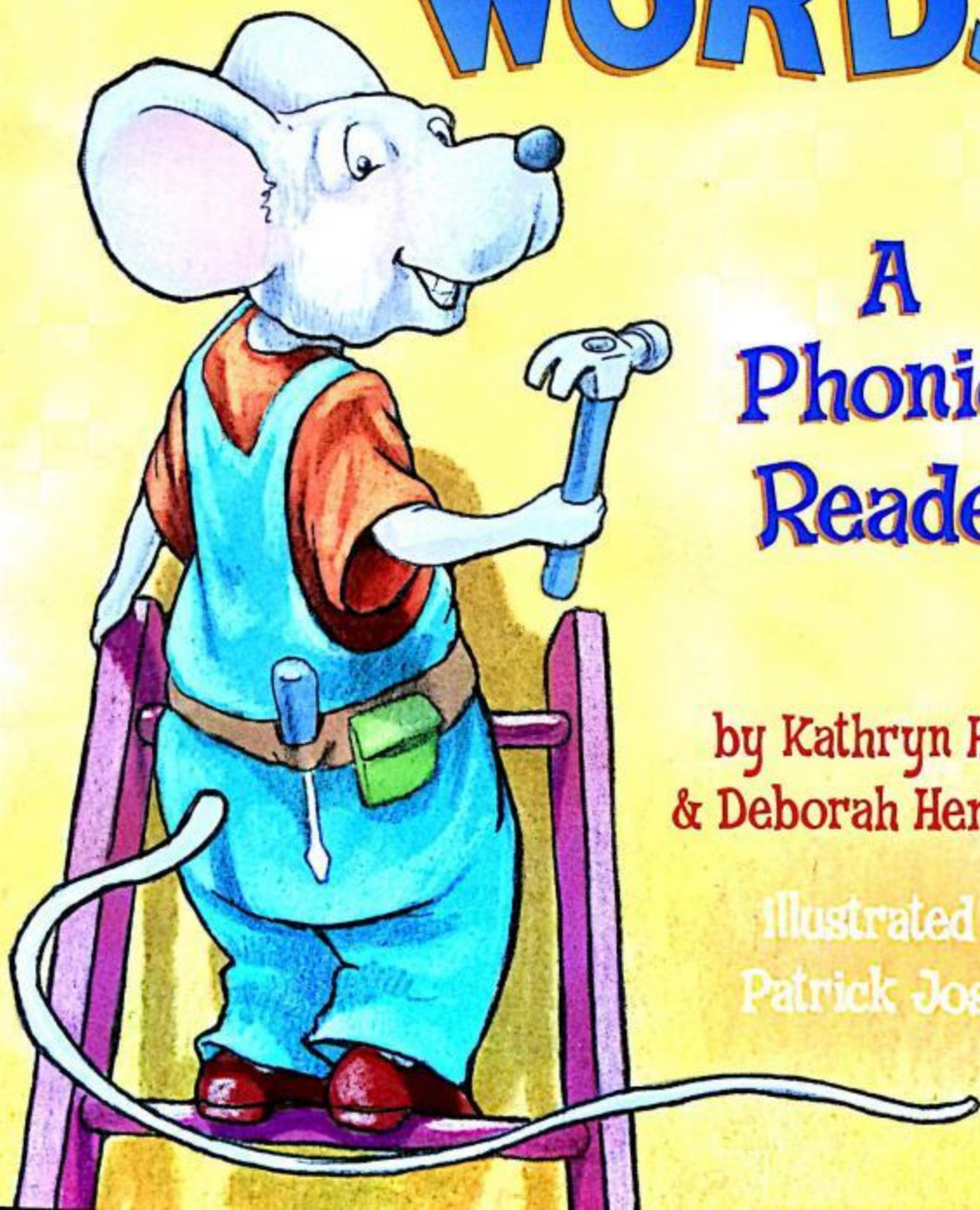


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MOUSE MAKES WORDS



A
Phonics
Reader

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Illustrated by
Patrick Joseph

DEAR PARENT,

Our world is filled with letters—those magical squiggles on the page that stand for sounds. Unlocking the mystery of these squiggles will help get your child on the right track to reading success.

One way to lay the foundation for that success is to read with your child every day. Step into Reading Phonics Readers offer a way to make the most of that experience. These books are designed to help your child learn the sounds that letters stand for, how letters come together to make words, and how words can be put together to make sentences. Engaging illustrations help children make the connection between words and pictures.

Tips for reading this book with your child:

- Begin by reading this book aloud to your child. As you read, point to each word. This “tracking” will help your child make a connection between the written and spoken word.
- Emphasize the sounds in rhyming words, such as *cat* and *hat*, or words that share a common consonant, such as *sand* and *silly*.
- Read a word from the text and have your child find it. You can give hints, such as “This word starts with the /s/ sound.”
- When your child feels comfortable with the story, have him or her read it to you. Praise your child’s efforts and encourage rereading of the story.
- Invite your child to find words from the story on signs or in other books. This will generate excitement about and interest in words.

Remember—all children deserve the gift of reading. As parents, you can help bestow that gift. It is one of the most important things you can do!

Wiley Blevins, Author and Reading Specialist
Ed.M., Harvard University



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Mouse is busy,
Mouse is fast—

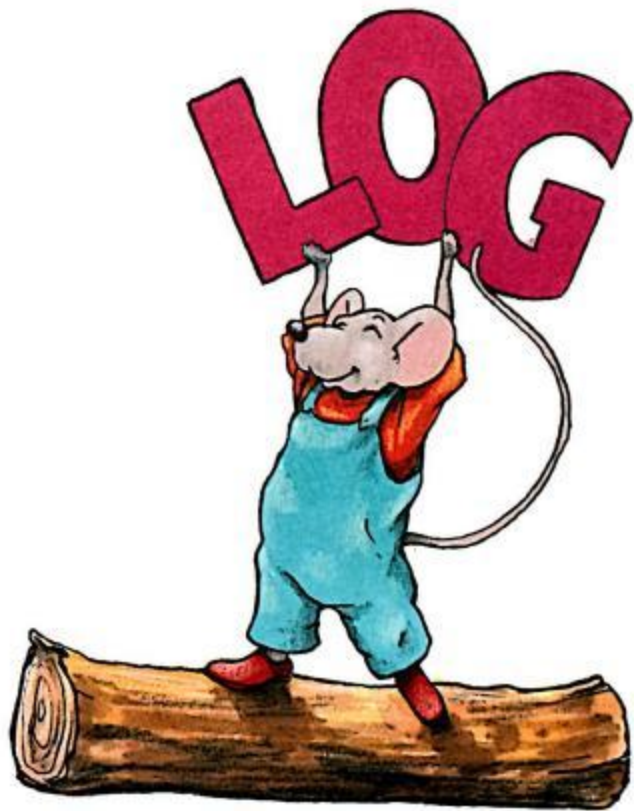
grabbing letters
as he runs past.



He finds new ways
to make a rhyme



by switching letters
every time.



Find the word HAT.

Off goes the H.



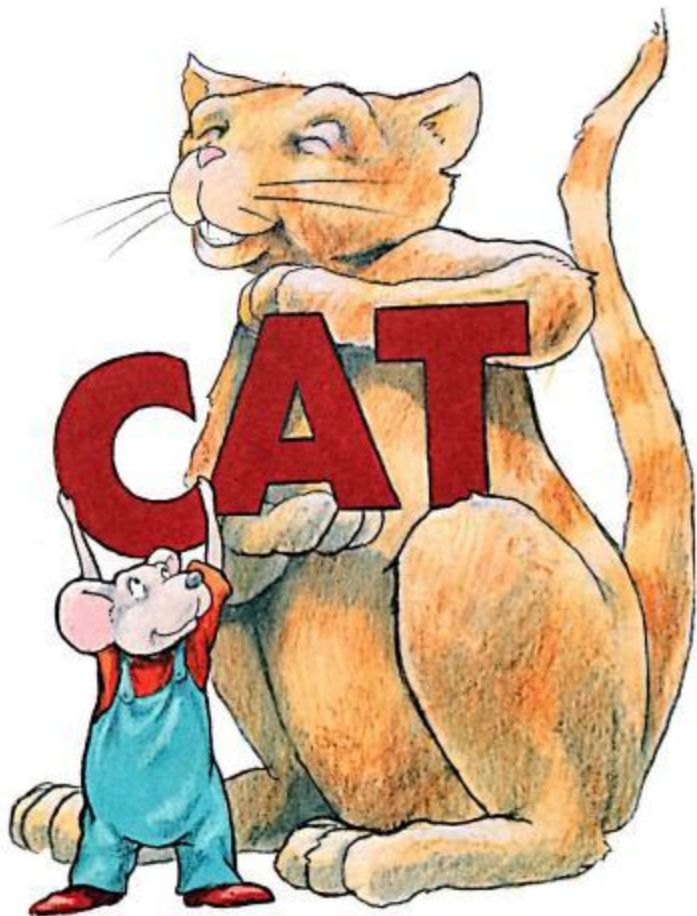
HAT

Cart in the C.



CAT

Yikes! Now it is CAT!



CAT

Find the word FAN.
Blow away the F.



Move in a V.



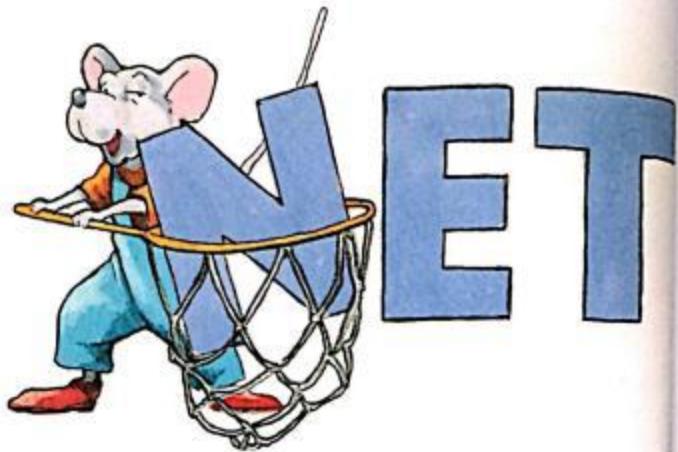
Honk! Now it is VAN!



VAN

Find the word NET.

Scoop up the N.



Push in a P.

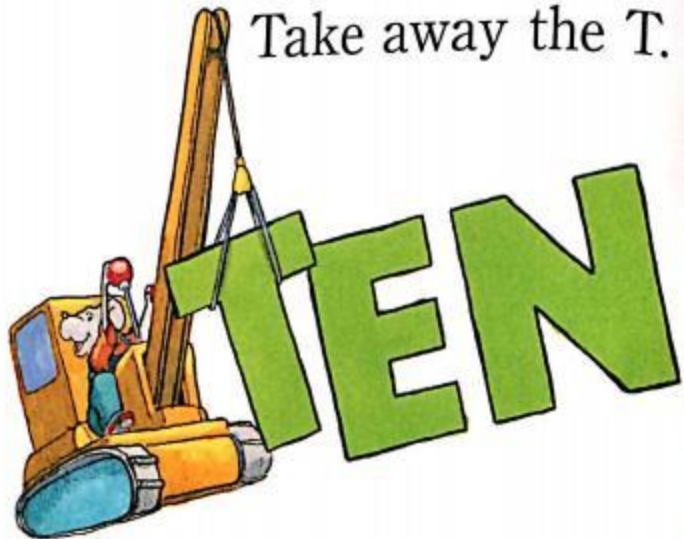


Awk! Now it is PET!



Find the word TEN.

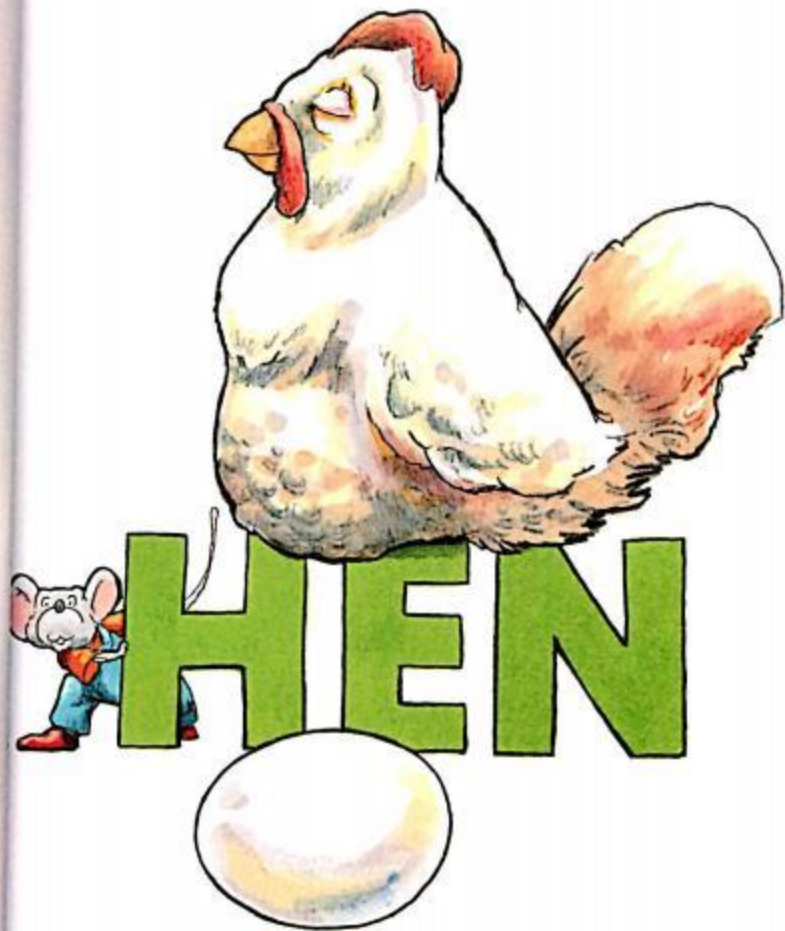
Take away the T.



Haul in an H.



Cluck! Now it is HEN!



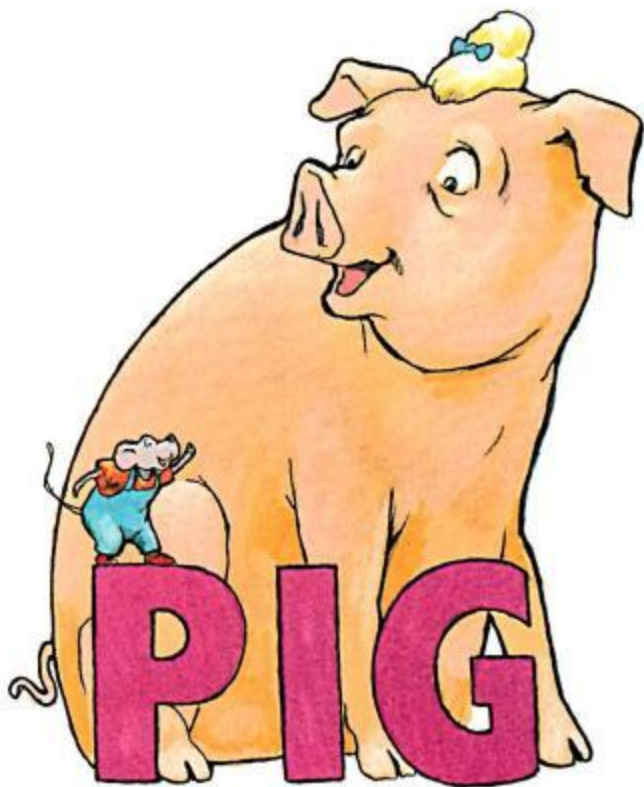
Find the word WIG.
Wheel away the W.



Along comes a P.



Oink! Now it is PIG!



Find the word PIN.

Pop goes the P.



Carry in a W.



Wow! Now it is WIN!

WIN



Find the word MOP.
Wash away the M.



Spin in a T.



Whee! Now it is TOP!



Find the word POT.

Dig up the P.



Roll in a C.

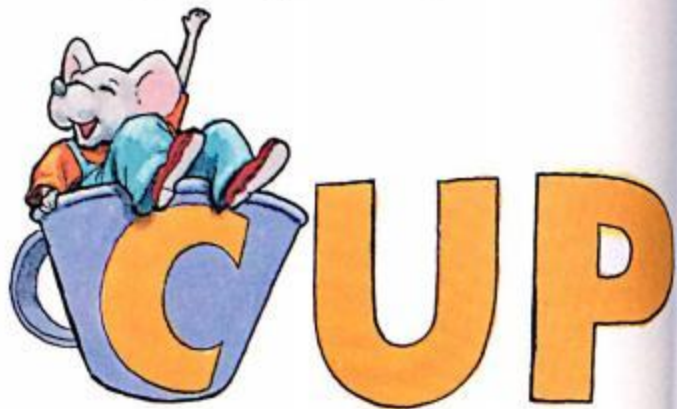


Good night!

Now it is COT!



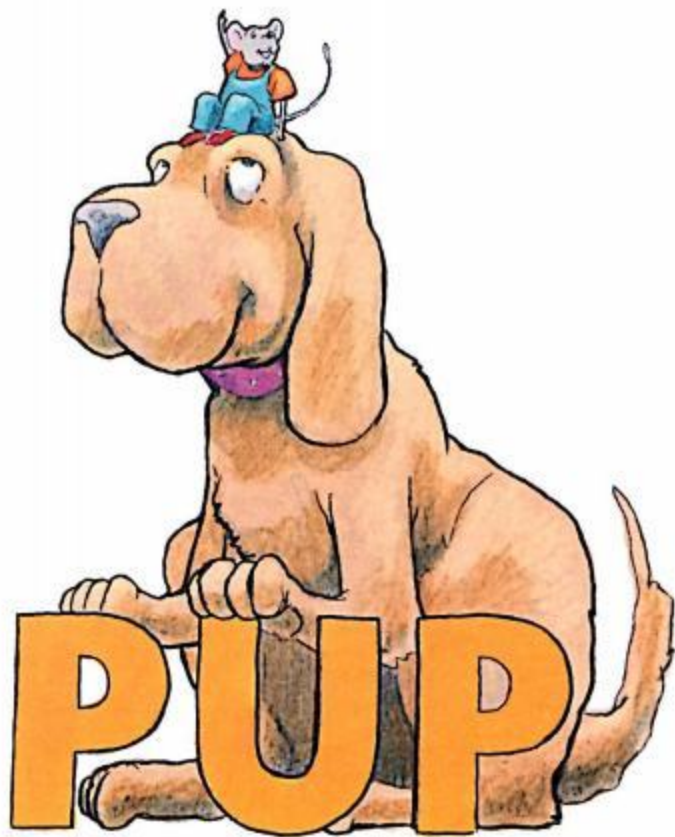
Find the word CUP.
Wave good-bye to C.



In runs a P.



Arf! Now it is PUP!



Find the word BUG.
Shoo away the B.



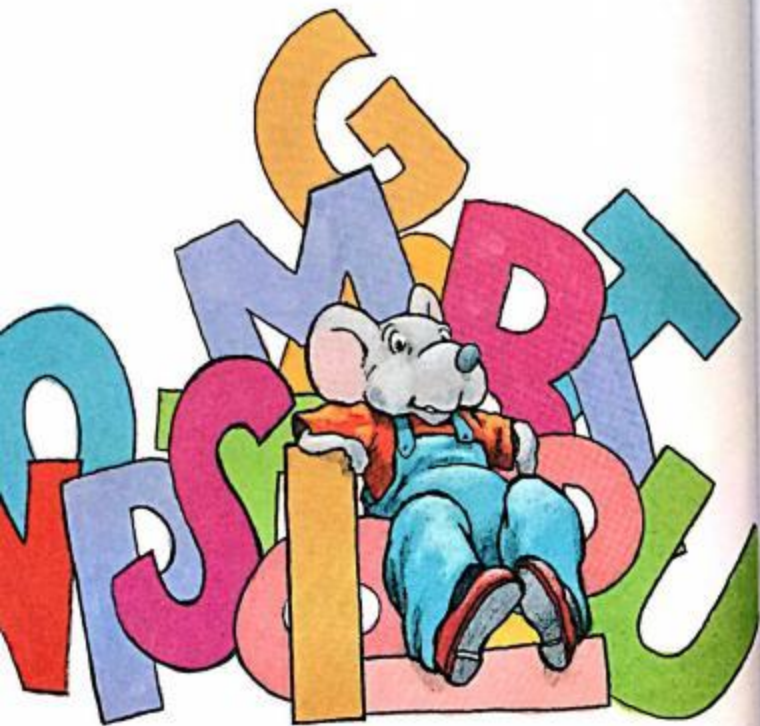
Here comes an H.



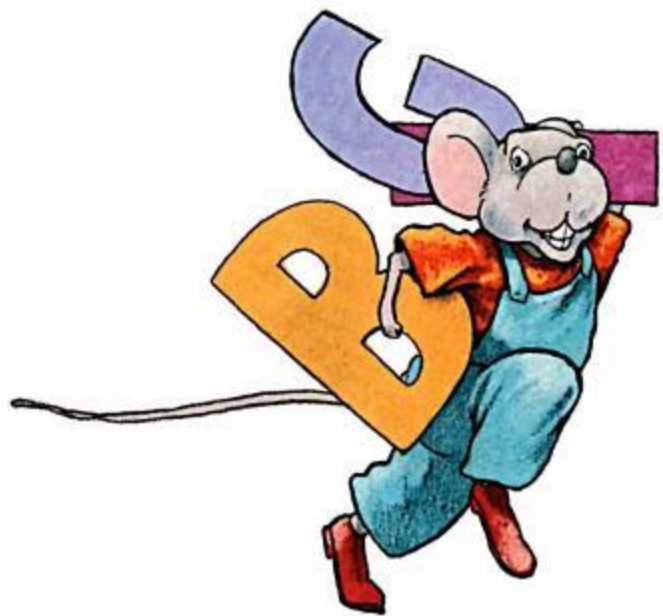
Hurray!
Now it is HUG!



Mouse is tired.
His work is done.

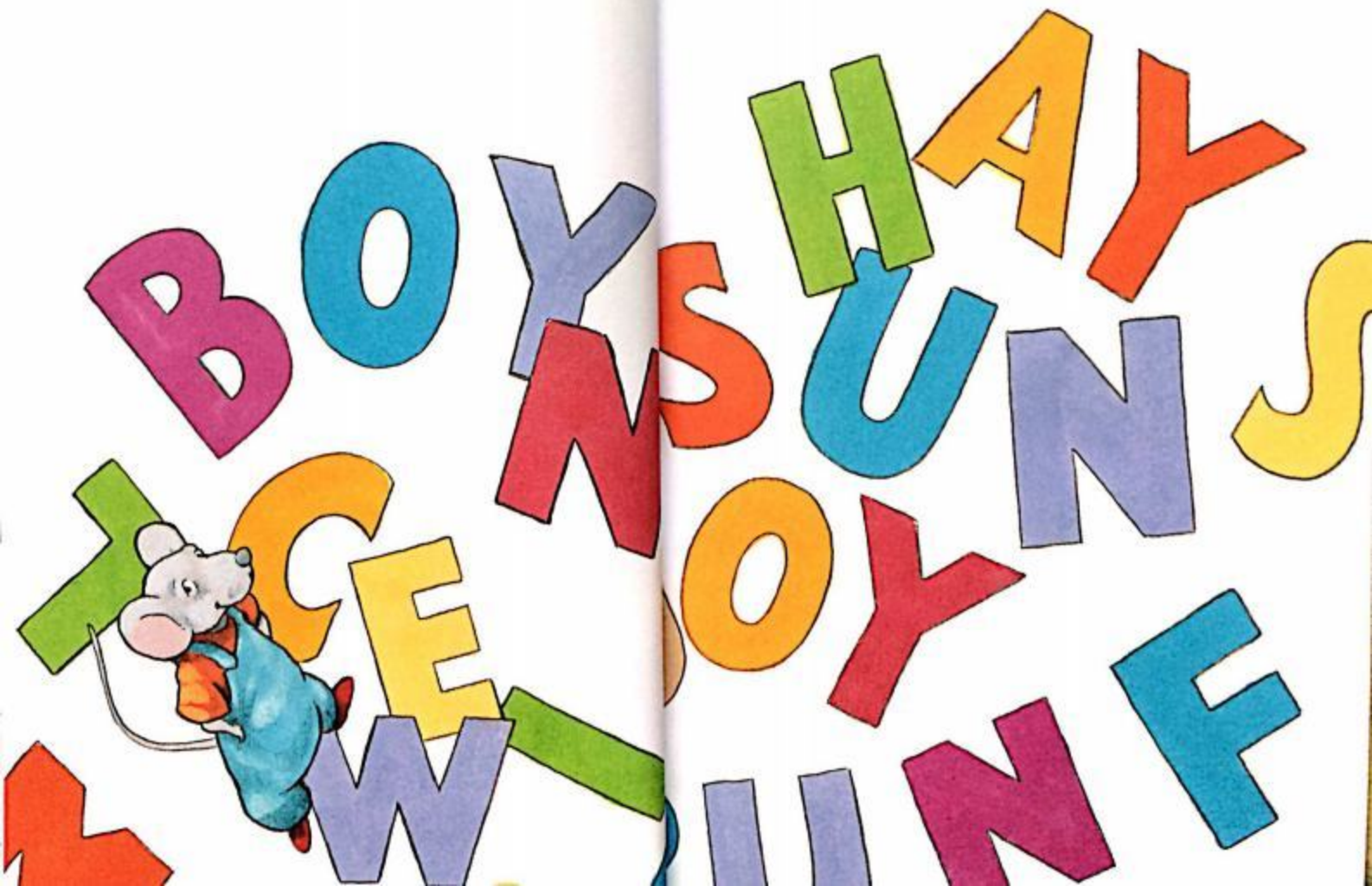


But moving letters
is so much fun!



Can you keep playing
this rhyming game?

Make more words
that end the same!



If you know the alphabet and are ready to read,
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POOH'S CHRISTMAS SLED RIDE ◉
THE PUP SPEAKS UP ◆
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SIX STICKS ◆
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THE SNOWMAN
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THE DRAGON >
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What this book is about . . .

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Mouse can turn a CUP into a PUP.
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