

AlphaTales

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# The Pigs' Picnic

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To the precious, petite princess, Rachel Collins.



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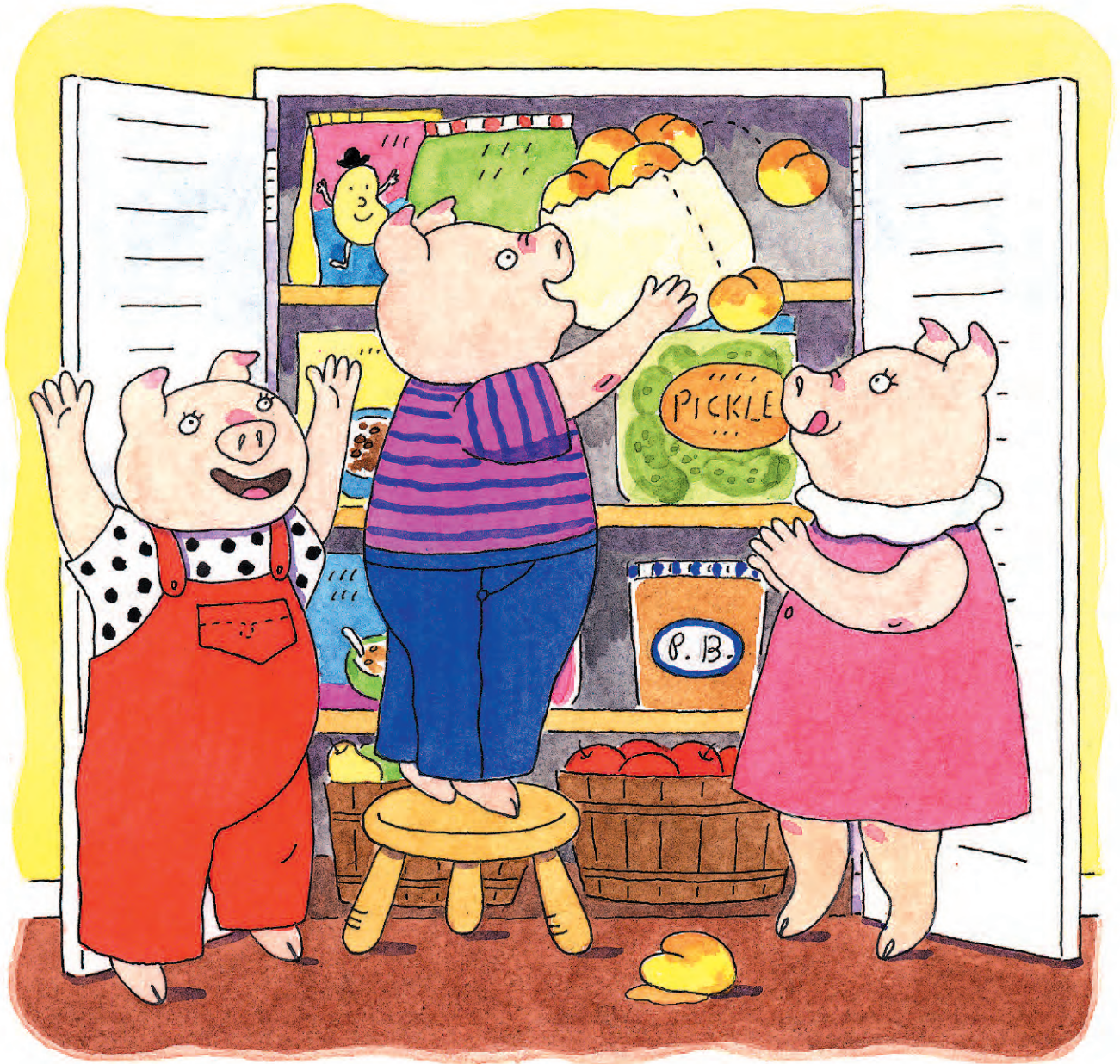
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Penny, Polly, and Peter Pig were planning a picnic. “What shall we pack in our picnic basket?” asked Penny.





Peter looked in the pantry.

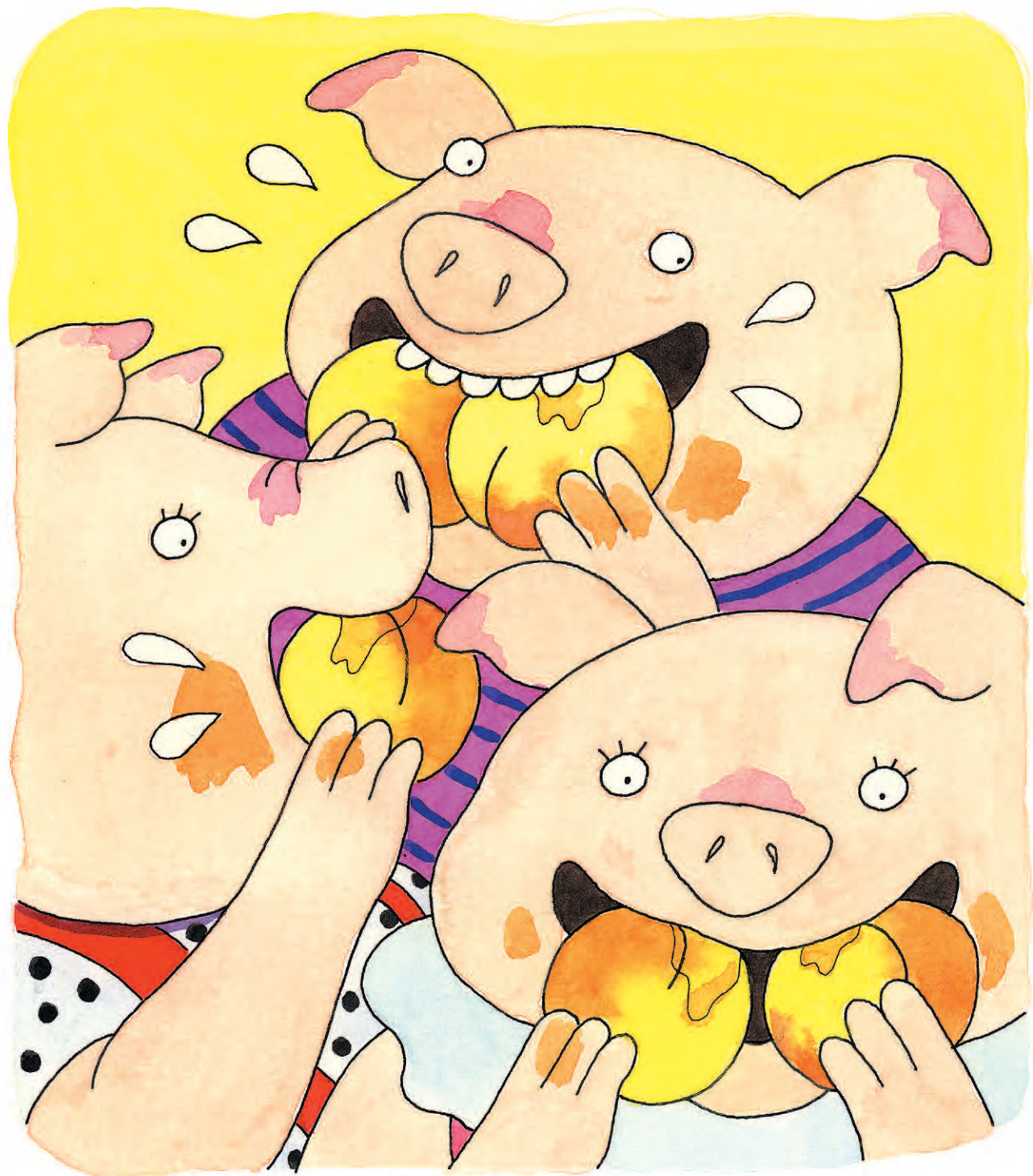
“Let’s pack some peaches,” said Peter.

“A peachy idea!” said Polly.

“Are they ripe?” asked Penny.

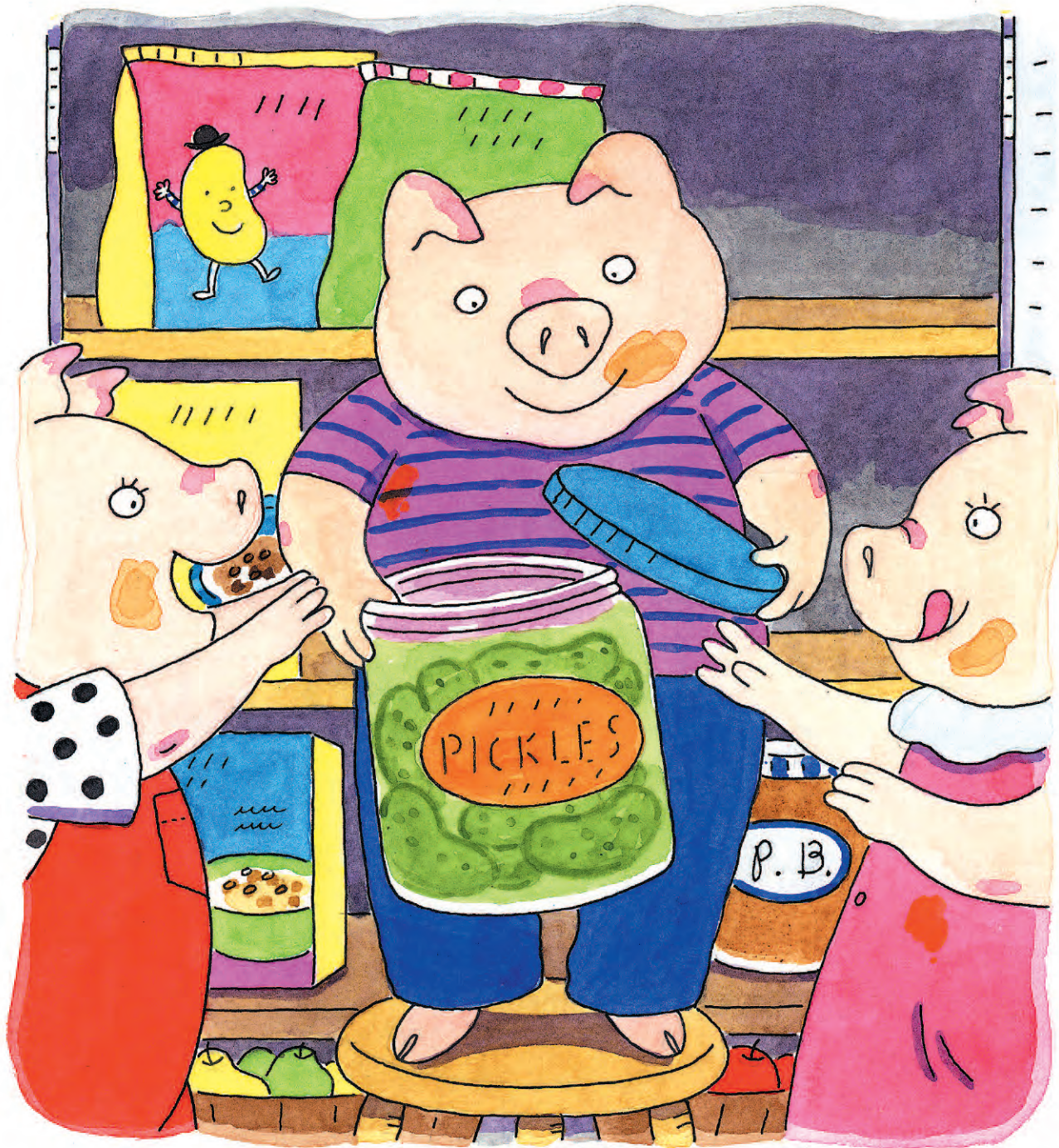
“Perhaps we should taste them first,” said Polly.





And they did.  
“Perfect!” said Penny.





“Let’s pack pickles,” said Peter.  
“Perhaps we should taste the pickles, too,”  
said Polly.





And they did.  
“MMMMMMM. Pickle-icious!” said Peter.





Peter made some peanut butter and potato chip sandwiches. “Would you like to taste them?” Peter asked Penny and Polly.





“Yes, please!” said Penny and Polly.  
And they did.





“Perhaps we should pack some pasta salad,”  
said Polly.

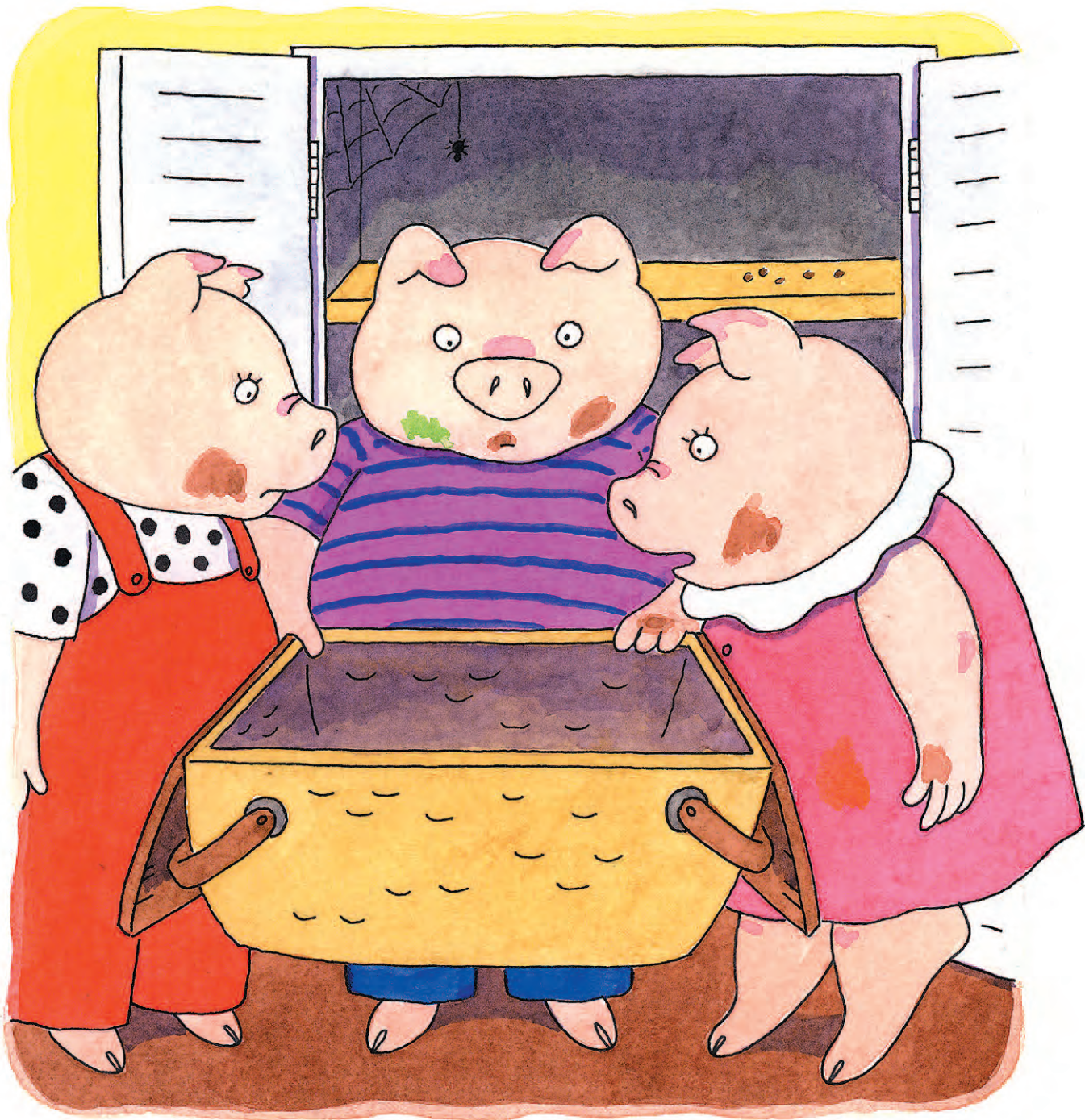
“And pears and plums,” said Penny.





“And pumpkin pie,” said Peter.  
Of course, Penny, Polly, and Peter  
tasted everything first.





Before long, the pantry was empty.  
But so was the picnic basket!  
Penny, Polly, and Peter were puzzled.





“That’s peculiar!” said Peter.

“I guess we’ll have to put off our picnic,” said Polly.

“We could order pizza instead,” said Penny.





And they did!







How many things can you find that begin with the letter P?









# Pp Cheer

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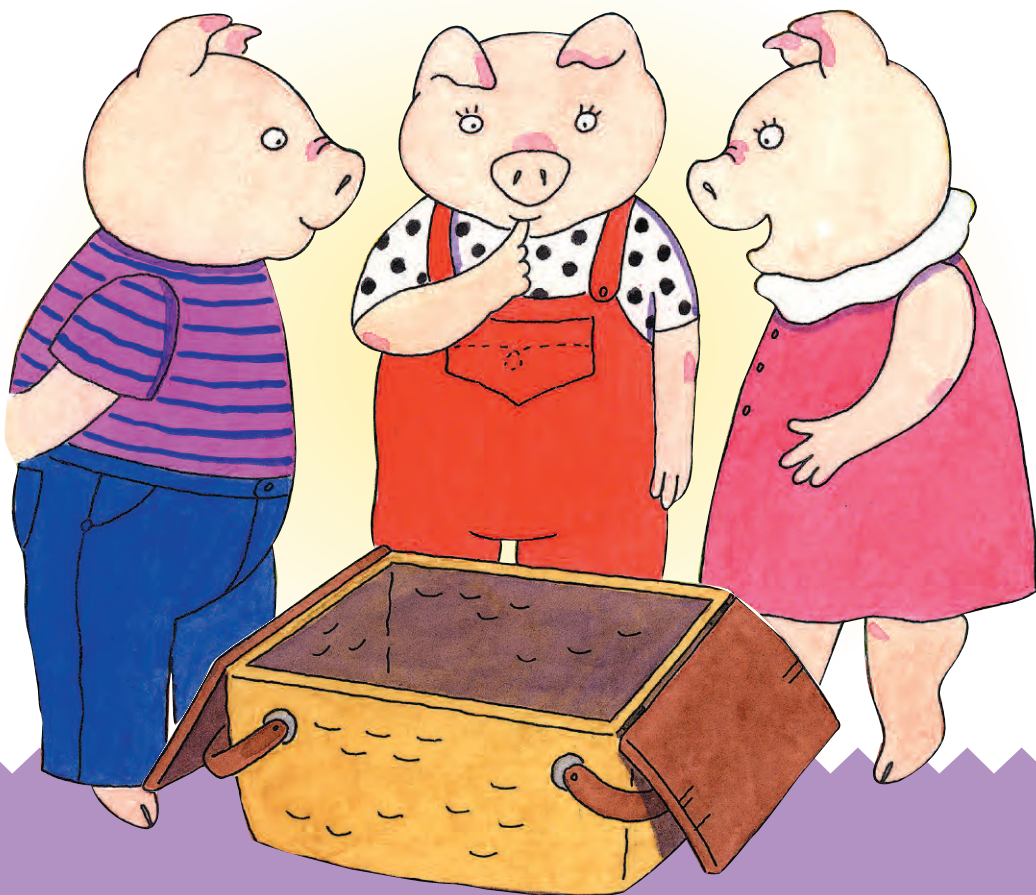
**P** is for pig, pickles, and pot

**P** is for pizza, gooey and hot

**P** is for pancakes, piled up high

**P** is for puppy, popcorn, and pie

Hooray for **P**, big and small—  
the peachiest, peppiest letter of all!












# Reading Tips

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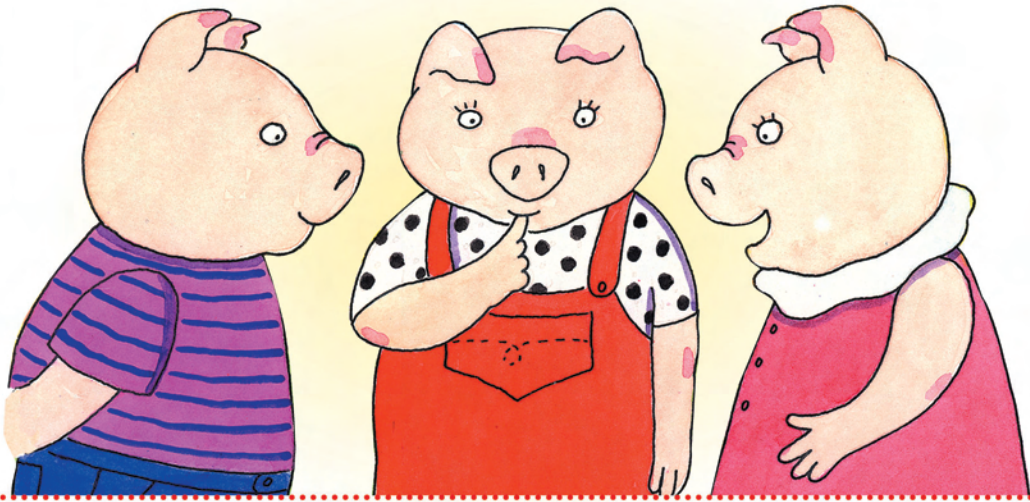
Here are some quick and fun ways to use this story to help children build important alphabet recognition skills.

-  Ask children to find big P and small p at the top of the front cover. Review the P/p sound with children. Can they find two words in the title that begin with the letter P/p? Read the title aloud, emphasizing the P/p sound as appropriate.
-  Flip the book over and read the story summary on the back cover. Ask children to point out words they hear or see that begin with P/p. Explain that the story you are about to read includes many more words that begin with the letter P/p. Can they help you find them?
-  Read the story aloud once for pleasure and enjoy together the whimsical illustrations. Then reread the book, emphasizing the initial P/p sound in the appropriate words. Ask children to listen closely for and identify all the words that start with P/p. Point out these words in the text, and make a list of them.
-  Write each of the words from your list on an unlined index card. Read each word on the cards aloud with children. On another reading of the story, children can match the words on the index cards with the words in the story.
-  Pages 16-17 of the book depict a busy scene full of P/p words. Some of these words have been introduced in the story, but a few are new. Ask children to find as many P/p words as they can. Add any new words to your list. The P/p words depicted in the scene include: pigs, pillow, pizza, plates, popcorn, pictures, pineapple, plant, picnic basket, puzzle. (Children may come up with other P/p words on their own!)
-  Read aloud the cheer on page 18 several times, with lots of energy and enthusiasm. Invite children to join you in reciting the cheer when they feel ready. Encourage them to find any new P/p words in the cheer. Again, add these words to your list.
-  Don't let your exploration of the letter P/p end with the story! Display your list of words in a place where children can easily see it. During the rest of the day or week, children can add new P/p words that they encounter in other books, on signs, on food labels, and so on.



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**Penny, Polly, and Peter Pig are planning a picnic. What will they pack? Plenty! Get ready to pig out with these roly-poly pals!**



**AlphaTales** are humorous stories designed to help young children recognize letters and the sounds they make. Lay the foundation for reading success with these kid-pleasing books — one for each letter of the alphabet!