



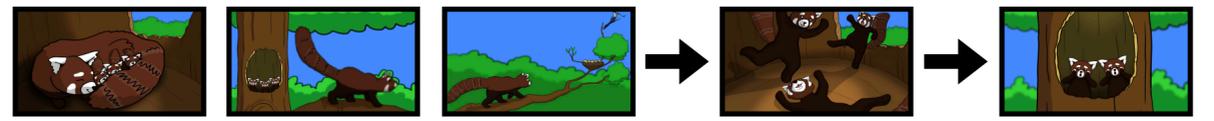
When Mom is Away the Cubs Will Play

Phase 4

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The three baby Red pandas curl up for a nap. They feel snug with their mom's bushy tail wrapped around them.





When the cubs wake up, they are hungry.
Momma Red panda leaves the den to search
for food.

Momma says, "Play safe and I will bring back a
treat for you to eat."



Momma Red panda creeps up to a bird's nest filled with yummy eggs.

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Vowel Syllable Pattern Chart

Open	Closed			Magic e	Long Vowel Digraph Vowel Team			Bossy R		Consonant + le
										
baby	cubs	red	pandas	wake	three	meal	play	curl	other	tumble
bushy	nap	snug	bushy	safe	feel	leaves	away	search	her	rumble
hungry	wrapped	hungry	den	races	treat	creeps	day	bird	danger	tumbles
yummy	back	nest	filled	make	eat	leans	sails	far	fur	little
she	yummy	eggs	forget	safely	leading	sees	wails	sister	learn	able
lucky	tumble	rumble	tumbles	dive	squeal	raeches	lays	brothers	for	
quickly	shocked	little	lands	arrives	hears	peering	sways	lower	forget	
by	thump	branch	lucky	time	teach	roam	playing	later	forth	
safely	stops	help	frantic	while	leaps	goal	tail			
able	quickly	trunk	rescue	hole	feast	coach	rescue			
be	just	grabs	branches	home	keep	lower				
	fend			stole	teaches	own				



Back at the den, the cubs forget about playing safe. They tumble, dive, and rumble.

One cub sways back and forth and then leans too far back. She tumbles right out of the hole leading to the den.



The other two cubs feel shocked as their sister sails out of their home and begins to fall down, down, down.



Mom Red panda is like a coach with her cubs. She teaches them how to climb the trunk of a tree. They learn how to roam safely across the branches. Her goal is to make her cubs able to fend for themselves in the forest. One day soon they will be on their own.



Later, while the cubs feast on the tasty egg, Momma Red panda thinks about what she will teach her cubs to keep them safe.



The little cub lands with a thump on a branch below. Lucky for her, the branch stops her fall.

“Yip, yap, help me! I can’t climb back up,” she wails.

“Hold on tight!” her brothers squeal.



Just then, Momma arrives back at the den. She sees two of her cubs peering out of the den and hears the frantic call from her other cub. She quickly lays down the egg she stole for their meal.



When Momma Red panda looks down below, she sees her baby in danger on the lower branch. Momma races down the trunk of the tree and leaps to rescue her cub. She reaches the cub just in time and grabs her by the fur.