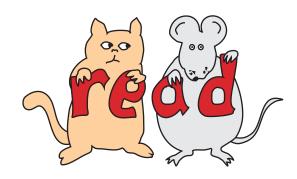
## Book Ten

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A Progressive Phonics book

#### **Quick Start Guide**



Read the book WITH your child. You read the "regular" text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.





Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

Don't rush it. Body builders don't train in a day, neither does a child.





If your child is having difficulty, he/she might need more practice with the alphabet. Get a fun book about the alphabet and read that lots of times. Then come back to Progressive Phonics.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



#### Quick Start Guide Part Two

Words that a child should be able to read by now are printed with BLUE ink – if your child can't read them easily, go back and review the earlier books.

The new words being learned are "big, red words".





My cat is **black**, as **black** as night — except for his **back**,

which is white as white.



Words or grammatical constructions that a child has not learned yet are written in black ink. These words are supposed to be read by the parent/teacher. \*\*

\*\* Your child can try to read them, but don't worry too much about them – they are taught later, either in upcoming Progressive Phonics books, or in spelling or grammar at school.

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Mix it up (practicing the long vowels and their variations)

Note! You read pages like this TO your child.

(All pages with this "ear" on it are read TO the child; the "ear" means that the child is supposed to listen.)



S so

The letter "c" doesn't have it's own sound. Sometimes it sounds like a "K", and sometimes it sounds like an "s".







Can a cat catch a cold?







The sun is a circle.



The letter "c" always sounds like an "s" when followed by a letter "e," "i" or "y" —



I only had a **cent** (a cent is a penny).







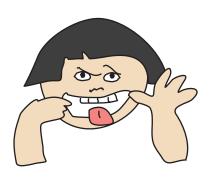
Some people spell their name "Cyndi" instead of "Cindy".



And the letter "c" always sounds like an "s" when followed by a silent "e" —



My cat has a funny **face**.



When my brother is sad,

I make this silly face.

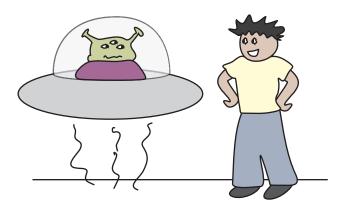
My brother always laughs

when I make this silly face.

My silly, silly face is not very nice,

but my brother always laughs —

so I make the face twice.



If you have green skin,
and if you have an extra eye;
if you have a weird face
and a space ship in the sky,
then you must be an alien,
here from outer space —
but what is an alien
doing in this place?

# The tricky letter "s"



At the beginning of a word, the letter "s" usually sounds like itself — "sssssss". But at the end of a word, the letter "s" sometimes sounds like an "s" ("sssssss") and sometimes sounds like the letter "z" ("zzzzzzz").

You will learn more about it later, but for now, just know that a letter "s" can say "ssssss" or "zzzzz" — sometimes you have to try it out to see what makes sense.

This is a bus.





Yes, his nose is a rose.

Gus got a prize for being so wise.





This medicine is gross, it's hard to take a dose, so I pinch my nose and close my eyes to take my daily dose.



Look at my **nose**, I have a cold, and my **nose** is as red as a **rose**.

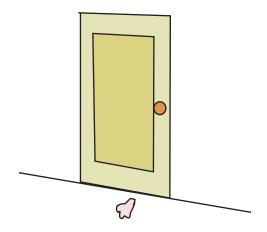
The cold is so bad

it is more than a cold —

I think what I have is a "froze".



The word "close" can sound like a "z" or an "s" depending on how you use it.



I stood with my nose
so close to the door
that I could not close the door.
But then my brother
slammed the door,
and my nose fell on the floor.



The word "use" can sound like a "z" or an "s" depending on how you use it.



#### I have no **use**

for this bottle or this cup.

I have no use

for all this baby stuff.

I want to **use** 

telephones and trucks -

I want to **use** 

only grown up stuff.

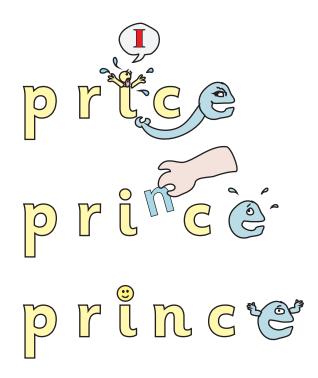
# No pinching!



The naughty, silent "e" likes to pinch other vowels, but sometimes he can't do it.



When there are two letters between the naughty "e" and the vowel that he wants to pinch, he can't do it because his arm isn't long enough. So the naughty "e" just sits there, making no sound and doing nothing.



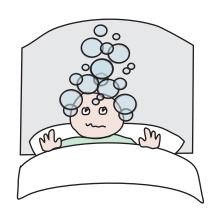


A prince went to market to buy
a pig. The price of a pig was much
too high, so the prince came home
with apple pie. His mother said,
"Prince, where is the pig?"
The prince said, "Mother, the price
was too high – but, oh, dear Mother,
you must try this pie!"



Look at me, I have a piece of fudge.

This fudge is so huge that I cannot hug it; this fudge is so huge that I cannot budge it. And if I was a judge at a contest for fudge, I would say, "This fudge is the winner — I'm so full I cannot budge!"



It has been an hour **since** I took a shower. It has been an hour **since** I brushed my teeth. It has been an hour **since** I went to bed — so how come all these bubbles are on my head? Did I forget to **rinse** my hair? Did I forget to **rinse** my teeth? Or did I grow bubbles when I fell asleep?

<sup>\*\*</sup> To budge means to move.



Never build a castle in the sand near the sea — a castle is not safe near the edge of the sea. I built a castle with a bridge and a tree, but the edge of the sea sneaked up on me. The sea ate my castle and the bridge and the tree, and now there's nothing — just the mean, old sea.



I have **twelve** books on my shelf;
I read all **twelve**, all by myself.
And if you think that you, yourself,
can read **twelve** books from
my bookshelf, then you must ask
if you can read the **twelve** big
books that belong to me.



Sometimes, the naughty "e" gets extrastretchy and reaches around two letters to pinch a vowel, like in the words "taste" and "waste".



If you hold your nose, it is hard to taste your food. Imagine what a waste if no one could taste ice cream, pie or chocolate cake. So do not hold your nose when you turn eight — what a waste not to taste your birthday cake.



When two vowels are walking together, the naughty silent "e" can't do anything because it's two against one.

You mostly see this in words that have a "v", a "z", an "s", or a "c" —



<sup>3</sup> sleeve leave weave

groove



goose moose

loose

grease

lease

tease

ease please

cheese



freeze breeze

sneeze

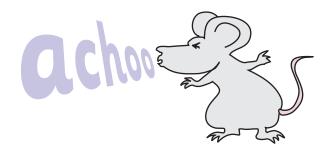
squeeze



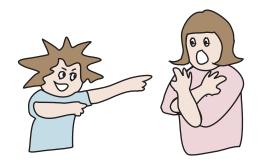
fleece peace

juice

(remember, an "s" can sound like an "s" or a "z")



"Please pass the cheese,"
said the rat with a sneeze.
"Pass the cheese, would
you please, please, please."
But there was no cheese,
just pepper, if you please,
and the pepper made the rat
sneeze, sneeze, sneeze.



My little brother is such

a tease – he tries to wipe

his nose on my sleeve.

I ask him to please leave

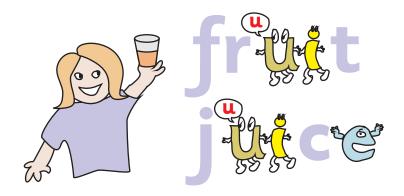
me alone, I scream, I cry, I yell

and moan, but my awful little

brother won't leave me alone.



Here's now we read the words, "fruit juice" —

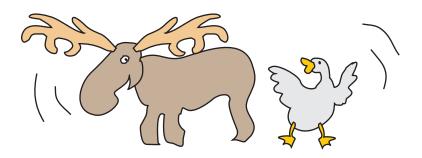


I like a cup of **fruit juice** with my lunch.

I like a cup of **fruit juice** a whole, big bunch.

Grape juice, apple juice, orange juice too –

I like fruit juice with my lunch.



Oh, no! The goose is loose!

The goose is loose at the zoo.

The moose too? The moose is loose! The moose and the goose are loose at the zoo, and I don't know what to do.



Remember, an "s" at the end of a word can sound like an "s" or a "z".



A goose can choose to snooze in mud and slime and ooze.

A goose can choose

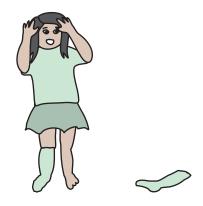
to eat his food with both his feet.

But being a **goose** is no excuse to flap his wings till his feathers come **loose**.



Sometimes the naughty silent "e" doesn't pinch a vowel, even when there is only one letter between the naughty "e" and the vowel. This happens in only a few words, like the words:

gone have give forgive live



When I went to sleep, my sock was on;
when I woke up, my sock was gone.
The sock was long, up to my knee,
but now it is gone – how can that be?
Has my sock gone fishing?
Has my sock gone to the store?
Oh! I was wrong, my sock is not gone –
my sock is sleeping on the floor.



I woke last night;
my teddy bear was gone.
He had gone downstairs
and the light was on.
I saw that my doll
had gone down too.
The TV was on – they were
watching a cartoon.



The word "live" sometimes sounds like "give" and sometimes sounds like "five" —



I want to give my brother a car when he is five.

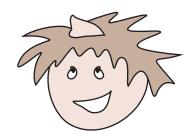
I want to give my brother a car so he can drive.

Then he can give me
a ride to the zoo.

I can't drive myself —
I am only two.



I live in a house
with five big fish.
To stay alive,
they must live in a dish.
I wish that my fish
could live in the air,
then my fish could live
on the mat over there.



I have ten fingers,
and I have ten toes.
I have two hundred bones,
but I only have one nose.
Why is a nose special?
Why have it on my face?
Where would you put your nose
if you could have it any place?



The words "have" and "had" mean the same thing. We say "had" when we talk about the past; we say "have" when we talk about now or the future.



Yesterday I had a cheese
sandwich for my lunch.
Today I have a cheese
sandwich for my lunch.
Tomorrow I will have a
cheese sandwich for my lunch —
does anybody want
a cheese sandwich for lunch?

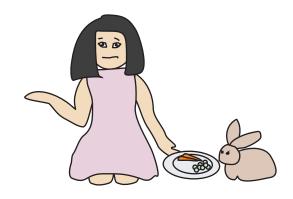


The words "have to" mean you are supposed to.

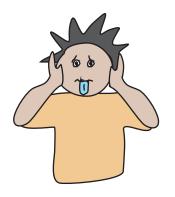


When I was three,
I had a little trike;
and now I am six,
I have a big bike.
When I grow up,
I will have a green car;
I want to have a car,
so I can drive it very far.

\*\* A trike is a tricycle.



Why do I have to
eat carrots and peas?
I have a bunny rabbit
who wants to eat them, please?
My mother also says
I have to wash my plate —
do I have to use soap,
or can my bunny lick the plate?



When I had a cold,
I had to stay in bed;
I had to blow my nose,
and my nose got really red.
Today I have a headache,
and my tongue is really blue;
I think I have a fever —
do I have to go to school?



# The letter "uh - oh"



The letter "o" says "uh-oh" when he's pinched by the naughty, silent "e" — sometimes you hear the "uh", and sometimes you hear the "oh" —









love
glove
come
some
none
one
and so on

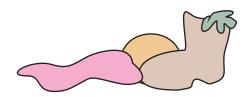
bone
home
cone
hole
poke
hope
and so on



I think that I have lost my glove — the glove that matches my outfit.

Oh, dearie me, I love that glove;

Can you please, please help me find it?





I love to cook spaghetti in a big pot on the stove.

I love to cook spaghetti, and wrap it around my nose.

I also **love** to bake a cake in the oven of our **stove**.

A cake can taste so good,
and smells better than a **rose**.



I love my dog, Dozy,
but he will not come to me —
when I call him by his name,
he always goes to sleep.
I love my dog,
he is the sweetest, little pup.
Maybe he will come
if his name is Wake Up!



I want my cat to come home and spend Some time with me.

I want my cat to come home, but he won't come down the tree.

My cat is not done

with his nap up in the tree.

He says he will come down at a quarter after three.



I have **some** books

that I like to read.

I have **some** toys

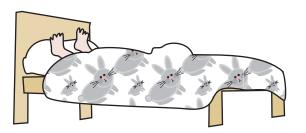
that belong to me -

some dolls

and **some** puzzles.

**Some** are easy,

**some** are trouble.



When my chores are done,

I can watch TV.

When the TV show is **done**,

it is time to read.

And when the book is **done**,

I go to sleep with a

blanket on my head

and a pillow for my feet.

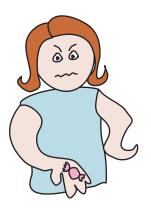


When the "o" is saying "uh," he is making the same sound as the letter "u" in words like "fun" and "sun" —



Late at night, when the Sun is done, the stars come out to have some fun.

Some stars twinkle, and some stars laugh; and when it rains, some take a bath.



I have some gum -

come and see -

some for you,

and **some** for me.

I am good at sharing;

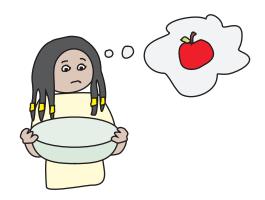
sharing is so nice...

Hey! Give me back the **gum**,

so I can share it twice.



In the word "one", it sounds like there is a "w" at the beginning of the word. There is no "w" — it's just how we say it.



I want to eat **one** apple,

one apple just for me,

but **none** are here in this bowl -

**none** that I can see.

I looked everywhere for apples,

but sadly there are **none**.

I really want **one** apple – not just **none**.





My brother has **some** candy,

but I have **none**.

I ate all mine;

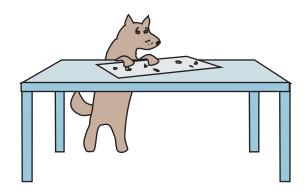
he ate only one.

I wish he would share

his candy with me -

none for him

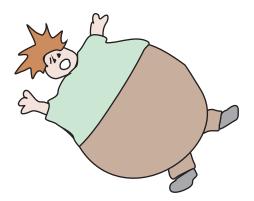
and all for me.



Mom made cookies, and when they were **done**, I ate two and she ate **one**.

When we woke this morning, there were **none**.

I know it was the dog — he was licking the crumbs.



Oh, no, what have I done?

I ate a hundred donuts

when I should have eaten one.

Mama called the doctor

on the telephone,

and he told her

to roll me home.



The letter "o" sometimes says "uh" even when the naughty "e" isn't around, like in the words "won" and "son".



The number six

and the number one

had a race, and

the number one won.

The number one won

because he was fast.

The number six lost

because he was last.



The number one

and his little Son

were happy that

the one had won.

But the number six

and his little SON

wished that the

number six had **won**.



The word "once" is also weird. In this word, the letter "o" makes the same "uh" sound as in the word "one".



The number **one** ate a bug;

it was not very nice.

He ate a bug **once** –

he would not eat it twice.

Once was plenty,

**once** was enough -

the number one

doesn't like bug stuff.



In some parts of the world, the word "from" can sound like "some" —



I ate **some** cake

from this plate —

I only ate **some**,

but the cake filled up

my tummy-tum-tum.



In other parts of the world, the word "from" can sound like "Tom" —



Tom came from

a very nice place —

you can tell from the

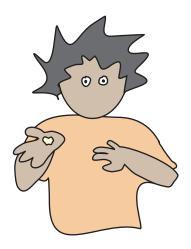
smile on his happy face.



Sometimes, the letter "O" says "oooo!" when pinched by the naughty, silent "E". This happens in only a few words, like "move" and "lose".



If my nose was loose,
would it fall off?
And would I lose it
if I coughed?
But my nose isn't loose,
it is as tight as you please —
so why do I lose it
every time I sneeze?



How do you lose
a loose tooth?
How do you get it out?
And when you lose
a loose tooth,
do you also lose
your mouth?



The groove is the beat, and all music has a groove.

I like to move to the groove.

Can you move to the groove

with me? Can you move to

the groove the way I do? Can

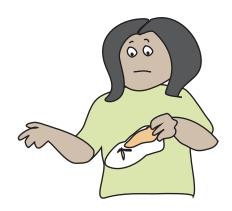
you move to the groove with me?



The word "two" looks like it should say "t-woo", but the "w" is silent, so "two" sounds like "do" and "zoo".



I have **two** big eyes
so that I can see
my **two** big hands
and my **two** big feet.



I have **two** feet, yes I do.
I have **two** feet just like you.

But -

do I have **two** feet or **too** many feet

if I only have one shoe?



In an earlier book, we learned the rule: "When two vowels go walking, the first one does the talking." And the first vowel talks by calling out his name.

Because some words break this rule, we have a second rule:

"Sometimes, when two vowels go walking, they mess up how they're talking."

Like when the letters "a" and "i" go walking — the letter "a" is supposed to call out her name:



But sometimes the letter "a" messes up and calls out something else —





I paid for an ice cream, and I said,

"I want vanilla." But the man **said** that gorillas had eaten the vanilla.

So I said, "I want pistachio." He said

he saves pistachio for men with a moustache-io.

I said, "Do you have any Rocky Road?"

He said, "With or without an ugly toad?"

I said, "Give me back my money."

He said, "Ha, ha, very funny."



In the word "again", the letter "a" forgets to call out her name.
Instead she says "eh".



I took a sip of milk.

Then I took a sip again.

I took a sip again and again, and then...

I rinsed the cup.

What?

You expected something funny?

Not again...!



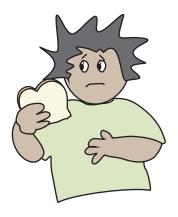
When the letters "e" and "a" go walking, the letter "e" usually calls out his name: "E"



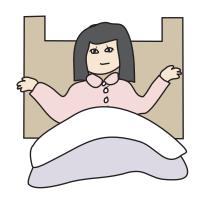
But sometimes the letter "e" messes up and calls out his sound instead — "eh".



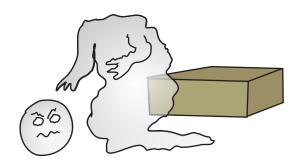
(Here are more example words if you need them: ahead, bread, dead, dread, instead, lead, spread, thread, tread, deaf, breath, breast, abreast, sweat, threat.)



I eat bread all the time —
bread can taste so fine.
I spread my bread with butter
to make my bread taste better.
I had bread for breakfast —
a lot of bread to munch.
But what can I eat instead
of bread if I don't want
bread for lunch?



Why do we say, "the head of the bed" when a bed doesn't have a head? Do you see a head on my bed? A head, a nose, a mouth? What?! You mean, the head of the bed is where I lay my head? Does that mean, when I go to sleep, that my head belongs to the bed?

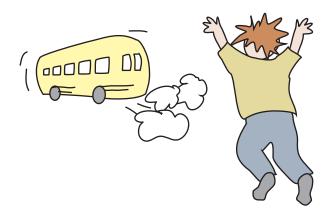


Ha, ha, bump – my head fell off.

It does that when I laugh or cough.

I wish my head would stay on top,
but no, my head keeps falling off.

It has done that since the day I was
dead – I am the ghost with the
most dreadful head.



I ran to get the bus,
and what did I get?
I got out of breath,
and I got a lot of sweat,
but I did not get the bus.



The word "read" can sound like "red" or "reed". When we talk about reading in the past, we say "red". When we talk about reading now or in the future, we say "reed".



My dog read my book; he read
the book last night. He read it in the
dark because he did not have a light.

I have not read my book —
I don't know how to read.

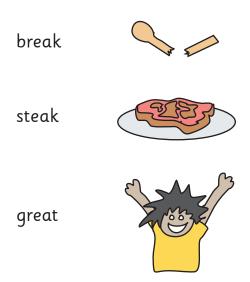
I want to teach my dog to speak
so he can read to me.



Sometimes, when the letters "e" and "a" go walking, the letter "e" says nothing, and the letter "a" calls out her name —



This doesn't happen very often — usually just in three words:





I had a steak for dinner —
a great, big steak.
Yes, I had a steak for dinner,
but I was late.
My dog ate the steak,
and he left me a note:
"Thank you for the steak —
the steak tasted great."



I do not want to **break** a leg, so I never climb a wall.

I do not want to **break** a nail, so I never play baseball.

So why do I have to **read** a book? It really is a pain.

If I never **read** a book,

I will never **break** my brain.

## The letters "ee"



When two letter E's are walking together, they hardly ever mess up — the first "e" calls out his name, "E", and everyone is happy.

But in the word "been", the "e" gets confused and calls out the sound of the letter "i" — "ih", so we say "bin" instead of "bean" —



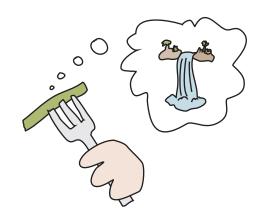


Tim has been in the trash bin.





I have been in a swimming pool,
and I have been in a bath —
but I have never been in a bath
with a big, old, big giraffe.
I would like to be in a bubble bath
with a big, old, big giraffe —
then I can say I have been in a bath
with a big, old, big giraffe.



I have never been to Niagra Falls, and I have never seen a waterfall.

But I have seen a green bean that has been to Niagra Falls.

But before the bean could tell me what Niagra Falls was like,

I ate the silly green bean —

I ate it in one bite.

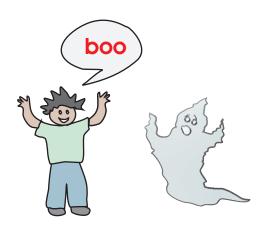
<sup>\*\*</sup> Niagra Falls is a huge waterfall in New York state.



Here are fourteen "stories" that "mix up" a variety of long vowels and long vowel variations.

Read and re-read this book – and earlier Progressive Phonics books as necessary – until your child is very comfortable with these words.

The whole idea is to get each word into a child's "word bank" — many children need to see a word thirty or forty times to get it into his or her word bank. Children with a learning disability may need to see a word a more than a hundred times to get it into his or her word bank.



What **do you do**when a ghost goes, "**boo**"?

Do you run to your room;
do you go, "boo, hoo"?
Or do you "boo" right back
at a silly old ghost?

Who is scared the most – **you** or the ghost?



My favorite tooth is loose, and soon it will fall out.

I do not want to lose it,
but how do I keep it – how?

What if I tape my mouth,
so my teeth cannot move?
There's only one little problem –
how do I chew my food?



We were playing hide and seek, and
I hid behind this tree. Nobody found
me — I've been hiding here all week.
I have been inside maybe
once or twice — just to use
the bathroom then it's back outside to
hide. I wish someone would find me;
I wish I could go home — it isn't any
fun to play hide and seek alone.

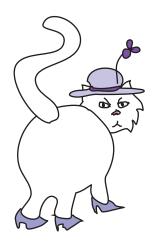


I went to a party – everyone was
gone. I did not want to leave,
so I put the music on. I played a
game of hide and seek; I
found myself – I did not have to
peek. I gave myself a present;
I ate a lot of cake. Parties are
so nice, even when I'm late.



My dog, Dave, is really great,
but the only thing he eats is a
great, big steak. He will not
eat bread or fruit; not chicken,
nor fish, nor green pea soup.

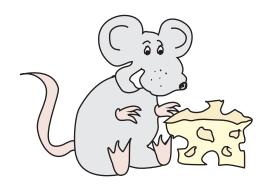
The last time I tried to feed him
bread, he shook his head and
tried to play dead.



My cat will not read the same book twice, so I need to choose a book that my cat will like. If my cat doesn't like the book that I choose, she will put on her hat and put on her shoes; she will say good night and leave the room.



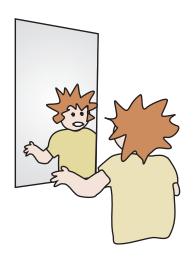
My dog can **cook**; he can **cook**very well – but today his **soup** has
a very bad smell. **Look** at what
he **put** in the pot – an egg, **some**rice, but not a lot; a **book**, **two**bones, and a bit of **fruit**; and here
is the smell – my brother's **boot**.



"I love cheese," said a rat
to me. "I love cheese, but does
cheese love me?" He took a bite;
he didn't say please. "That was
good," he said with a sneeze.
He wiped his mouth upon his sleeve,
then ran off with my chunk of cheese...
at least he did not steal my tea.



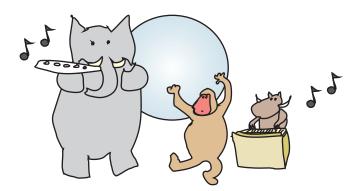
The prince stood at the edge of his land. He **said** to himself, "What a great prince I am. Look at my pig and my two little sheep; look at my moose and my qoose with big feet." The prince did a **dance**, and he shouted with glee, "But most of all, everyone, look at me!" Just then a fly landed on his nose and made the **prince** sneeze on his fancy clothes.



I don't mean to be rude, dude,
but you're eating all my food.

I did not say you could use my

spoon, and I did not say you could
use my room. Is it true that you
think that you are me? You are
just a mirror — can't you see?



One summer night in June,

I saw a big baboon

dancing to a tune

underneath a big, blue moon.

A warthog played the piano,
an elephant played the flute,
and the big baboon

danced for the moon,
one summer night in June.



Captain Hook

jumped out of a book. —

he took my money,

and he shook his hook.

Captain Hook is

such a crook!



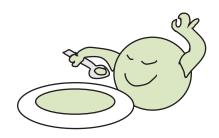
Remember, the word "put" looks like the word "but", but sounds like "book" and "look".



I put the book back on the shelf,
but now the book is gone.

I put the book back on the shelf,
but the cat said I was wrong. The cat
said I put the book in the trash, so
I took a look. And there was
the book – a book about a dog.

It was in the trash... how odd.



Pea **soup** in the morning; pea **soup** at night.

This pot of pea **soup** 

tastes alright.

But if I were you,
and you were me,
would you eat pea soup
if you were a pea?

# THE END

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