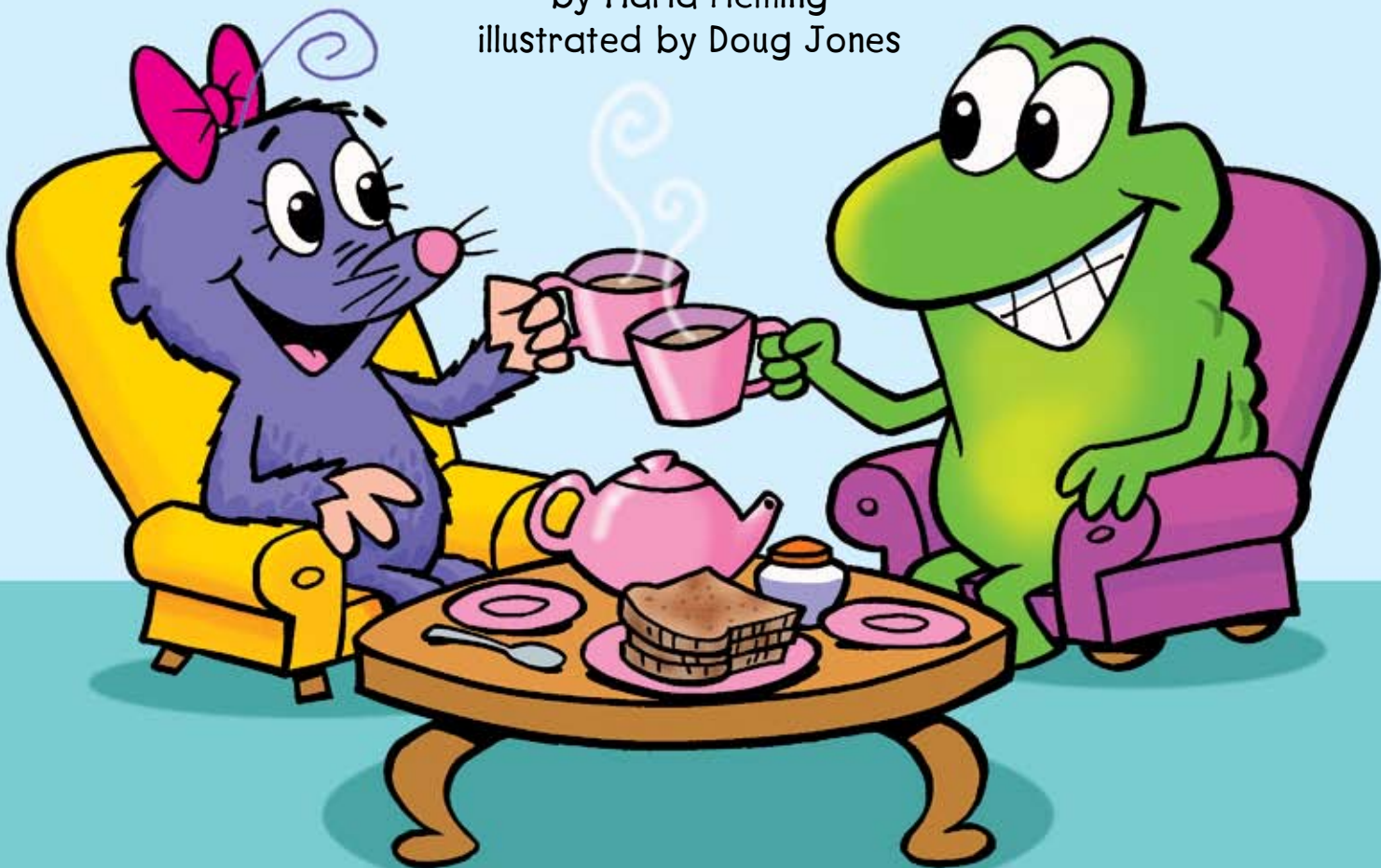


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Phonics Fact

This book is full of long-*o* words. Many times this sound is made by a silent *e*. The vowel *o* is followed by a consonant, which is then followed by a silent *e*, as in **mole** and **hole**. What other long-*o* words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

Mole lives in a **hole**. Her friend **Toad** lives down the **road**.



Phonics Fact

The vowel pair *oa* can also make the long-*o* sound, as in **toad** and **road**. Can you find two words in the picture that use *oa* to stand for the long-*o* sound?

(Answer: **goat**, **boat**)

One day, **Toad** phones **Mole**.



Phonics Fact

A single *o* can also make the long-*o* sound, as in **over** and **okay**. Try to spot other words that use one *o* to make the long-*o* sound.

"**Won't** you come **over** for **toast** and **cocoa**," asks **Toad**.

"**Okay!**" says **Mole**.

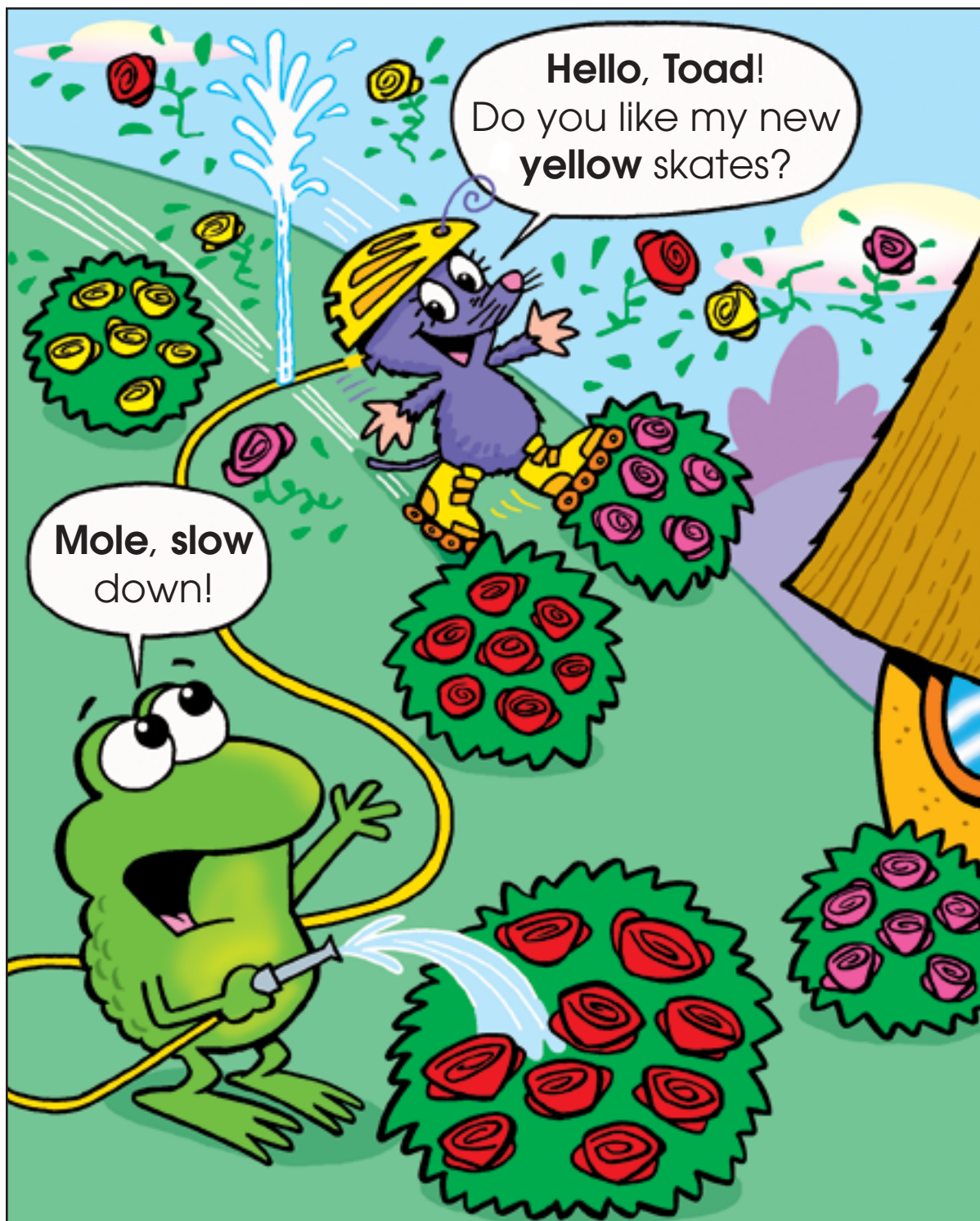


Roll, roll, roll along.
Roll right down the **road**.
I'm a **Mole** who likes to **roll**.
I'm off to visit **Toad**!

Phonics Fact

The spelling pattern **ow** is another way to make the long-**o** sound, as in **show** and **yellow**. **Grow** and **snow** are other long-**o** words that follow this pattern. Be on the lookout for more!

Mole wants to **show** **Toad** her new **yellow** skates.
So she puts them on and **rolls** down the **road**.



Mole rolls down a **slope**. She rolls over a **hose**.
Then **Mole** rolls over the **roses** **Toad** grows.



Mole rolls into **Toad's** home. She rolls into a table and knocks **over** the **cocoa** and **toast**.



Phonics Fact

The vowel pair *oe*—as in **Joe**—can make the long-*o* sound, too. Can you find a long-*o* word with this spelling pattern on page 9?

(Answer: **toe**)

Mole rolls into a shelf. She knocks **over** Toad's snow globes. She spills the **bowl** that **holds** Mole's goldfish, **Joe**.



Mole even **rolls** right **over** **Toad's** **toe**! **Toad** **moans** and **groans**. He **scolds** **Mole**, "No more **rolling**! **Mole**, you must **go**!"

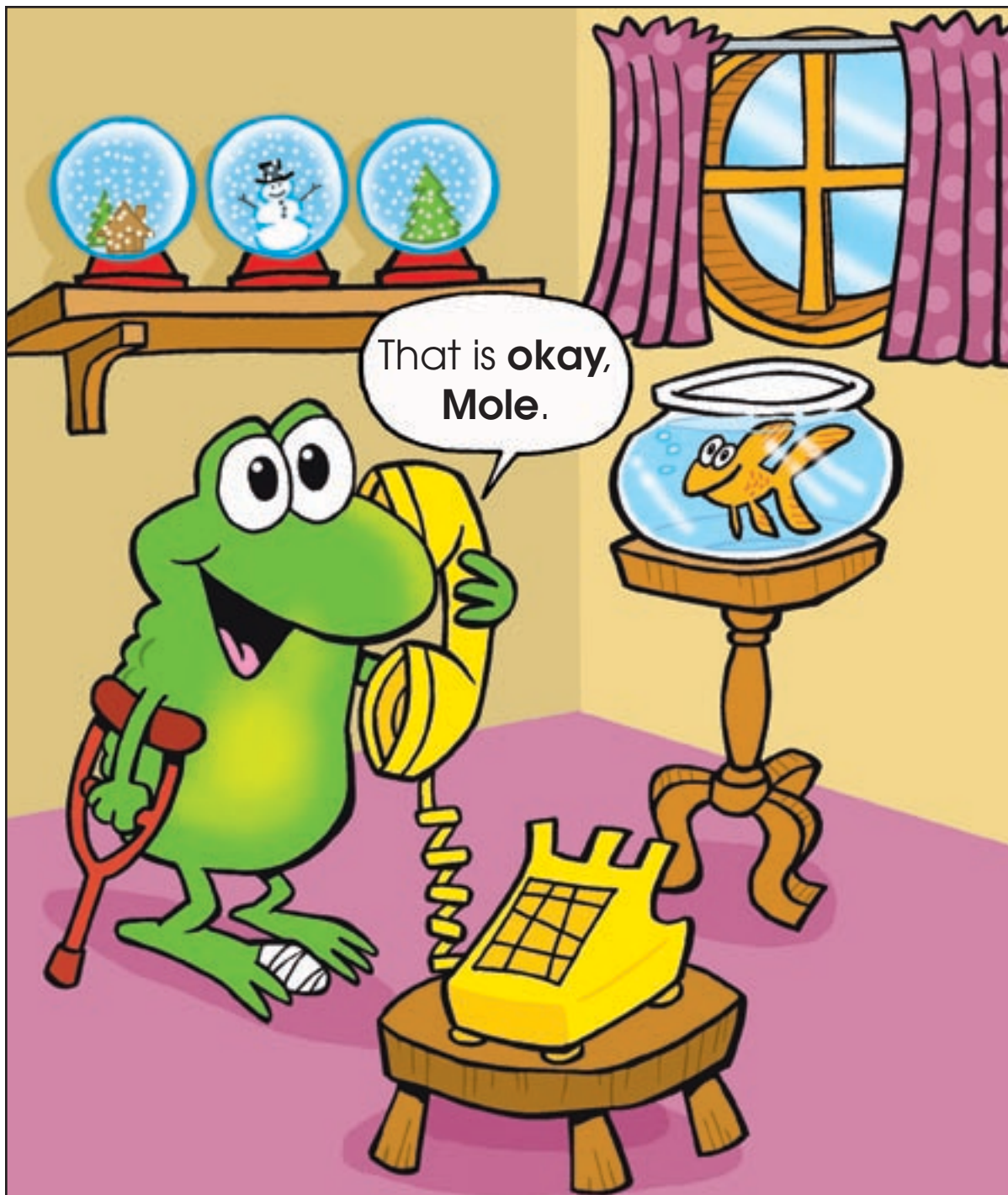


Mole rolls home, feeling low.



The next day, **Mole** phones **Toad**.

"I am **so, so, so, so, so, so, so** sorry," says **Mole**.



"That is **okay**," says **Toad**. "I **know** you did not mean to **roll over** everything. I **know** you did not mean to hurt **Joe** or my **toe**."



Toad invites **Mole** over for **oatmeal** cookies and **cold** milk. How will **Mole** go down the **road** to **Toad's**? Will **Mole** roll?

Stroll, stroll, stroll along.
Stroll right down the **road**.
I'm a **mole** who likes to **stroll**.
I'm off to visit **Toad**!



No! This time, **Mole** will **stroll**!

Long-o Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right long-o word from the box.

Word Box

toad	toes	phone	cold	go
road	mole	toast	rose	snow

- 1 This is white and falls from the sky.
- 2 This small, furry animal lives in a hole.
- 3 It is the opposite of *stop*.
- 4 It means the same as *street*.
- 5 This tastes good with butter on it.
- 6 You have five of these on each foot.
- 7 It is a kind of flower.
- 8 You use it to talk to someone.
- 9 This animal is a lot like a frog.
- 10 It is the opposite of *hot*.



Answers: 1. snow 2. mole 3. go 4. road 5. toast 6. toes 7. rose 8. phone 9. toad 10. cold

Long-o Cheer

Hooray for long o, the best sound around!

Let's holler long-o words all over town!

There's **mole** and **hole** and **phone** and **rose**.

There's **toad** and **road** and **home** and **hose**.

There's **snow** and **grow** and **no** and **go**.

There's **cold** and **gold** and **hoe** and **toe**.

Long o, long o, give a great cheer,

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



Make a list of
other long-o
words. Then
use them in
your cheer.