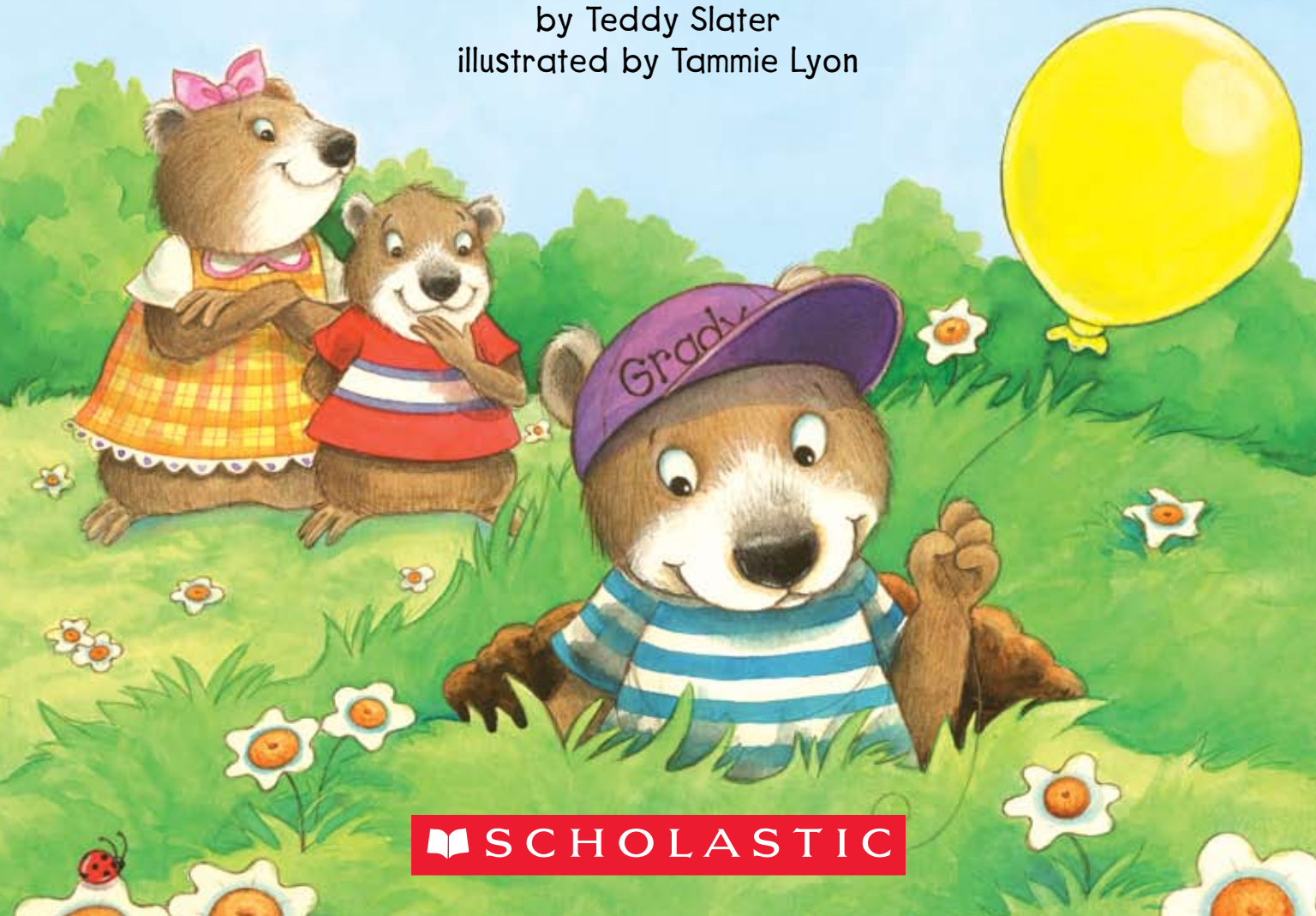


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Phonics Fact

Gr is a blend. Blends are two consonants whose sounds are blended together when you say them. You can hear the *gr* blend at the beginning of **Grady**, **groundhog**, and **great**. What other *gr* words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

Grady was a little **groundhog**. He lived with his family in a **great** big hole in the **ground**.



Grady had a mom, a dad, a **grandma**, and a **grandpa**. He also had a big brother and sister named **Grover** and **Grace**.



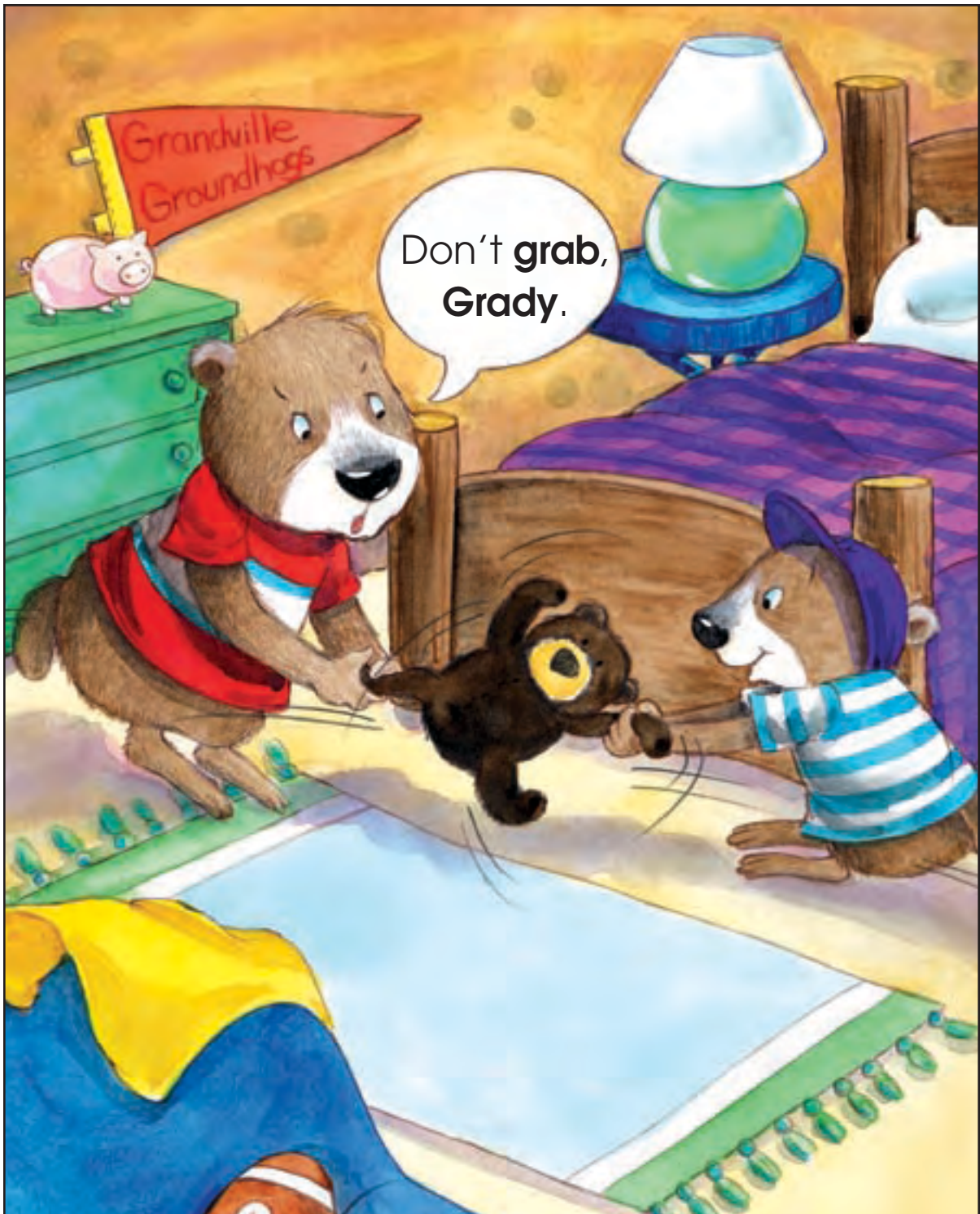
They all thought **Grady** was the **greatest** little **groundhog** in the world. Except for one thing. . . .



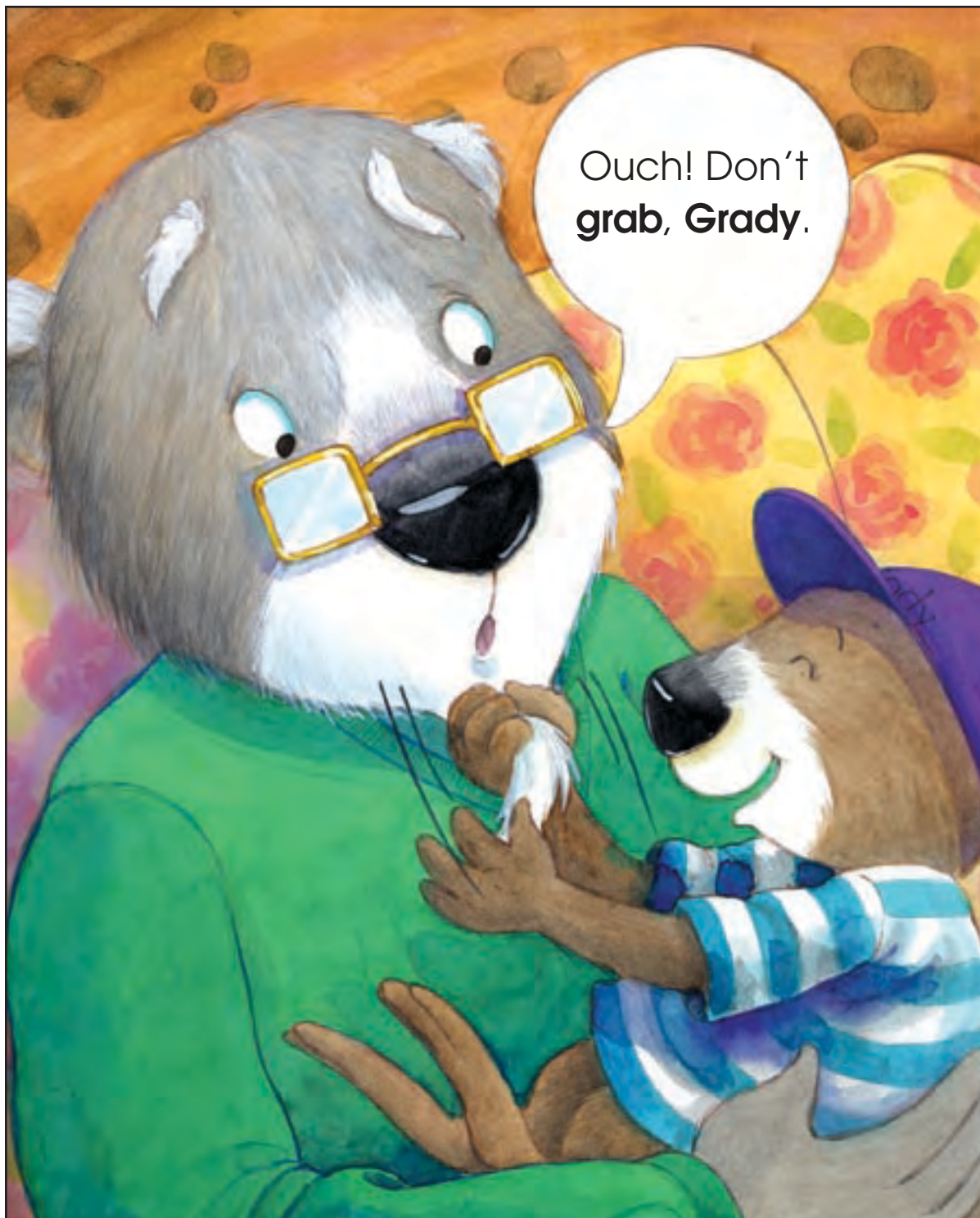
Grady was a **grabber**! **Grady** **grabbed** all the **grapes** out of **Grandma's** fruit bowl.



Grady grabbed Grace's green balloon.



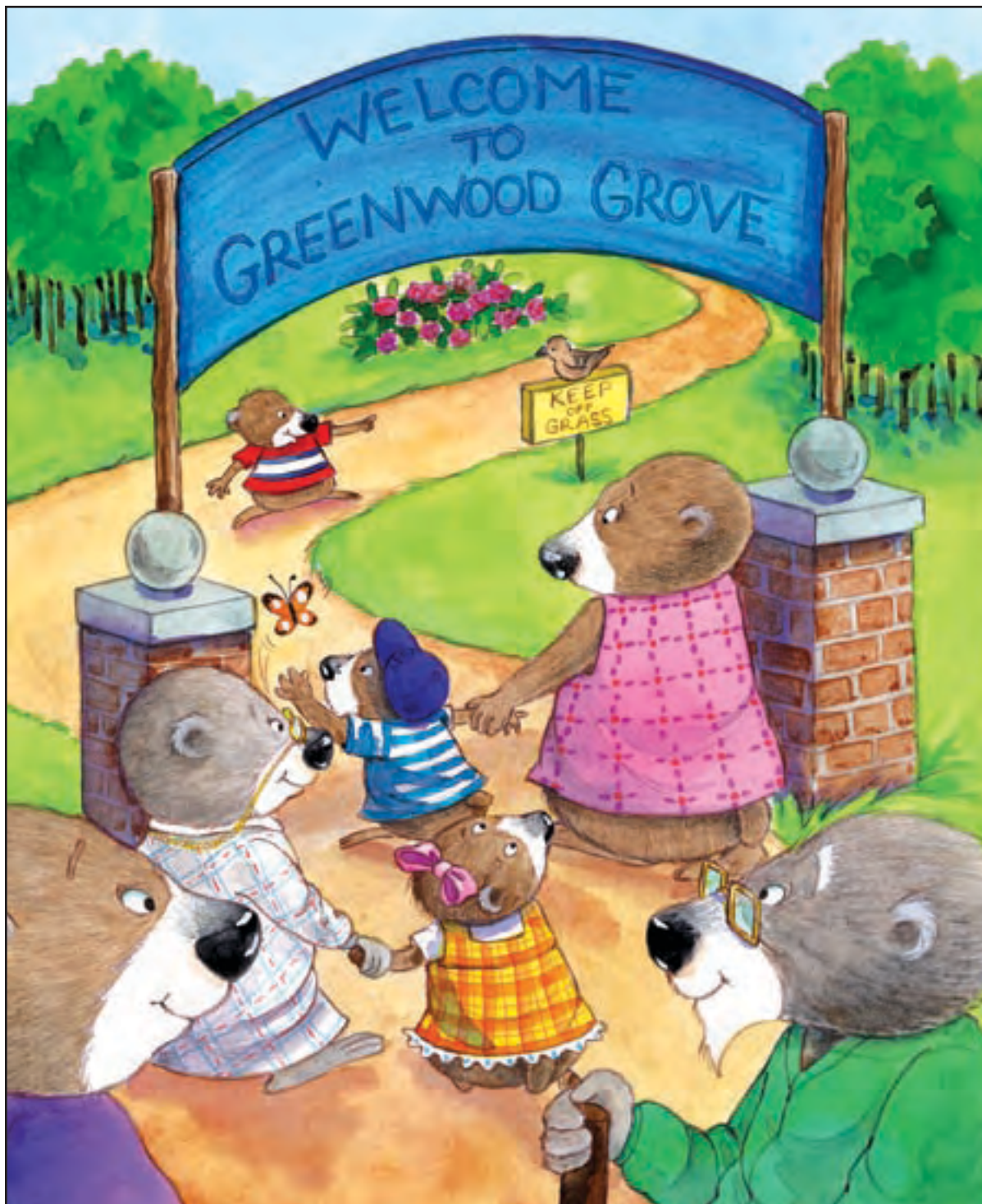
And **Grady** was always **grabbing** **Grover's** toy **grizzly** bear.



Once **Grady** even **grabbed** **Grandpa's** whiskers.
"Ouch!" **Grandpa** groaned.



"Grady," Grandpa grumbled. "Would you please stop **grabbing** everything!" But **Grady** just **grinned**. Then he **grabbed** **Grandma's** glasses.



One day, **Grady's** whole family went for a **group** walk in **Greenwood Grove**.



A **great** big rosebush was **growing** by a **gravel** path. **Grady** reached out to **grab** a flower.
“Be careful!” **Grandma** warned.

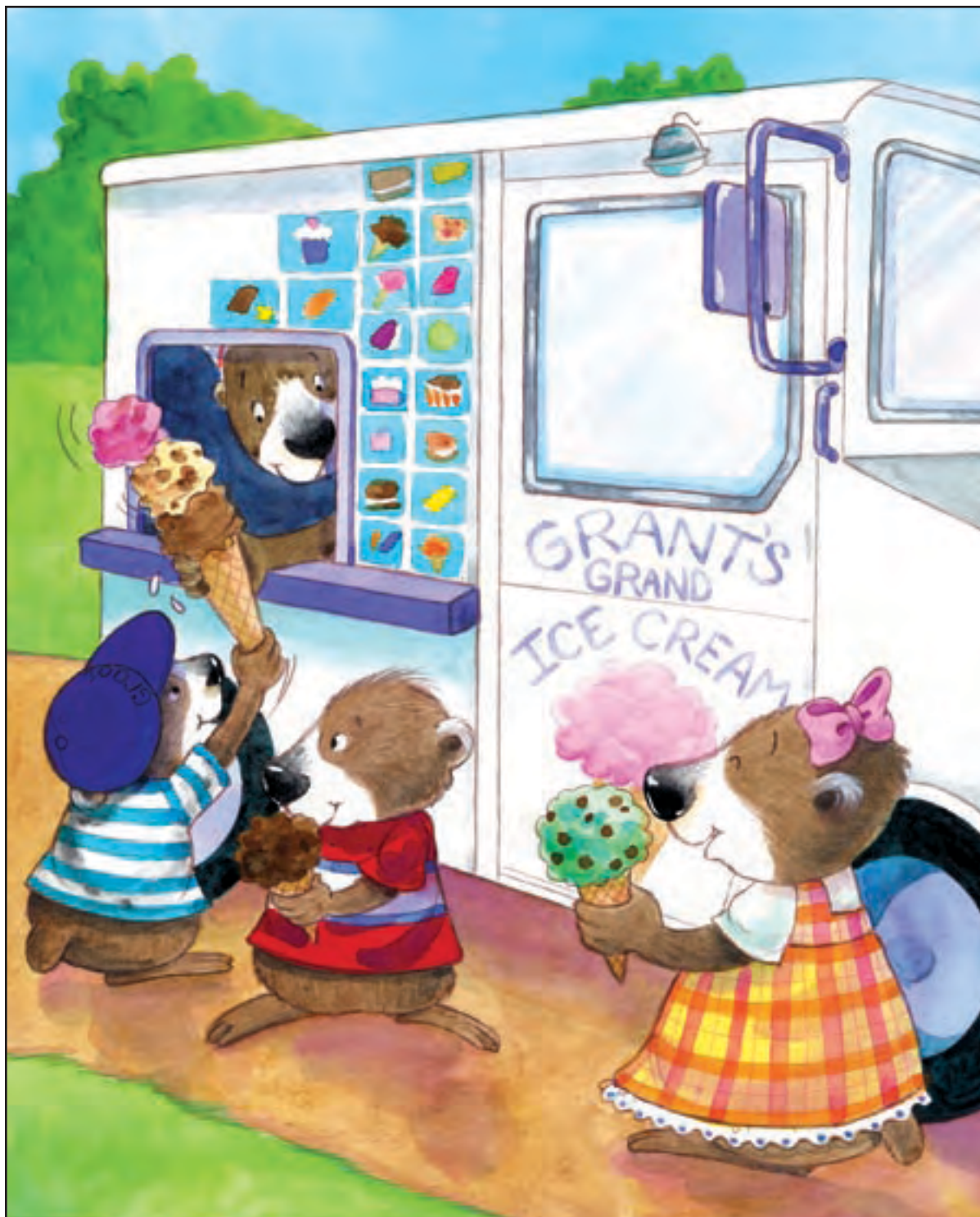


But it was too late. **Grady grabbed** the thorny stem.

“OUCH!” **Grady groaned.**



“Poor **Grady!**” cried **Grace, Grover, Mom,**
Dad, **Grandma,** and **Grandpa** all together.
No one said, “That’s what you get for **grabbing.**”
They didn’t have to.



From then on, **Grady** never **grabbed** anything again. Well, hardly ever!

GR Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right **gr** word from the box.

Word Box

grow grasshopper grapes Grace green
gray groundhog grandma grin grass

- 1 There will be six more weeks of winter if this animal sees its shadow.
- 2 Peas are this color.
- 3 This fruit comes in bunches.
- 4 This is another word for *smile*.
- 5 This girl's name rhymes with *place*.
- 6 This grows all over the ground.
- 7 Little Red Riding Hood went to visit her.
- 8 When you water a plant, it does this.
- 9 You get this color when you mix black and white paint.
- 10 This green insect likes to jump.



GR Cheer

Hooray for *g-r*, the best sound around!

Let's holler *g-r* words all over town!

There's **green** and **grab** and **grass** and **grandma**.

There's **grow** and **group** and **grapes** and **grandpa**.

There's **grouch** and **gray** and more words still—

Like **grouch** and **greet** and **gross** and **grill**.

G-r, g-r, give a **great** cheer,

For the **grandest** sound you ever will hear!



Make a list of
other **gr** words.
Then use them
in your cheer.