

A LONG VOWEL SOUNDS BOOK



# The Nice Mice in the Rice



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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!**

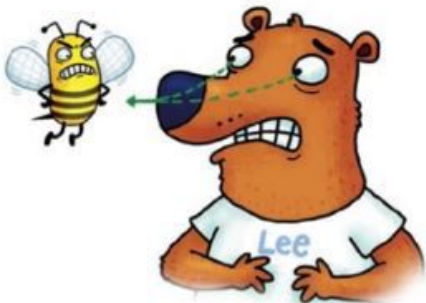




Lee



see



bee



Can you find  
three words that  
sound alike?

Lee can see the bee.





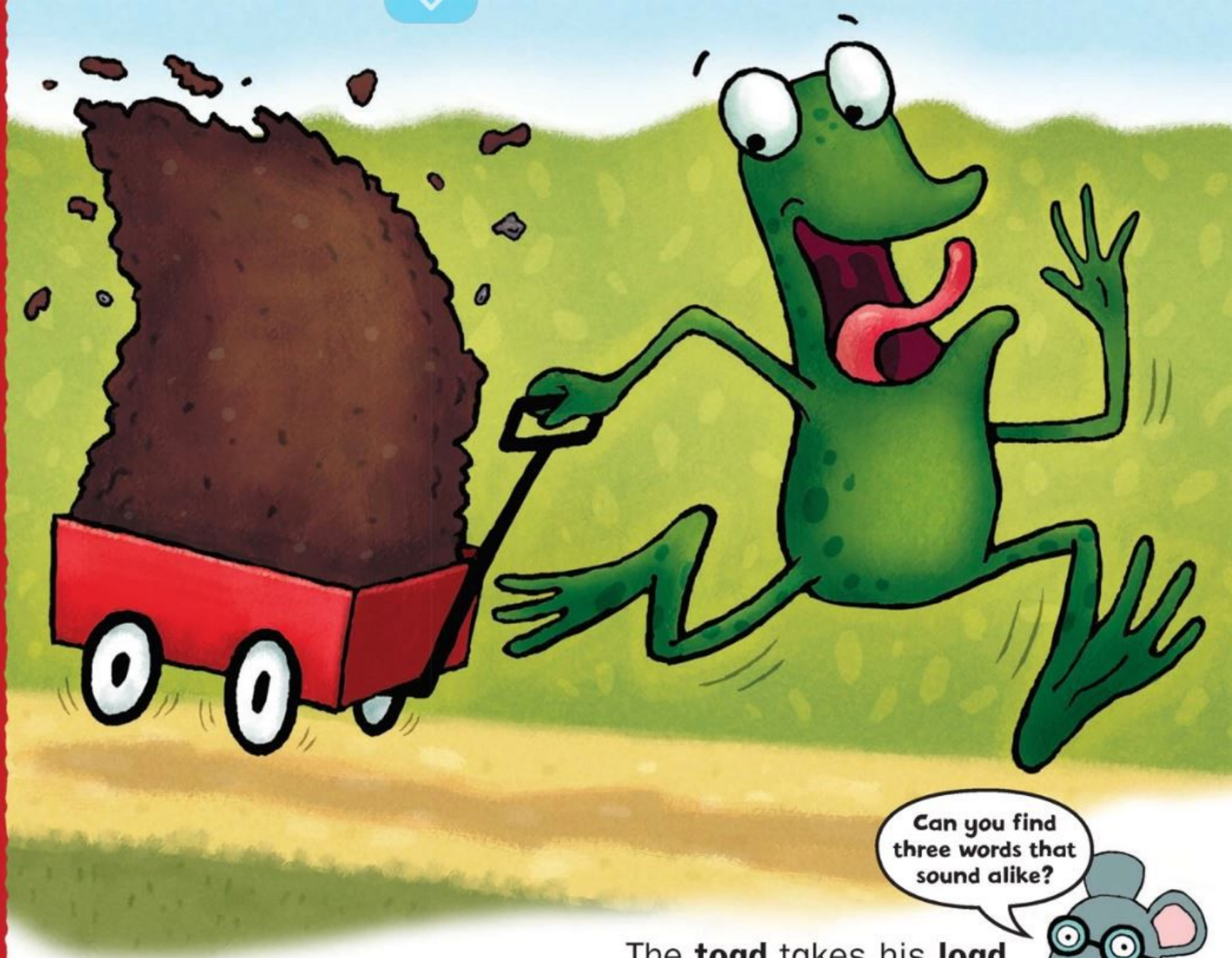
toad



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**.



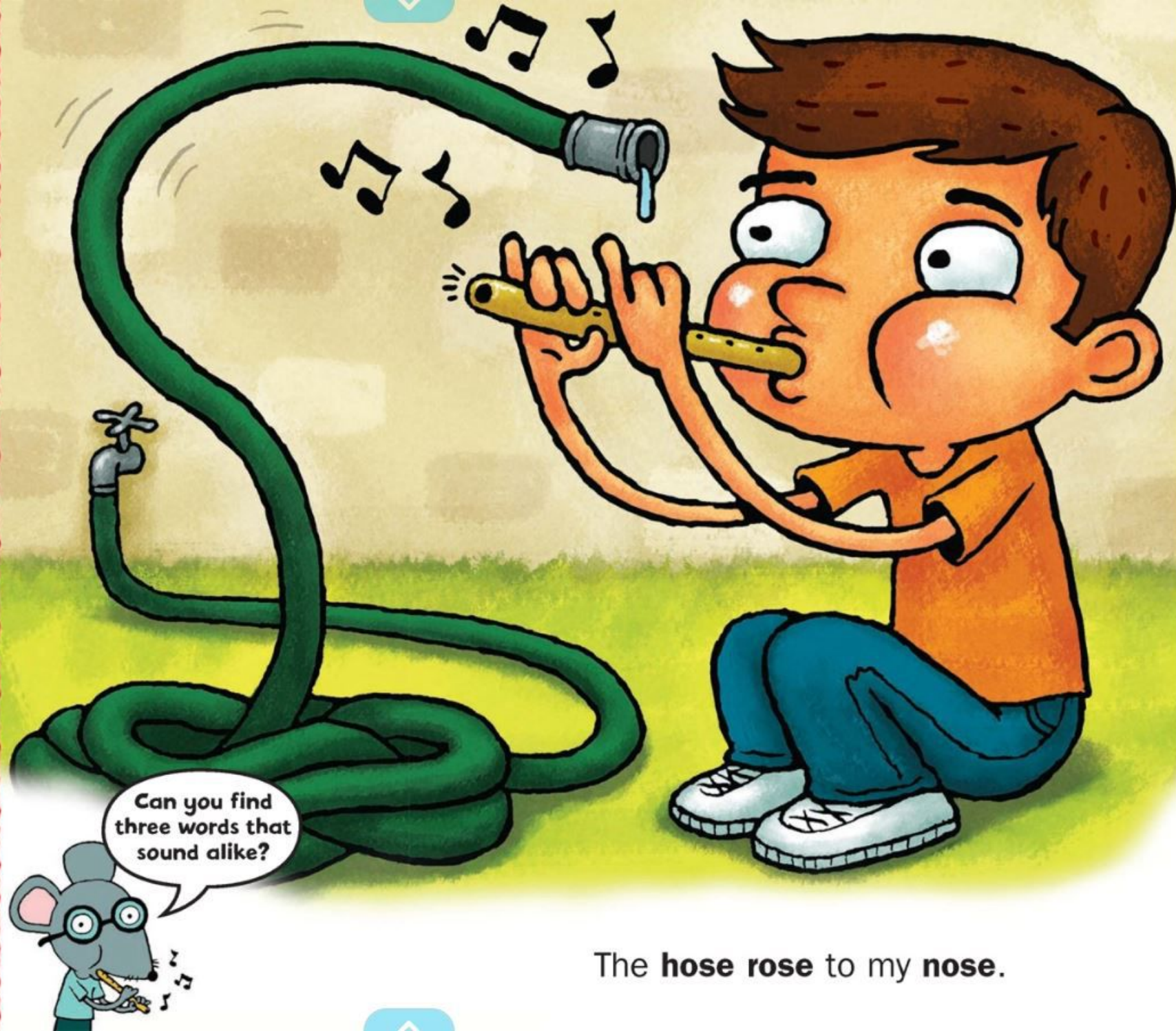
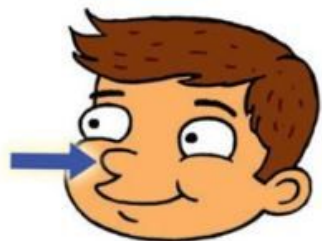
hose



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**.





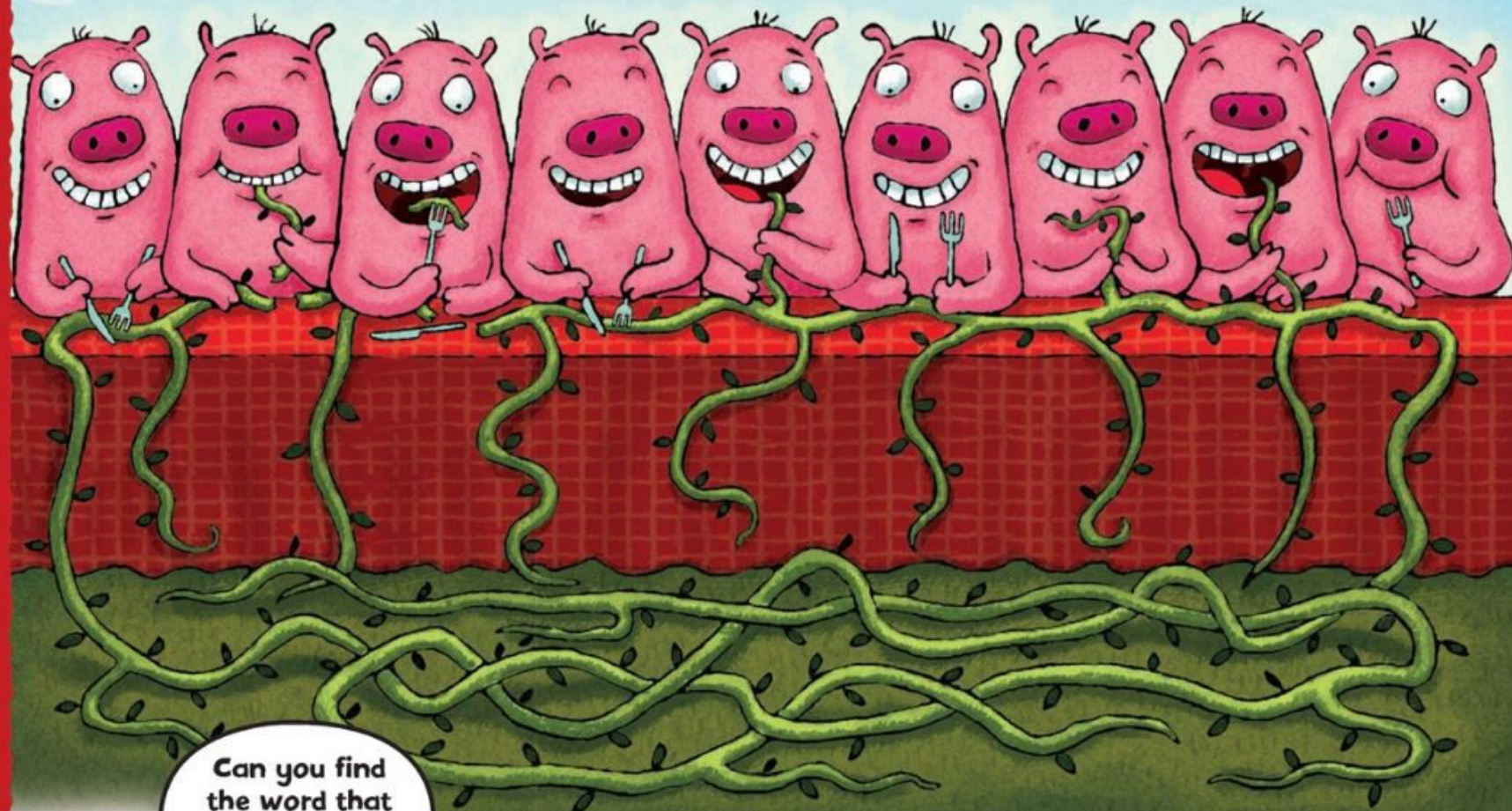
nine



dine



vine



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



A **line** of **nine** **dine** on the **vine**.



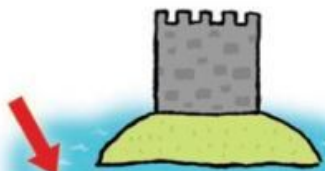
goat



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**.



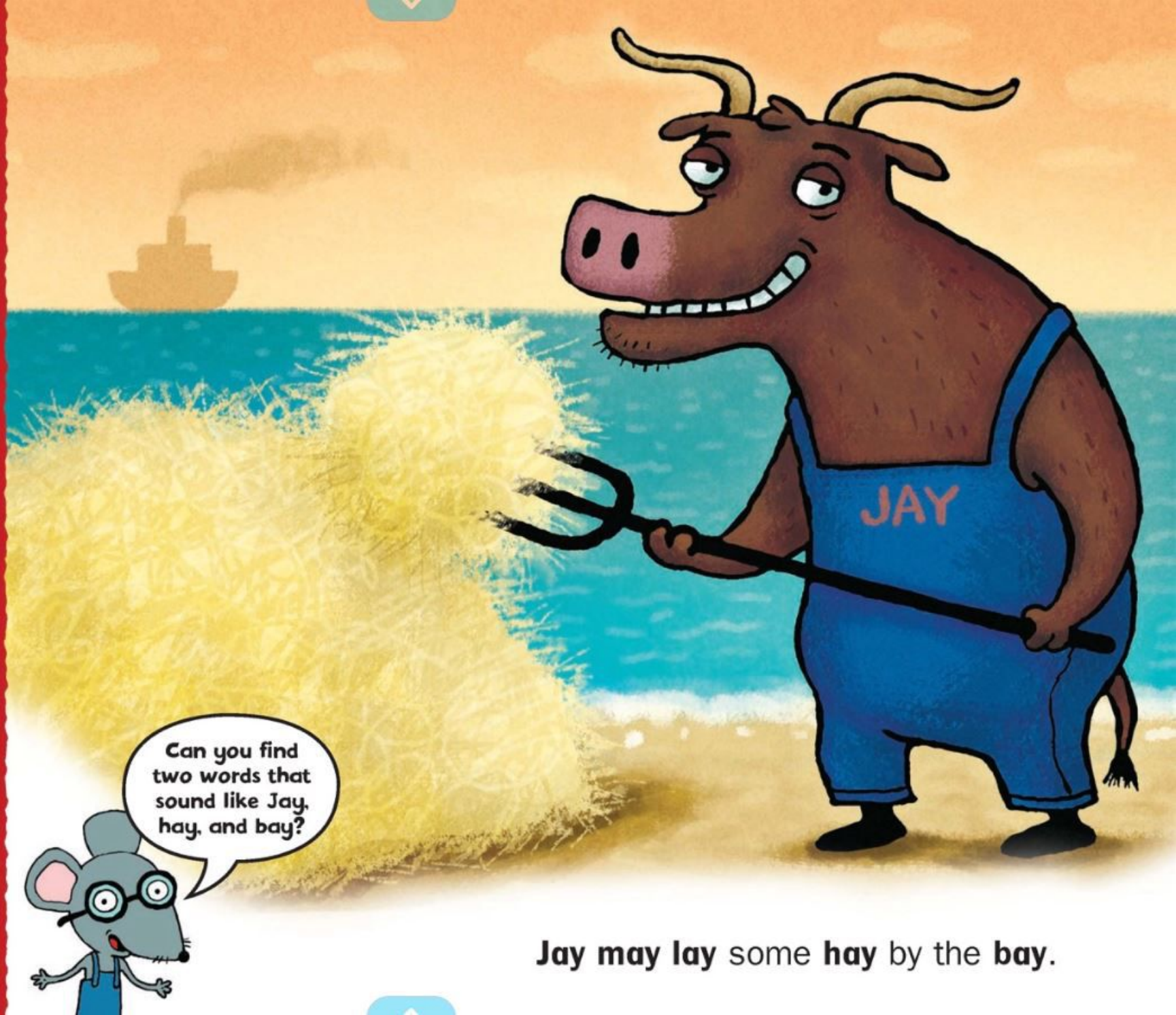
Jay



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**.