



I Miss Tinā



Ready to Read Phonics Plus

Whānau Notes

Your child can read the story to you.

Help them with any words they don't know.

After reading, talk about the story, characters, and pictures.

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Mum and Lani look
at all the photos.



“When will I see Tinā?”
asks Lani.

“I like all the things
she tells me.

I miss her so much.”



“Can she visit us?”

Lani asks.

“She will need to take a long trip on a plane,” says Mum.



Tinā is in Sāmoa.
Her home is by the sea.



Tinā likes to sing
and go to church.



Tinā calls Lani for
a long chat.
“I hope I can see
you soon,” says Lani.



“I will visit soon,” says Tinā.

“Will you visit me at school as well?” asks Lani.

“Yes,” says Tinā. “That will be nice.”

“It will be so much fun,” says Lani.

Focus point

- This book revises previously learned sounds. Use it as practice once all the letters and sounds have been taught.

Before reading

This book provides children with the opportunity to practise reading the letters and sounds they are learning in meaningful connected text.

Say each sound quickly

a_e e_e i_e o_e u_e ee oo

Blend the sounds together to read a word

tells calls plane home hope nice

High-frequency words

look her so be by go you

During reading

- Show the book to the children and read the title together. Make a connection between the title and the picture.
- The children read each page together using their decoding skills. Once the page is read, guide them to connect the meaning of the text with the illustration.
- If a child gets stuck while reading, help them blend the sounds together to read the word.

Words to tell

photo asks school sea church

Remind children to sound out the letters they already know.

Samoan word

Tinā

Here, you could include children who speak Samoan as the language experts.

Spelling

Use previously learned letters and sounds to help children spell and read words. If this word spells **lone**, can you spell **lane**? Change **lane** to **plane**.

- lone → lane → plane → place
- bell → tell → tall → stall

Vocabulary

Tell the children the meaning of any new vocabulary:

- **Sāmoa**: an island nation that is north-east of Aotearoa New Zealand
- **church**: a building used for religious services
- **Tinā**: mother or grandmother; often used to show respect for older Samoan women

After reading

Discussion questions

- Why does Lani miss Tinā?
- Where does Tinā live?
- Why is Lani excited at the end of the story?

Story discussion

Talk about Sāmoa – where it is and that the plane journey from Sāmoa to New Zealand is approximately four hours. Lani and Tinā talk to each other using video chat. Ask the children if they have family or friends who live a long way away. How do they keep in contact with them?

Fluency

Reread the story to build accuracy and fluency.

Story retell

Ask the children to retell the story to a buddy.



Rākau
Tree



Māhuri
Sapling



Tupu
Seedling

Focus sounds

Revision



Kākano
Seed

