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to Mrs. Voorhees,
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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 first in the **Sounds Like Reading™** series. It uses rhyme, repetition, illustration, and phonics to introduce young readers to short 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 short 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
Brian P. Cleary

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



Pam



jam



ham





Pam had some **jam** on her **ham**.



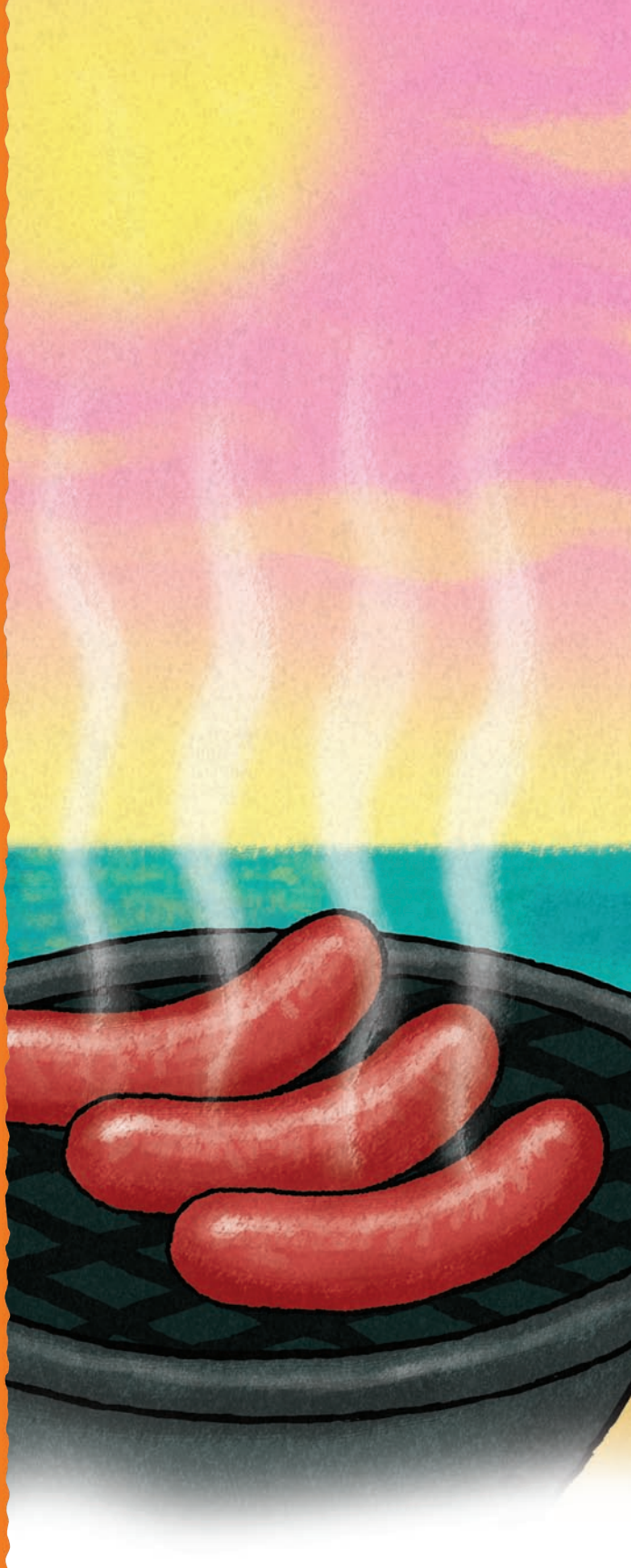
bun



fun



sun



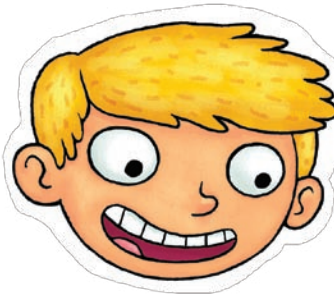


Can you find
three words that
sound alike?

The **bun** had **fun** in the **sun**.



kid



rid



lid



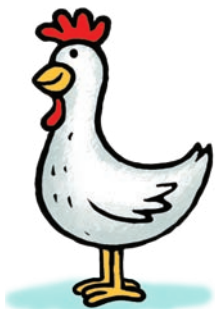
Can you find
three words that
sound alike?





The **kid** got **rid** of the **lid**.

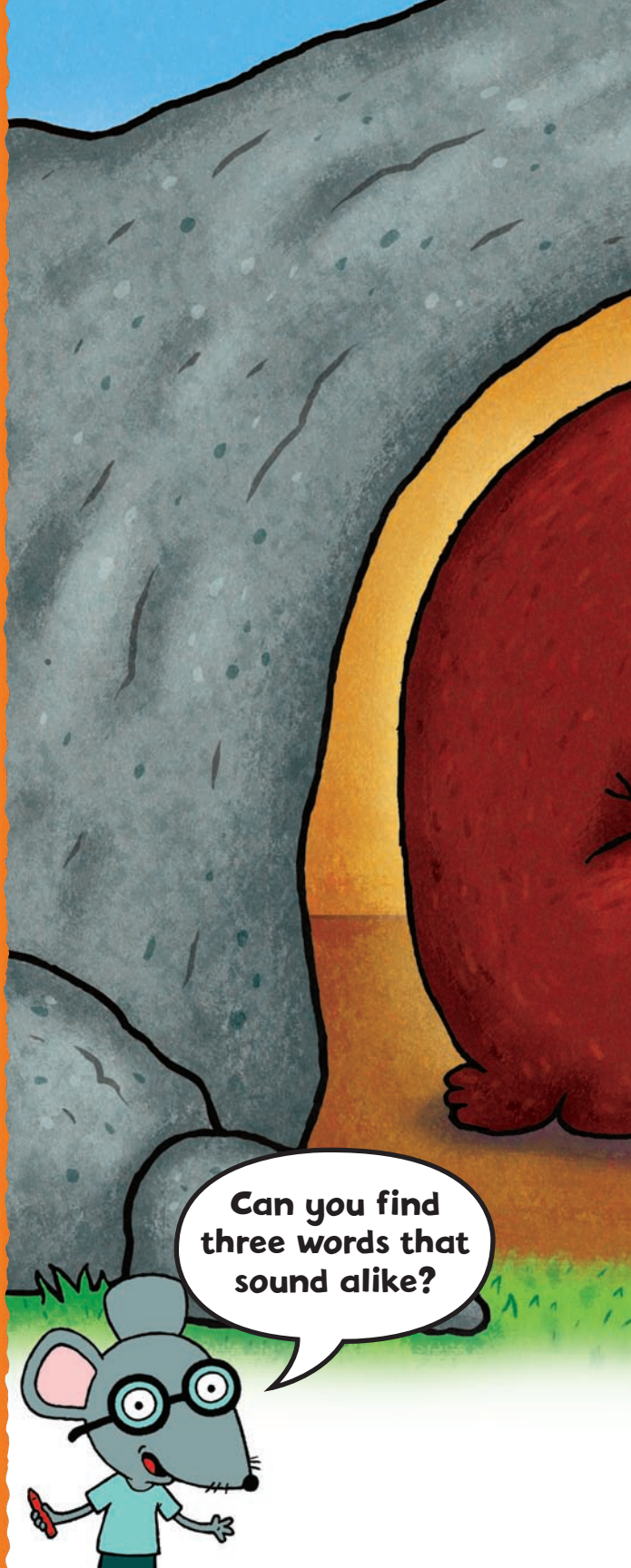
hen



den



pen



Can you find
three words that
sound alike?



The **hen** in the **den** has a **pen**.

Dot



hot



cot



Can you find
the word that
sounds like Dot,
hot, and cot?



Dot got hot on the cot.

hog



log



dog



Can you find
the word that
sounds like hog,
log, and dog?



A **hog** on a **log** by a **dog** wants to **jog**.

vet



pet



wet





The **vet** will **get** the **pet** **wet**.

cat



fat



rat



Can you find
the word that
sounds like fat,
cat, and rat?





A fat cat sat on a rat.

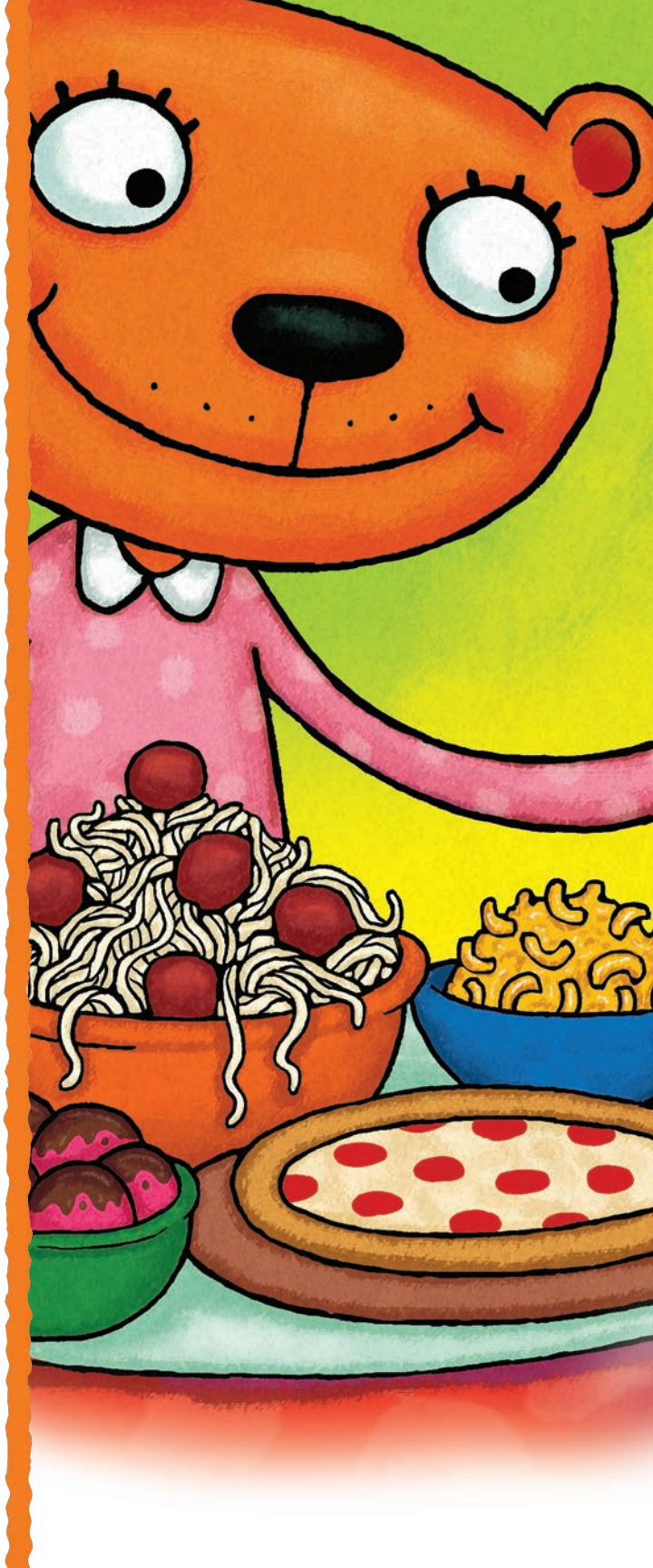
Ed



bed



red



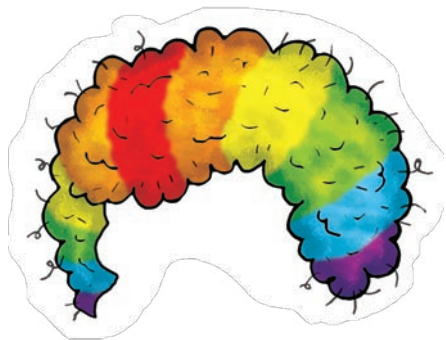


Ed is fed on a red bed.

pig



wig



dig



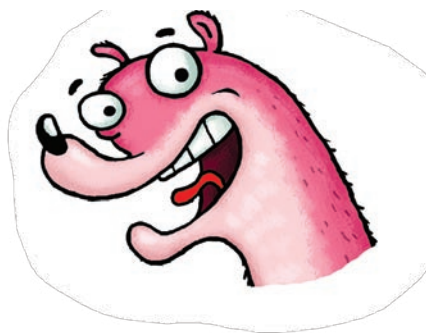
Can you find the word that sounds like pig, wig, and dig?





A **pig** in a **big wig** will **dig**.

mink



ink



sink





A **pink mink** with **ink** is at the **sink**.

man



can



pan





Can you find
two words that
sound like man,
can, and pan?

The **tan** man ran with a **can**
and a **pan**.



Nell



bell



well





Tell Nell that her **bell fell** in the **well**.

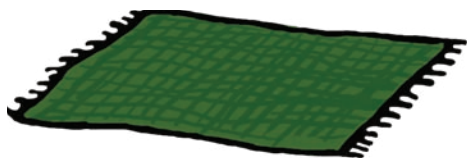
bug



jug

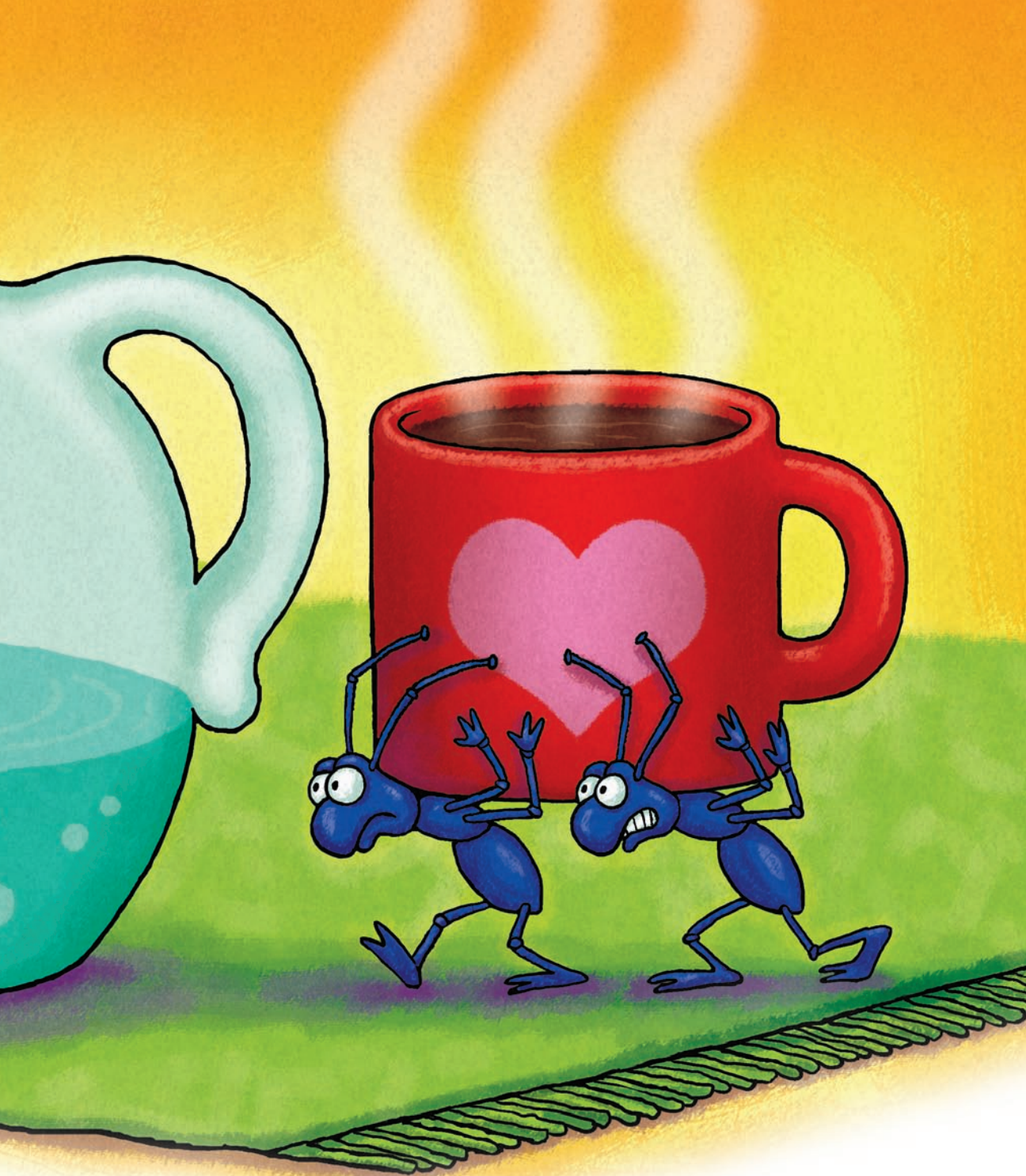


rug



Can you find
two words that
sound like bug,
jug, and rug?





A **bug** in a **jug** on a **rug**
by a **mug** wants a **hug**.

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A Short Vowel Sounds Book with Consonant Blends

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A Long Vowel Sounds Book

BOOK 4 The Frail Snail on the Trail

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