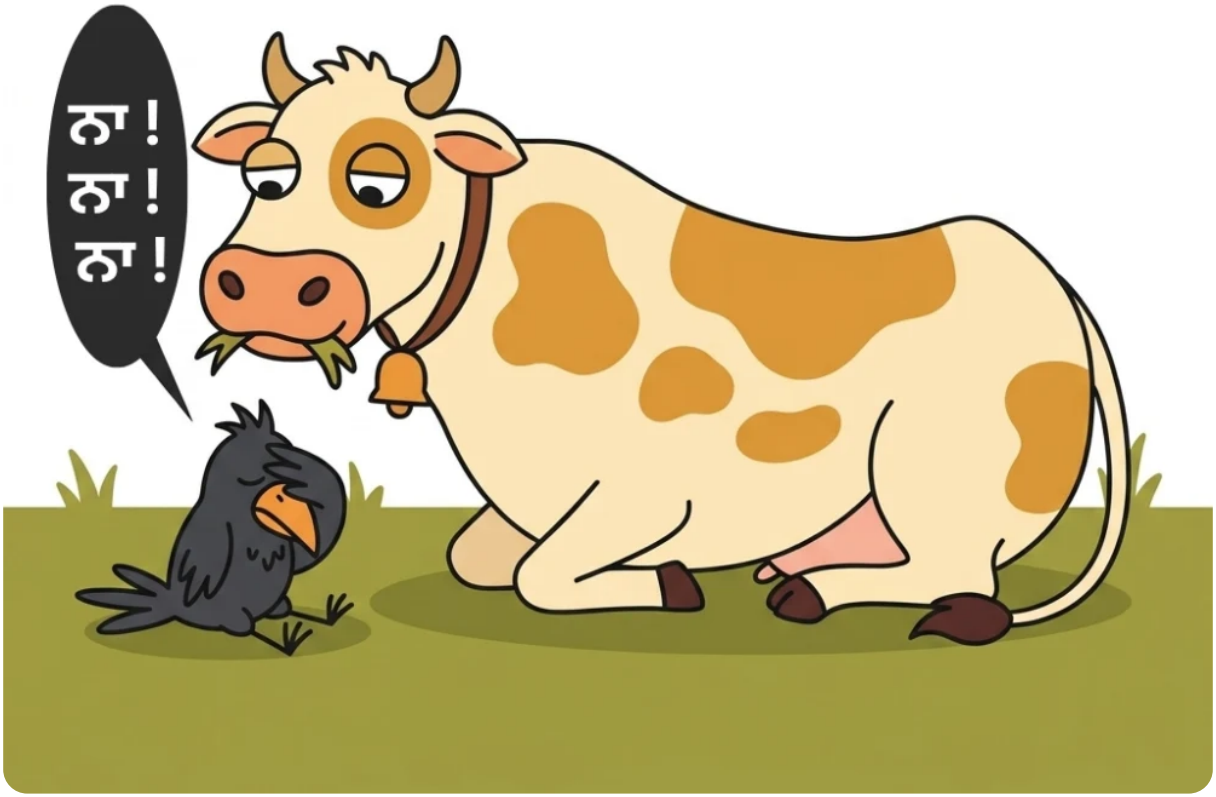
“Sing, crow! Sing! Sing!” The biggest song yet.



“CAW! CAW! CAW! CAW! CAW!”



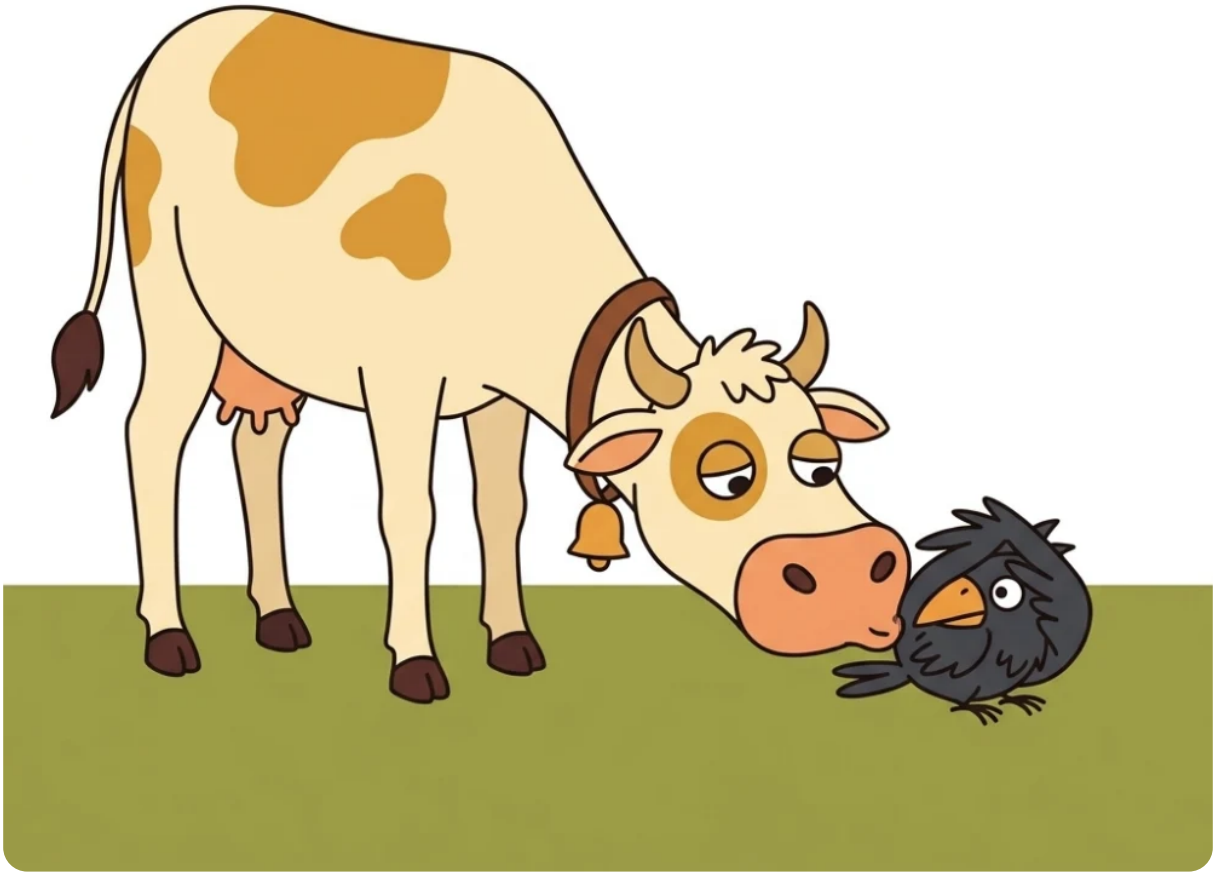
Squeak. His voice is gone.



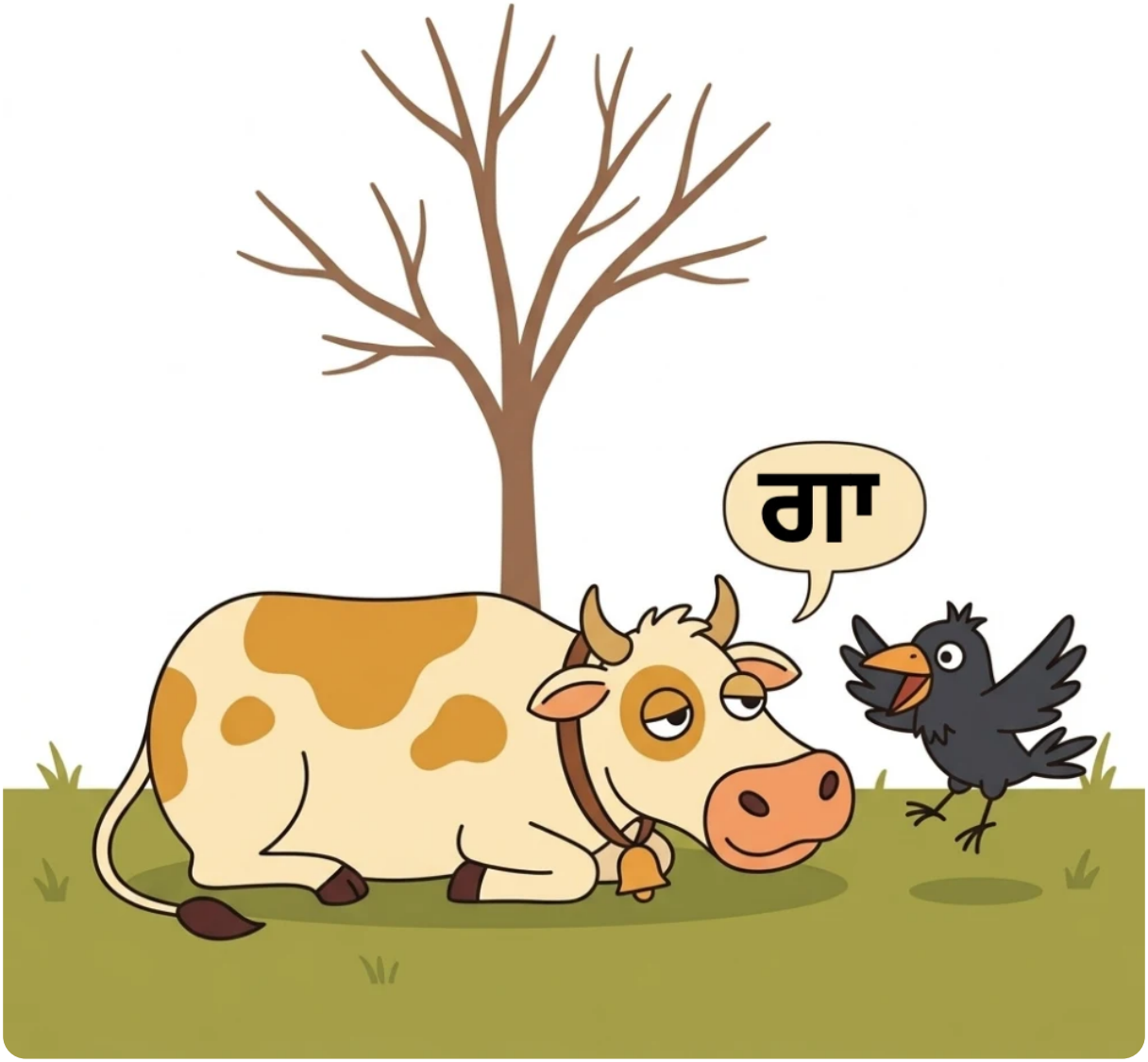
“No! No! No!” he croaks.



“Go! Cow! Go!” The show is over.



She doesn't go.



“Sing,” says the cow. She wants more.

Words in this book

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ਵਾਹ	vaah	wow!
ਨਾ	naa	no
ਜਾ	jaa	go

After this book, your child can read 7 Punjabi words. Read it together, then let them read it back to you — the repetition is where the reading comes from.

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