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**to Sister Editha, my second-grade teacher
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—B.P.C.

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Dear Parents and Educators,

As a former adult literacy coach and the father of three children, I know that learning to read isn't always easy. That's why I developed **Sounds Like Reading™**—a series that uses a combination of devices to help children learn to read.

This book is the third in the **Sounds Like Reading™** series. It uses rhyme, repetition, illustration, and phonics to introduce young readers to long vowel sounds.

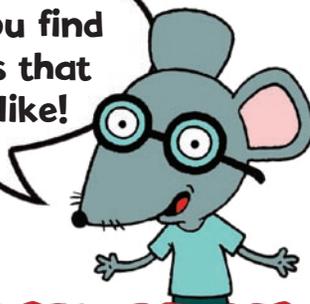
Starting on page 4, you'll see three rhyming words on each left-hand page. These words are part of the sentence on the facing page. They all feature long vowels. As the book progresses, the sentences become more challenging. These sentences contain a "discovery" word—an extra rhyming word in addition to those that appear on the left. Toward the end of the book, the sentences contain two discovery words. Children will delight in the increased confidence that finding and decoding these words will bring. They'll also enjoy looking for the mouse that appears throughout the book. The mouse asks readers to look for words that sound alike.

The bridge to literacy is one of the most important we will ever cross. It is my hope that the **Sounds Like Reading™** series will help young readers to hop, gallop, and skip from one side to the other!

Sincerely,


Brian P. Cleary

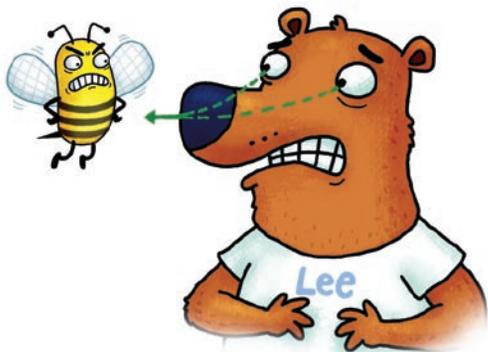
**Look for me
to help you find
the words that
sound alike!**



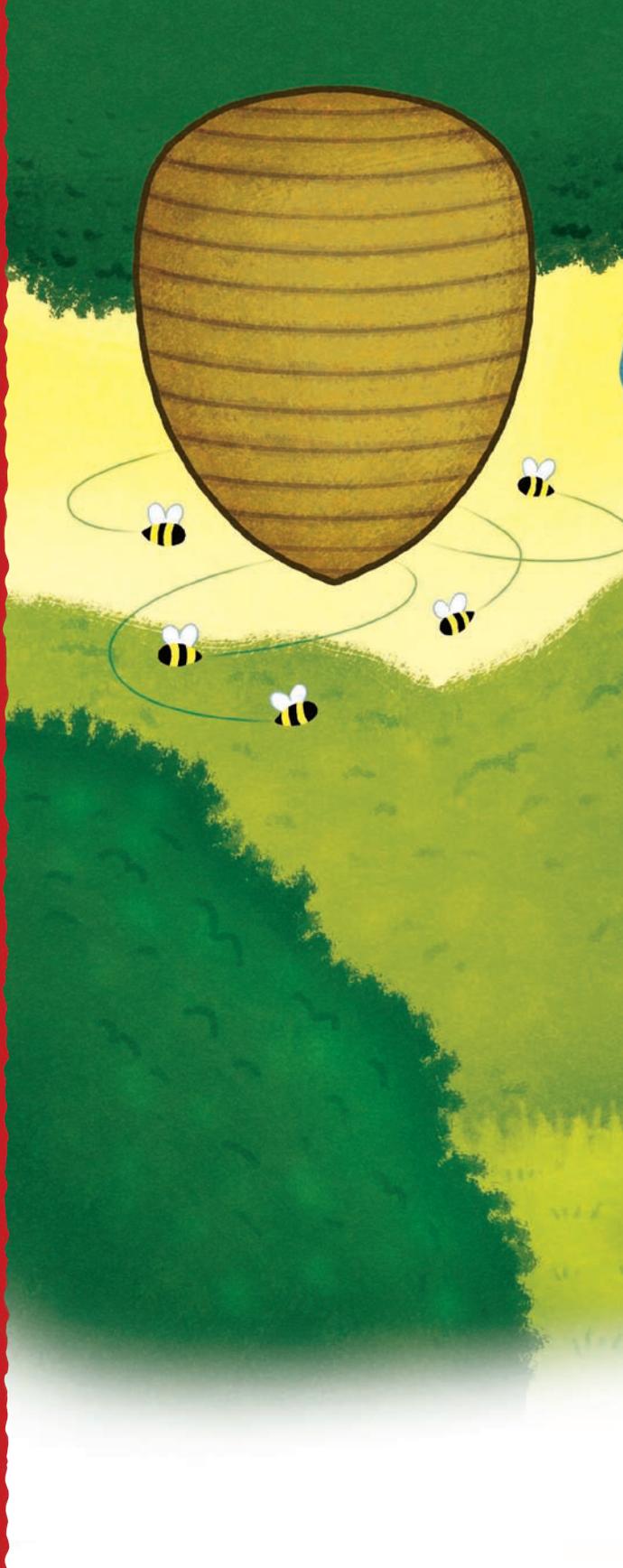
Lee



see



bee





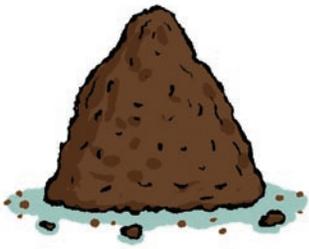
Can you find
three words that
sound alike?

Lee can see the bee.

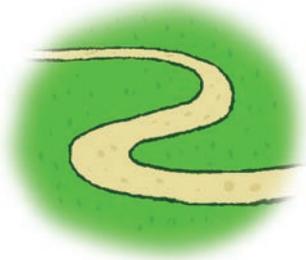
toad



load



road



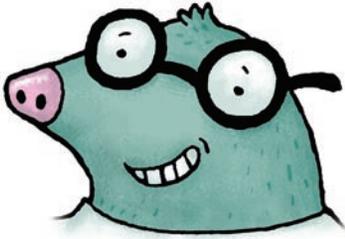


Can you find
three words that
sound alike?

The **toad** takes his **load**
on the **road**.



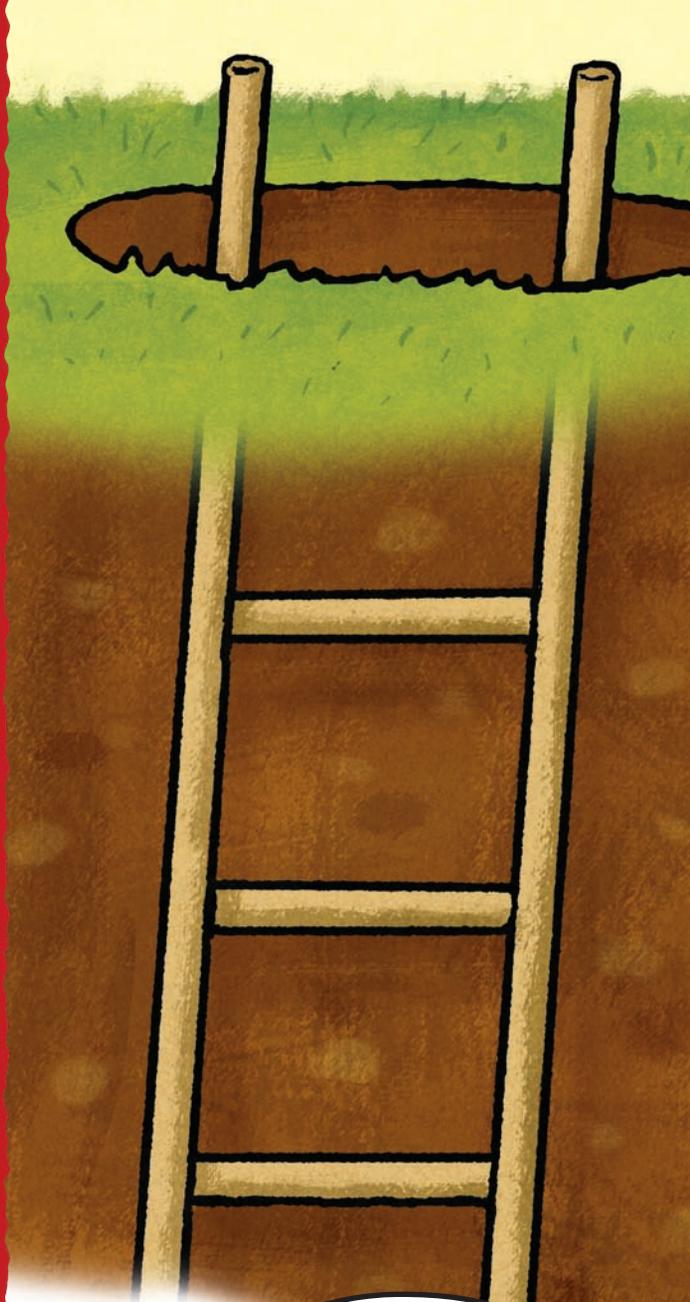
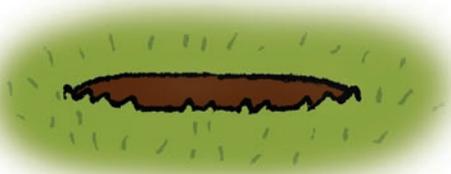
mole



pole



hole



Can you find
three words that
sound alike?



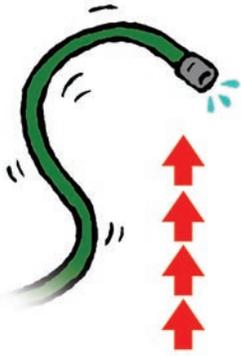


The **mole** and the **pole**
are in the **hole**.

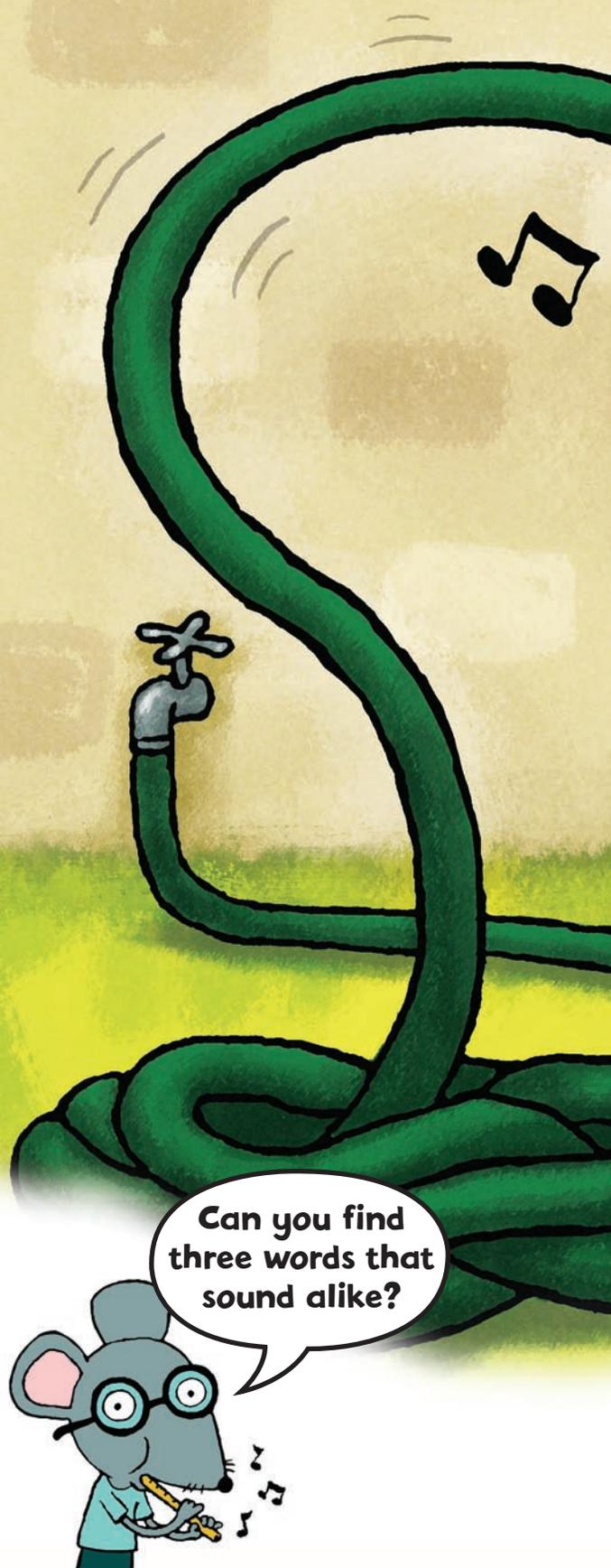
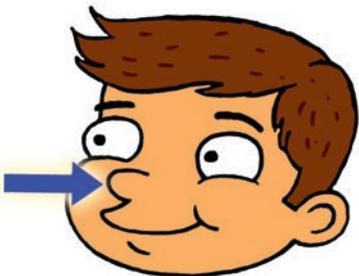
hose



rose



nose



Can you find three words that sound alike?

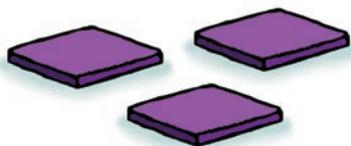


The **hose** **rose** to my **nose**.

piles



tiles



miles



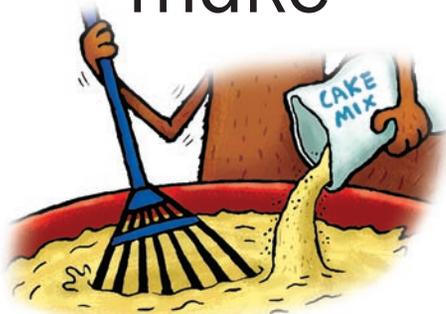


The **piles** of **tiles** go on for **miles**.

Jake



make



rake



Can you find
the word that
sounds like Jake,
make, and rake?



Jake can make a **cake**
with a **rake**.

vase



lace



case



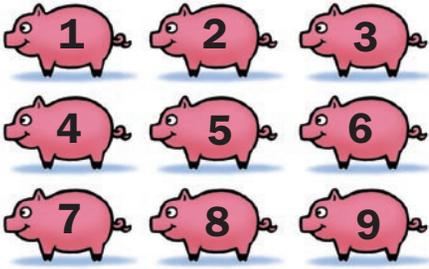


Can you find the word that sounds like vase, lace, and case?

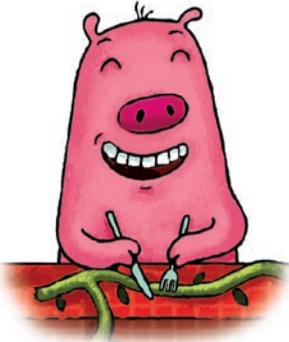
The **ace**, the **vase**, and the **lace** are in the **case**.



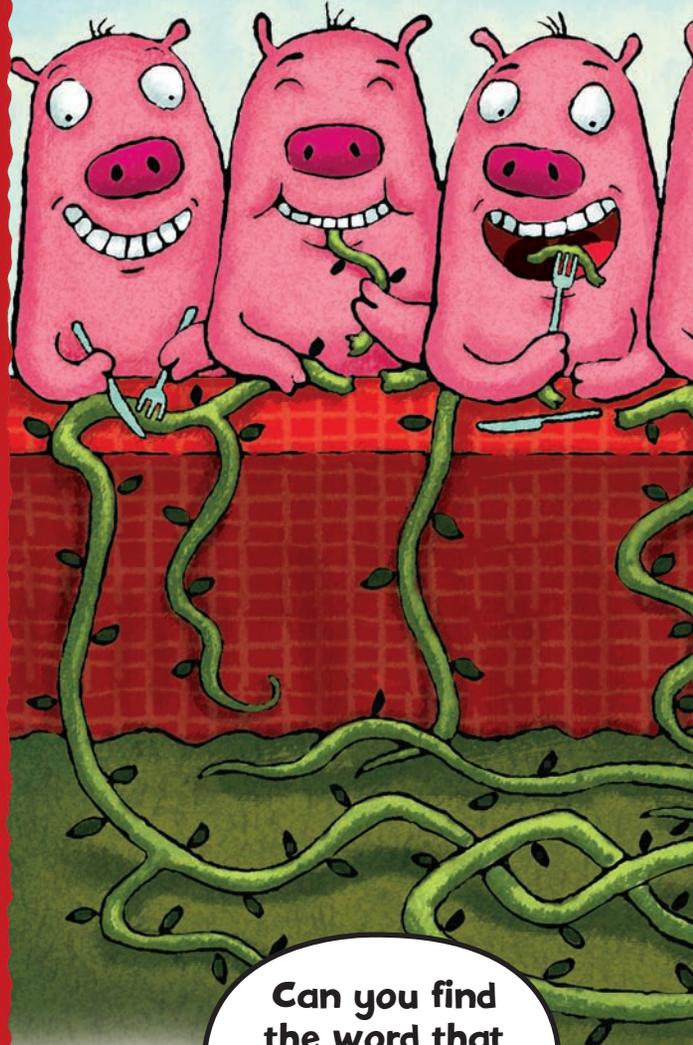
nine



dine

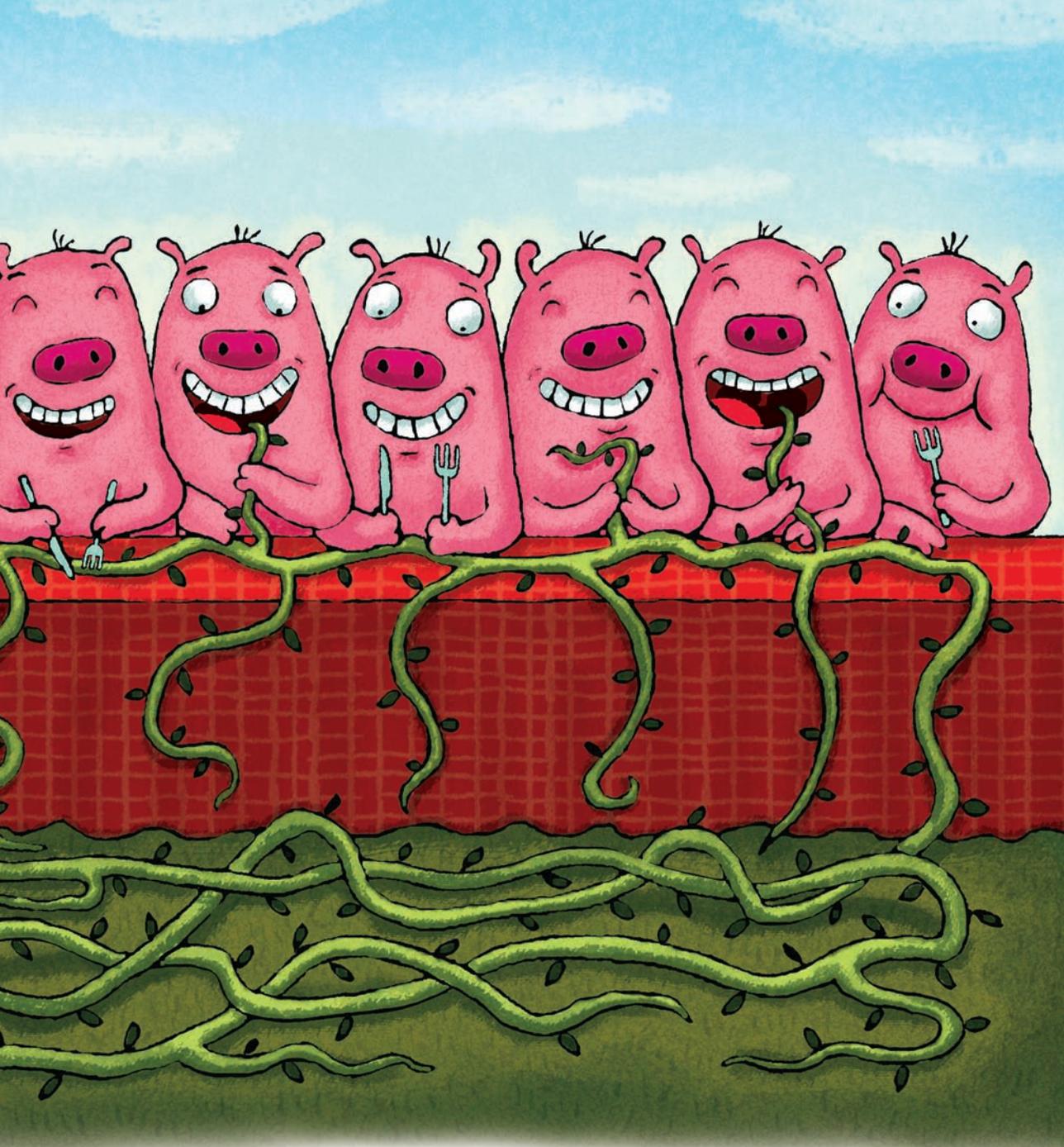


vine



Can you find
the word that
sounds like nine,
dine, and vine?





A line of nine dine on the vine.

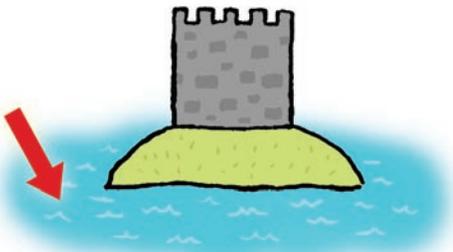
goat

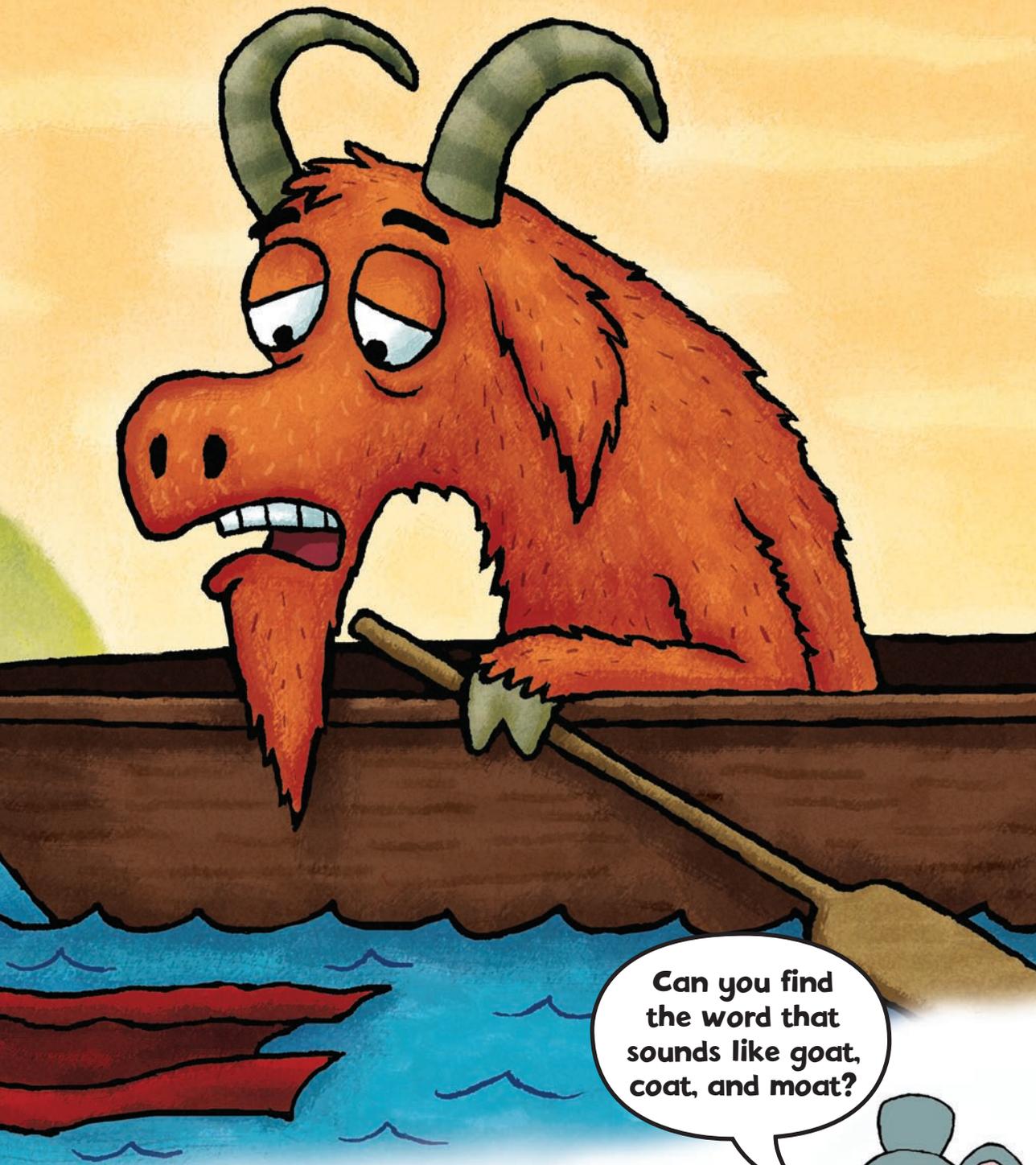


coat



moat



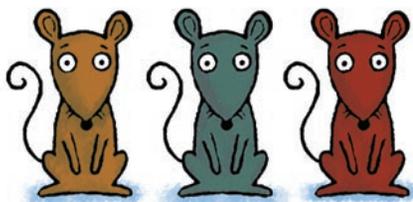


Can you find the word that sounds like goat, coat, and moat?

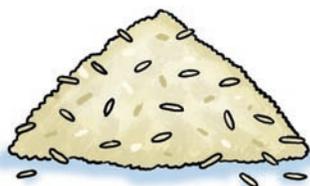
The **goat** in the **boat** dropped his **coat** in the **moat**.



mice



rice



dice



Can you find
the word that
sounds like mice,
rice, and dice?



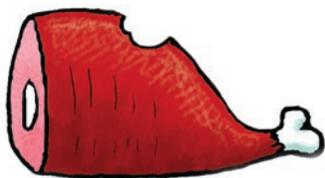


The **nice mice** in the **rice**
played **dice**.

seat



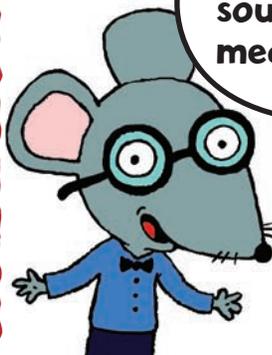
meat



neat



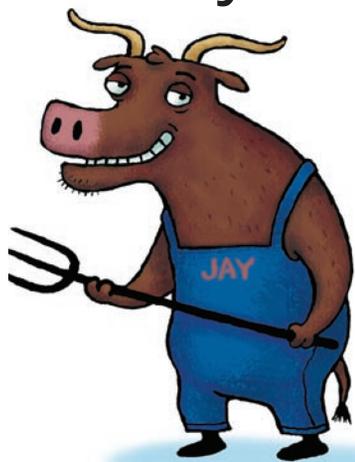
Can you find
the word that
sounds like seat,
meat, and neat?



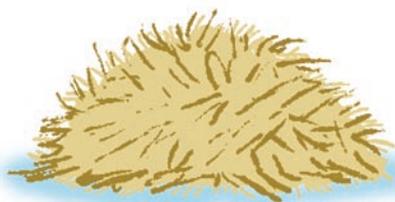


Sit in your **seat**, **eat** your **meat**,
and be **neat**.

Jay



hay



bay



Can you find two words that sound like Jay, hay, and bay?





Jay may lay some **hay** by the **bay**.

Gail



nail



pail



Can you find two words that sound like Gail, nail, and pail?

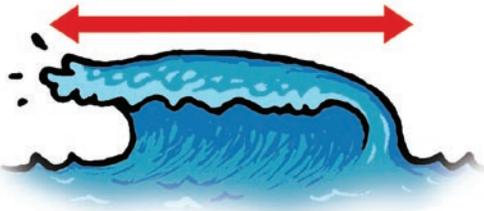


Gail will **fail** to find a **nail** or a **pail** in the **mail**.

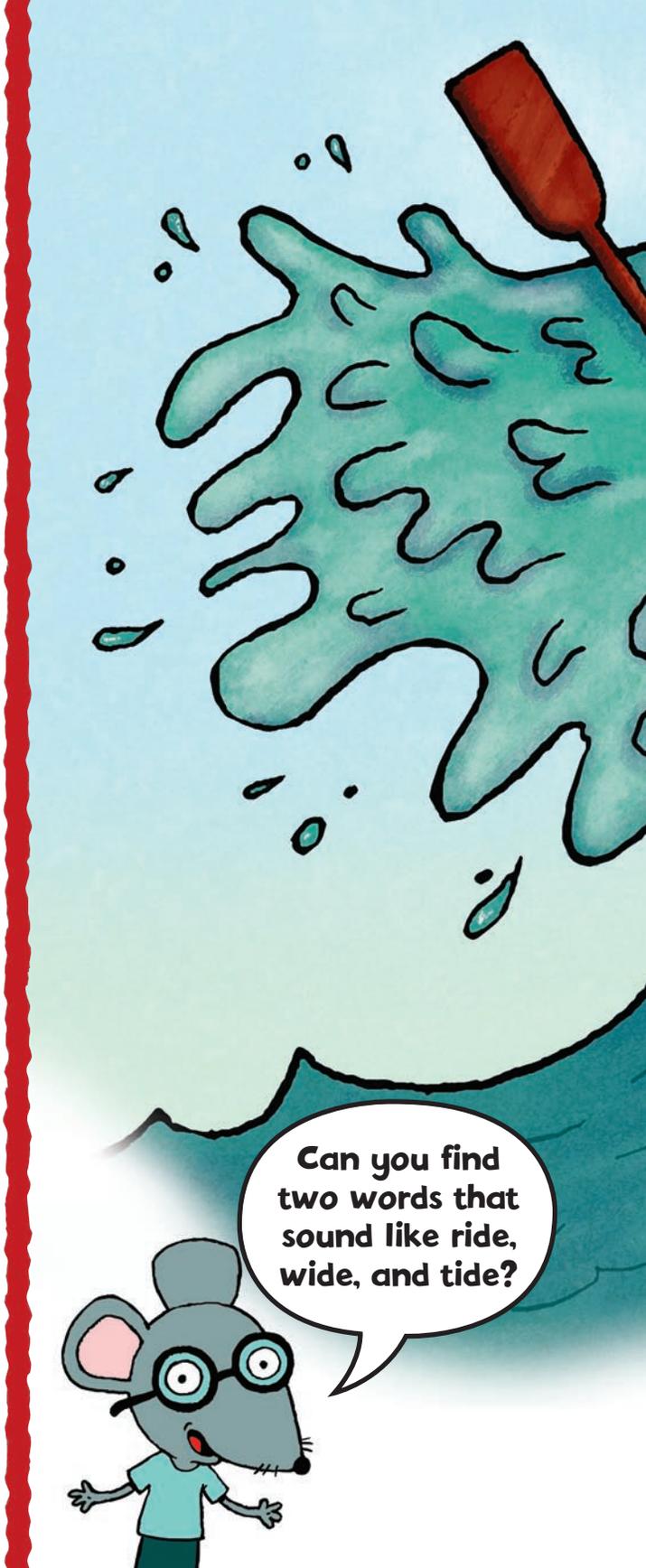
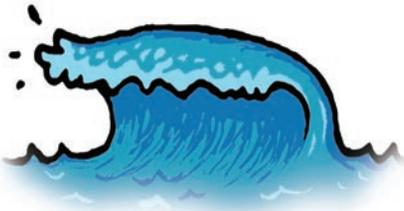
ride



wide



tide



Can you find two words that sound like ride, wide, and tide?





Hide on the **side**, and **ride**
on the **wide tide**.

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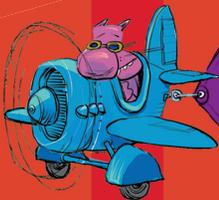
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