Left to right: answers

Practised: reading a simple sentence one word at a time, from left to right, without skipping the little words (Reception reading).

Page 1 · Warm up

Ring **The** in "The sun is hot." and **A** in "A pig can dig."

Page 2 · Try it together

I can see a cat. → **5** words
Sam can hop. → **3** words
The dog got wet. → **4** words

Page 2 · A. Count the words

I can run. → **3**
Mum had a nap. → **4**
We sat on a big rug. → **6**

Page 3 · B. Put the words in order

cat. **4** · I **1** · a **3** · see **2** → **I see a cat.**
big. **4** · bus **2** · The **1** · is **3** → **The bus is big.**

Clue: the word with a capital letter comes first, and the word with the full stop comes last.

Page 3 · C. Trace and read

Check the arrow goes from left to right under the words, and every word is read, including **a**, **an**, **on** and **the**.

Challenge: No, "bus a see can I" doesn't make sense. Leo should start on the **left**, with the word that has a capital letter: **I can see a bus.**

Watch out for

- **Starting at the right-hand end.** Put a dot or sticker at the left of the line as a "start here" sign, and say "We start on the left."
- **Skipping small words** like a or the. Point under every word, and ask "Did we read every word?" Counting the words helps.
- **Finger running ahead of the voice.** Slow down together: one word, one point.

Going further (5 minutes, no paper)

- **Sign reading:** on a walk, read a short sign together, pointing under each word from left to right.
- **Packet sentences:** read a short line on a cereal box together. How many words are there?
- **In the game:** Chapter 2, Sound out and blend words, shows how to read new words by saying each sound.