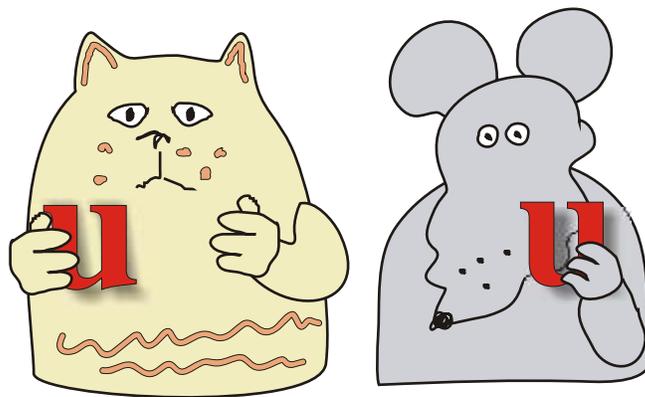


# Book Five

Short vowel  
**U**



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A Progressive Phonics™ book

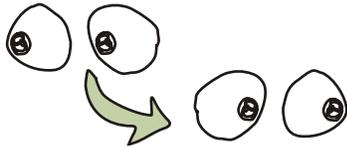
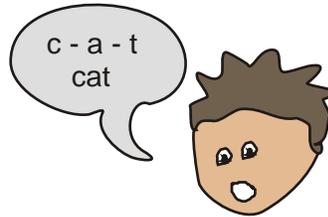
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## Quick Start Guide



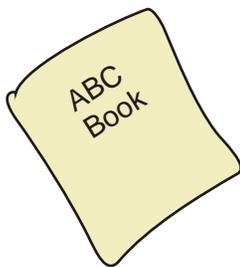
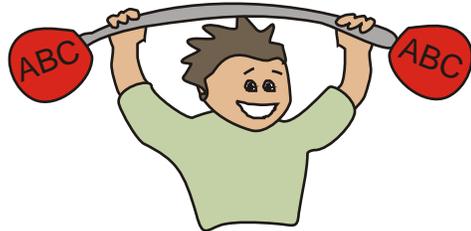
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.



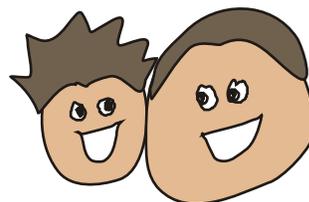
Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

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!**



## Short Vowel “U” Index Page

bug dug hug mug rug tug

How does a bug give another bug a hug  
My dog dug a hole in the garden  
My cat likes to sleep on the little red rug  
I left some milk in my big, blue mug

up cup pup

There’s a cloud up there  
I poured some milk into a cup

but cut hut nut

I am hungry, I want to eat a nut  
Monkey number one in the monkey hut  
I want to play trains but my brother says no  
I want to eat a nut  
Why do you say I’m greedy?

bun fun gun run sun

The sun is hot  
Are we having fun?  
I like to run, I really do  
Stand still when I squirt you with my gun  
The baker baked a cinnamon bun

gum hum yum tum

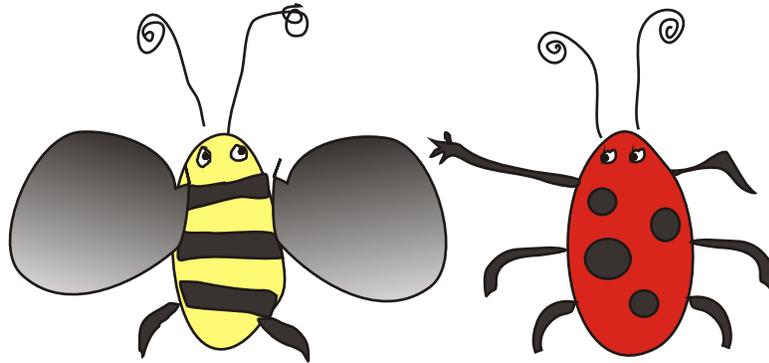
Ice cream is so yummy yum  
I like music, I like to hum  
I like chewing bubble gum

mud bud

The mud on my shoes  
I picked a flower bud

Mix it up

What’s the right way to get rid of a bug?  
Chicken pox  
There’s a lady bug on the flower bud



How does a **bug**

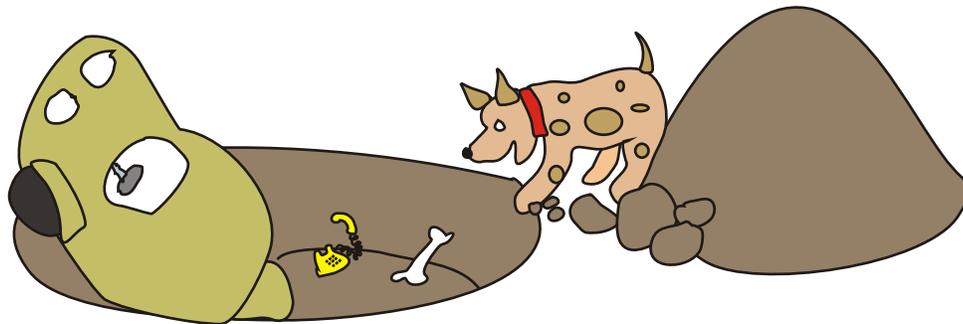
Give another **bug** a **hug**?

Does a **bug** give a **hug** with a bump of its head?

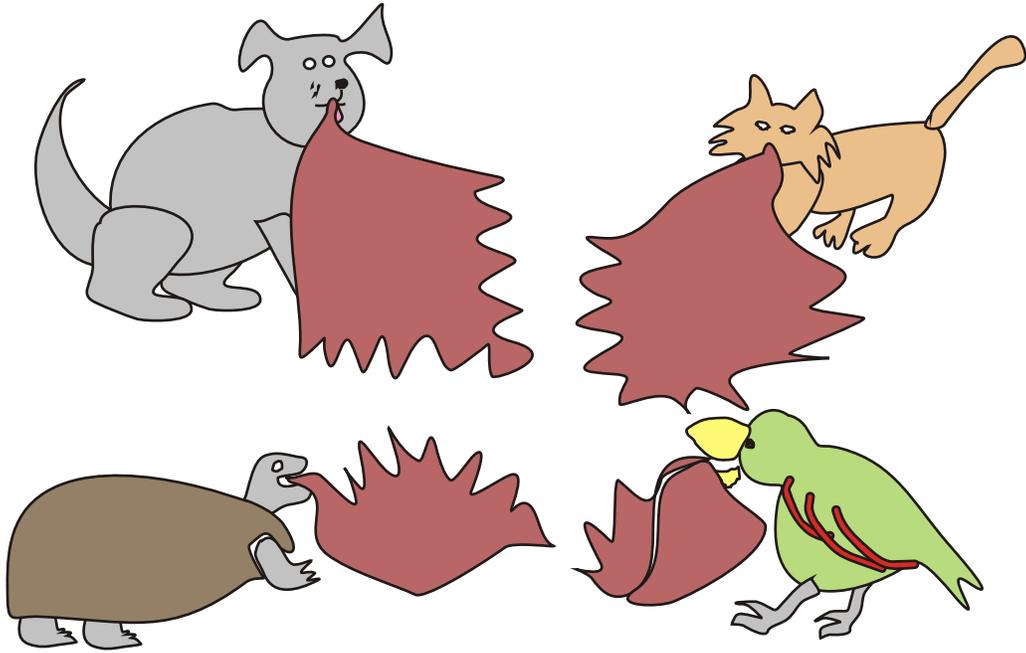
Does a **bug** give a **hug** with an arm or a leg?

Or maybe a **bug** jumps up in the air

To **hug** another **bug** when they meet on the stair



My dog **dug** a hole in the garden  
He wanted to bury a bone  
But the hole that he **dug**  
Was as big as a **rug**  
So he buried the bone, the car and the phone  
In the very big hole that he **dug**



My cat likes to sleep on the little red **rug**

She has slept on that **rug** all her life

But the dog and the turtle

And the parrot, Miss Myrtle

All wanted to sleep on the **rug**

They each grabbed a corner and started to **tug**

They pulled and they tugged

It was **tug tug tug**

Until they each

Had their very own **rug**



I left some milk in my big, blue **mug**  
And I left the **mug** over there on the **rug**  
And now something icky is growing in the **mug**  
It's green and it smells and it's yuck, yuck, yuck



There's a cloud **up** there

Way **up** in the sky

It is white and fluffy

And it's **up** really high

I wish I could sleep

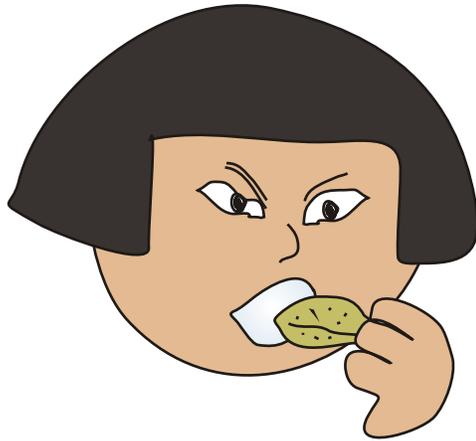
**Up** there on the cloud

I would climb **up** there now

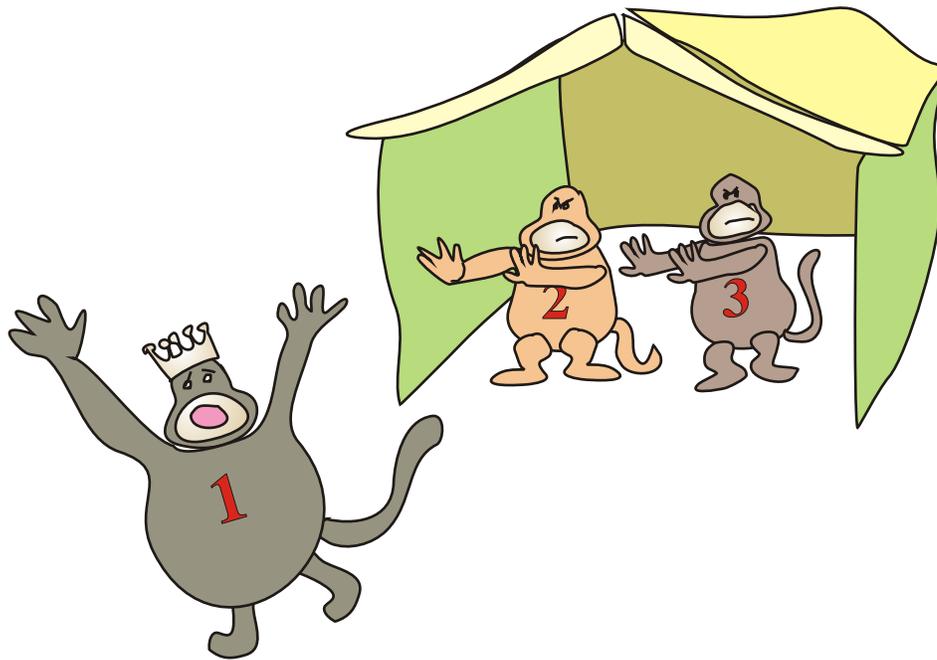
If I only knew how



I poured some milk into a **cup**  
And when the **cup** was all filled **up**  
I took the **cup** to the little **pup**  
And the little **pup** drank it all **up**

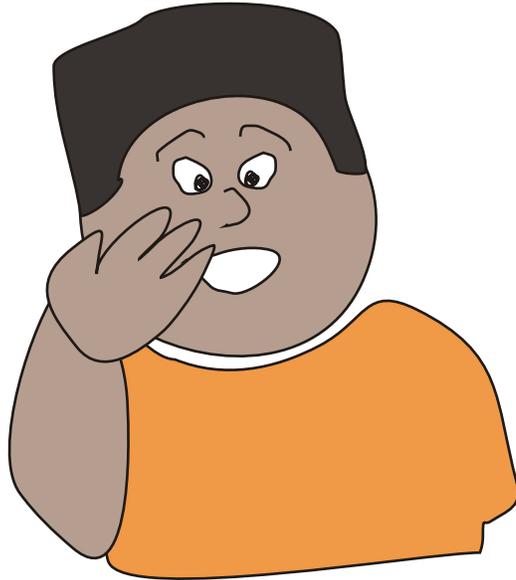


I am hungry and I want to eat a **nut**  
A **nut** would be nice, a **nut** would be good  
But this **nut** is as hard as a piece of wood  
So I went into the kitchen  
And I got a piece of bread  
I threw away the **nut** and I ate the bread instead



Monkey number one in the monkey **hut**  
Wants to be the boss of the monkeys in the **hut**  
“I am king!” says monkey number one  
“And inside this **hut** I’m the boss of everyone”

But monkey number three and monkey number two  
Don’t want a king to tell them what to do  
So they walk right up to the king of the **hut**  
And they throw him out of the monkey **hut**



I want to play trains **but** my brother says no

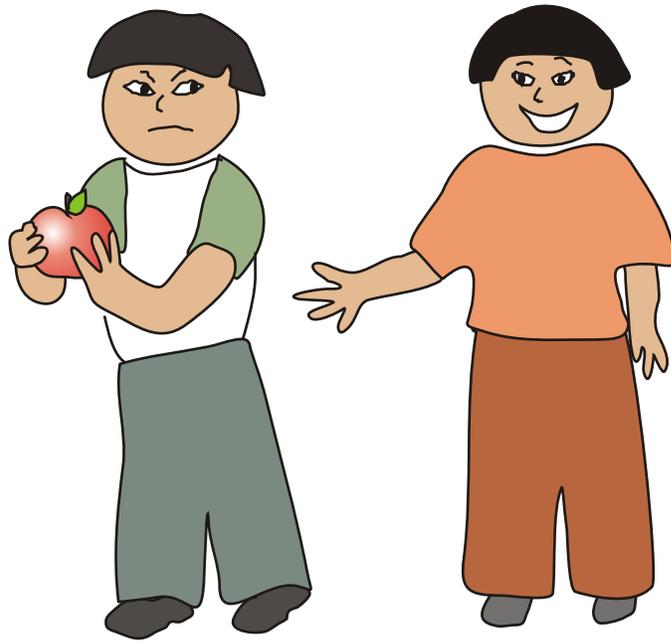
I want to play outside **but** my brother won't go

I want to kick a ball **but** I broke my toe

I guess I will sit and pick my....

Nooooo I won't, that's much too rude

**But** my nose has an itch and I don't know what to do



Why do you say I'm greedy?

I'll share with you if you're needy

So...

Let's **cut** this apple in two

One piece for me, one piece for you

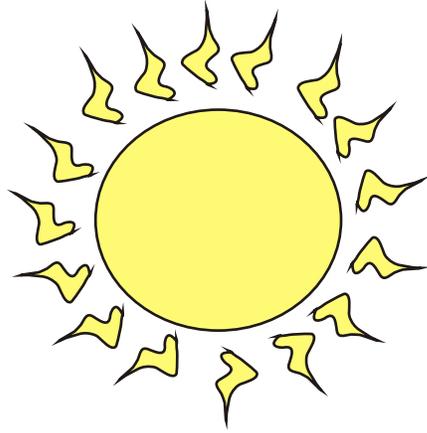
No – let's **cut** this apple in three

One piece for you and two for me

No, that won't do...

Let's **cut** this apple in four

I'll have it all and want some more!

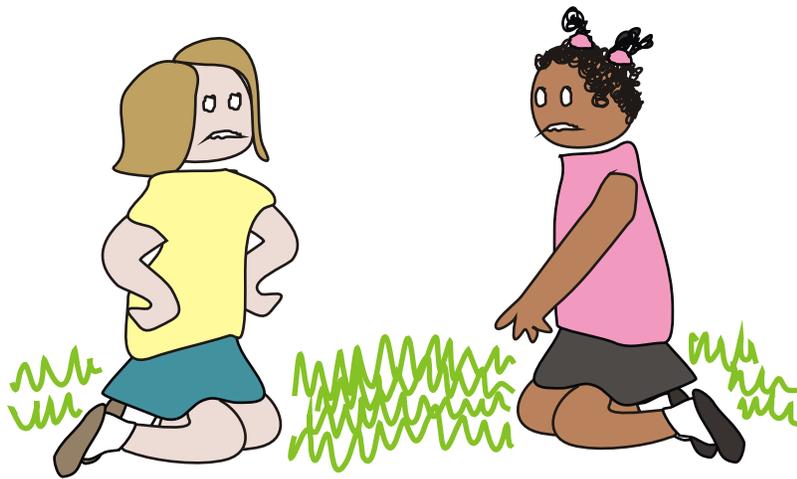


The **sun** is big

The **sun** is yellow

The **sun** is like

My lemon Jello <sup>TM</sup>



Are we having **fun** ?

I don't think this is **fun**

Why on Earth would anyone

Watch grass grow in the **sun** ?

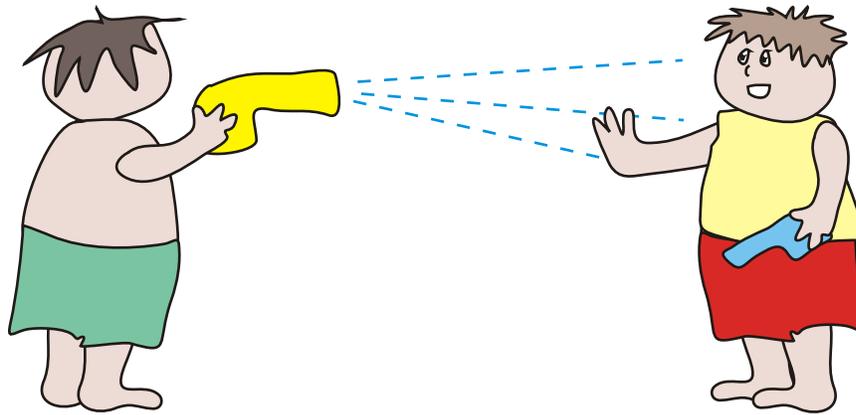


I like to **run**, I really do

I can **run, run, run** much faster than you

If you want to **run** as fast as me

You need another foot – I **run** with three

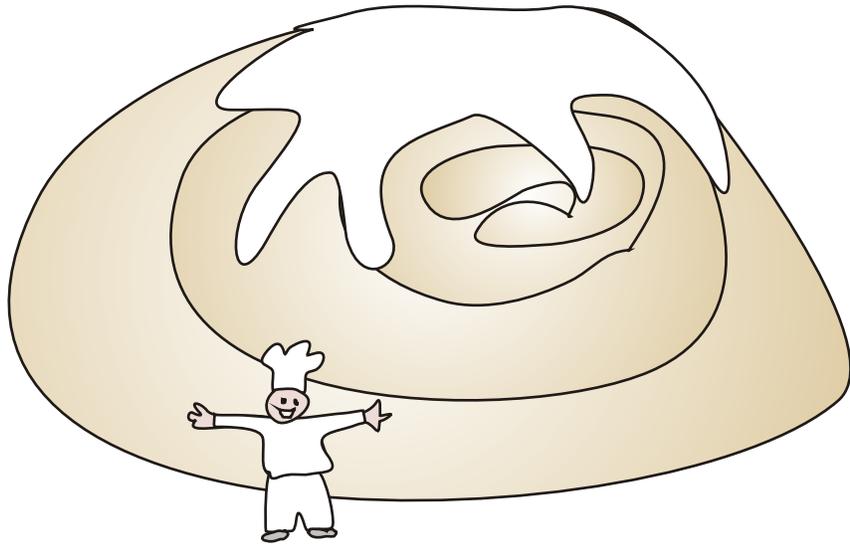


Stand still when I squirt you with my **gun**

I can't hit you when you **run**

My water **gun** is bigger than yours

And I want to win our water war



The baker baked a cinnamon **bun**  
As big as a house, it weighed a ton  
It took him half a year to eat  
That cinnamon **bun**, so sticky and sweet



Ice cream is so yummy **yum**

I like it in my tummy **tum**

So mother may I please have some

Yummy **yum** for my tummy **tum**

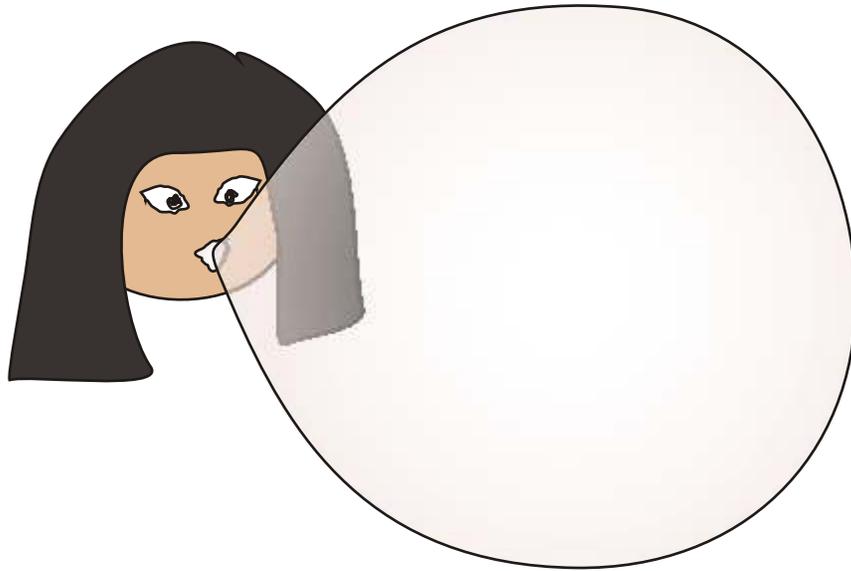


I like music and I like to **hum**

I can **hum** along with song

I would much, much rather **hum** a song

Than mess up the words and get it wrong

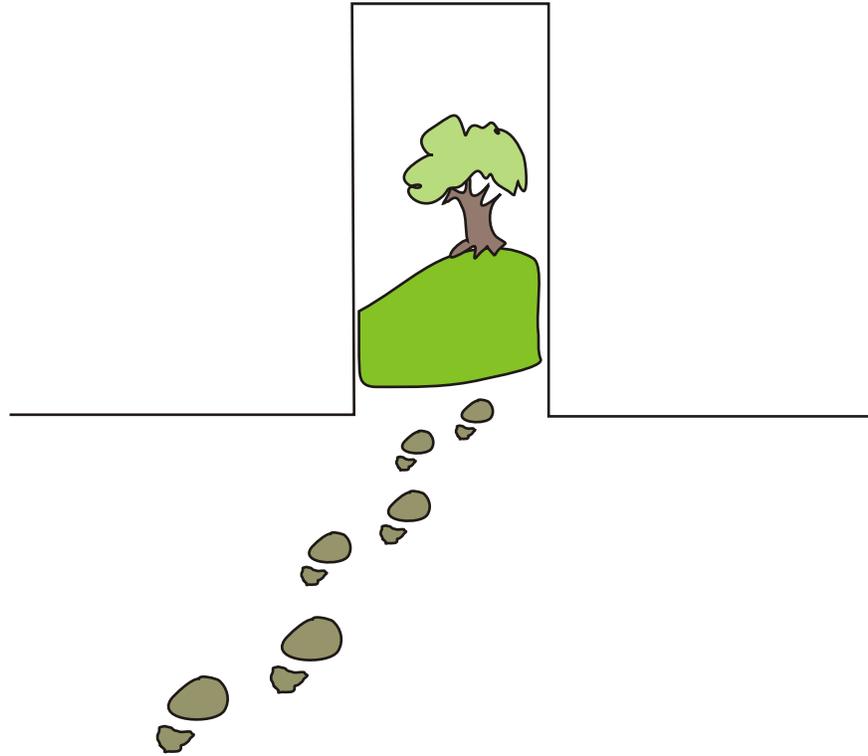


I like chewing bubble **gum**

I chew a lot of **gum**

I put the **gum** inside my mouth

And I blow big bubbles out



The **mud** on my shoes

Put **mud** on the floor –

See those big **mud** footprints

Walking out the door



I picked a flower **bud**  
And gave it to my sister  
She ate the flower **bud**  
And cried until I kissed her

The title "Mix It Up" is written in a playful, rounded font. The word "Mix" is in blue, "It" is in yellow, and "Up" is in red. The letters are slightly tilted and have a soft shadow effect.

When the child is comfortable reading the Big Red Words in this book, the child is ready for “Mix It Up” – the part of the book where the child practices reading a variety of short vowel words.

## What's the right way to get rid of a bug?



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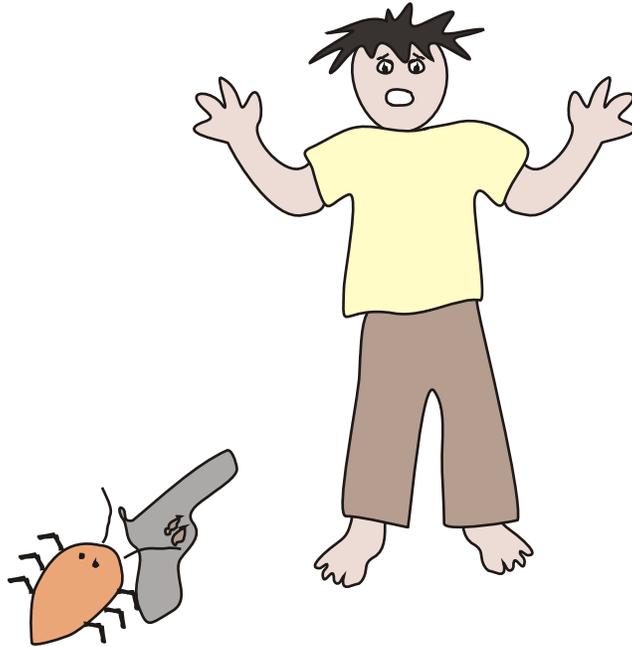
Do **I** say goodbye and give **it a hug** ?

And what **if** the **bug is in** my **mug** ?

Do **I tip it** out all over the **rug** ?

And what **if** the **bug** crawls **up on** my toe?

Do **I** scream and holler or just say, "No"?



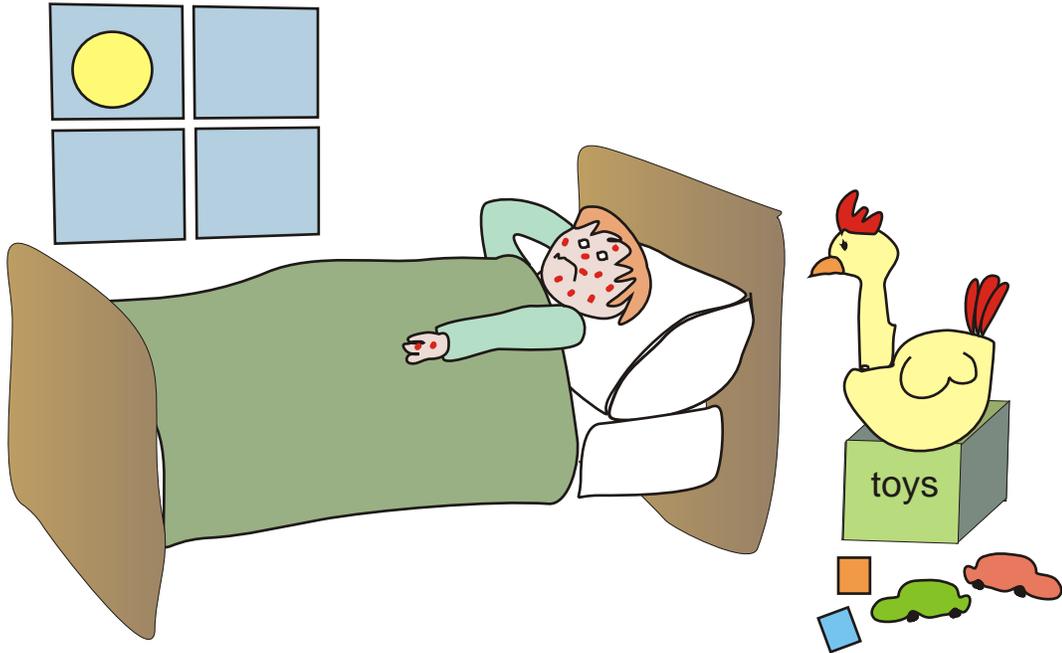
And what **if** the **bug is** waving **a gun**?

Do **I** call **a cop** or **get up** and **run**?

**I** just don't know, that's why **I** ask

Because the **bug is on** you... and off me **at** last

## Chicken Pox



**I** want to have some **fun in** the **sun**

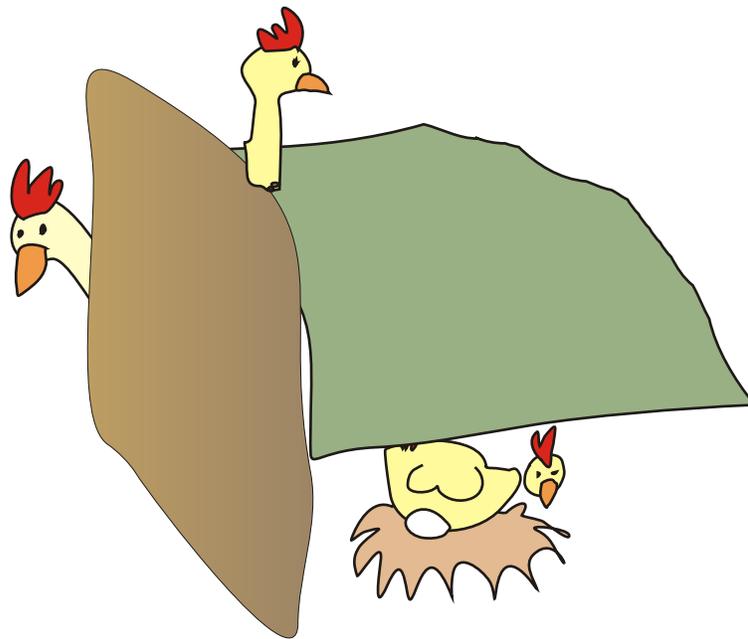
**I** want to **hop** and jump and **run**

**But I am** stuck inside with the chicken **pox**

My tummy **is** covered with little **red** dots

Why **is it** called the chicken **pox** ?

**Is a** chicken hiding, somewhere **in a box**?



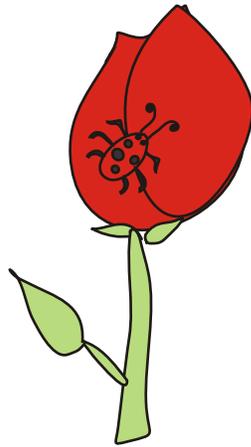
Or maybe **a** chicken **is** under my **bed**

Making **a** nest and laying **an** egg.

All **I** want **is** to go out and play

**I** wish these chickens would all **run** away

## Bug and bud



There's **a** lady **bug on** the flower **bud**

**But I** really don't know where

The **bug is red**

The **bud is red**

**I** can't see **if** the **bug is** there

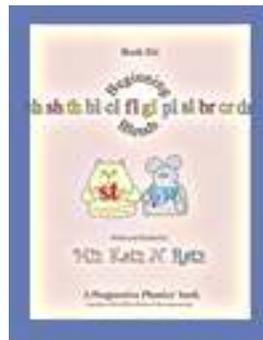
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