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**to Sister Mary Jude,
my first-grade teacher in Mission, Kansas
—B.P.C.**

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Dear Parents and Educators,

As a former adult literacy coach and the father of three children, I know that learning to read isn't always easy. That's why I developed **Sounds Like Reading™**—a series that uses a combination of devices to help children learn to read.

This book is the second in the **Sounds Like Reading™** series. It uses rhyme, repetition, illustration, and phonics to introduce young readers to short vowel sounds and consonant blends—“sound-utable” letter combinations such as *cl*, *tr*, *br*, and *st*.

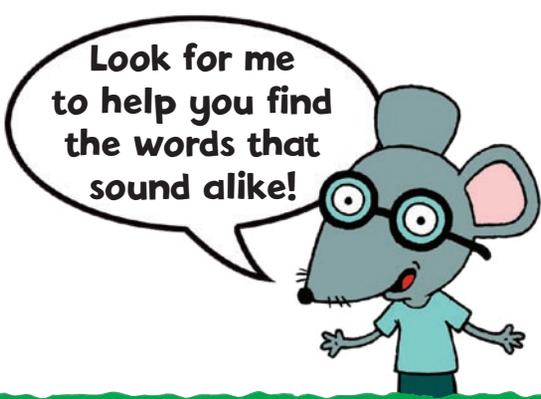
Starting on page 4, you'll see three rhyming words on each left-hand page. These words are part of the sentence on the facing page. They all feature short vowels and consonant blends. As the book progresses, the sentences become more challenging. These sentences contain a “discovery” word—an extra rhyming word in addition to those that appear on the left. Toward the end of the book, the sentences contain two discovery words. Children will delight in the increased confidence that finding and decoding these words will bring. They'll also enjoy looking for the mouse that appears throughout the book. The mouse asks readers to look for words that sound alike.

The bridge to literacy is one of the most important we will ever cross. It is my hope that the **Sounds Like Reading™** series will help young readers to hop, gallop, and skip from one side to the other!

Sincerely,



Brian P. Cleary



Look for me
to help you find
the words that
sound alike!

clam

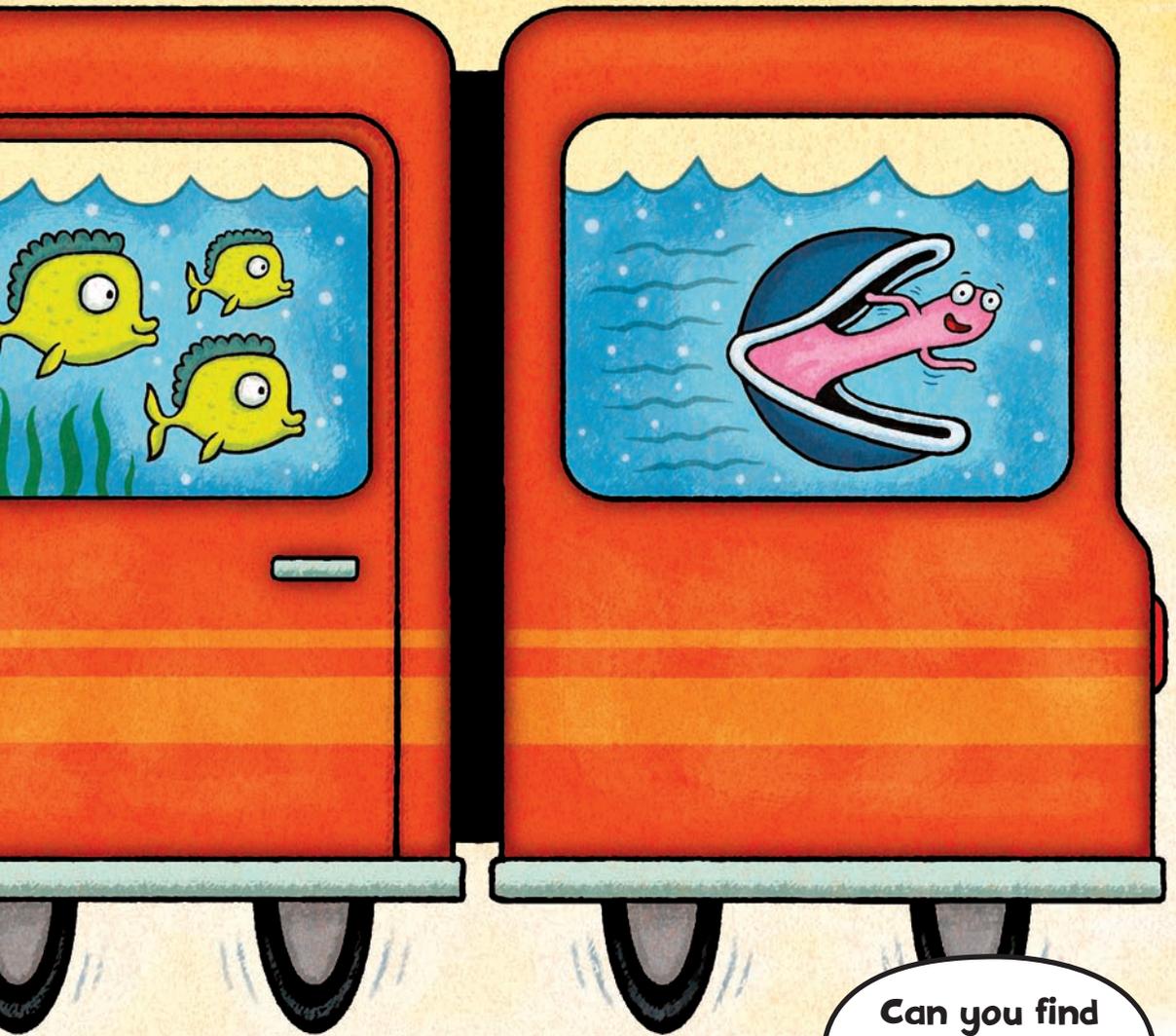


swam



tram



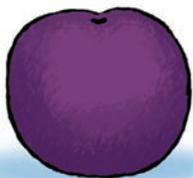


Can you find
three words that
sound alike?



The **clam swam** in the **tram**.

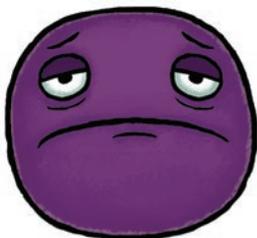
plum



drum



glum





Can you find three words that sound alike?

The **plum** on the **drum** is **glum**.

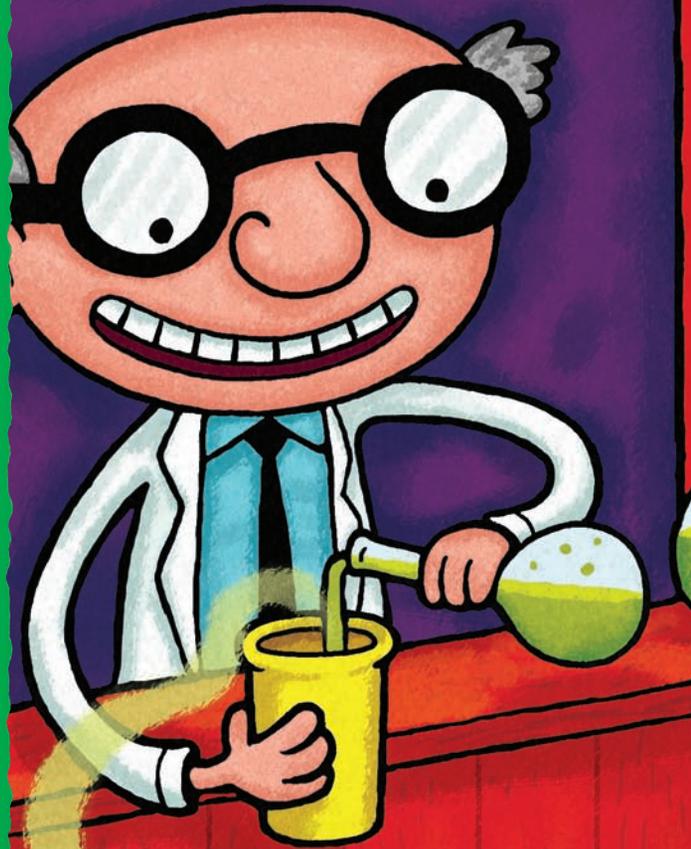
drink



stink



blink



Can you find
the word that
sounds like drink,
stink, and blink?





The **drink** from the **rink** had such a **stink**, it made him **blink**.

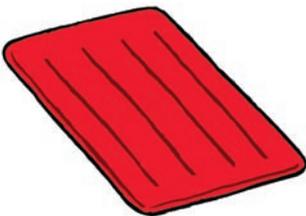
Fred



sped



sled



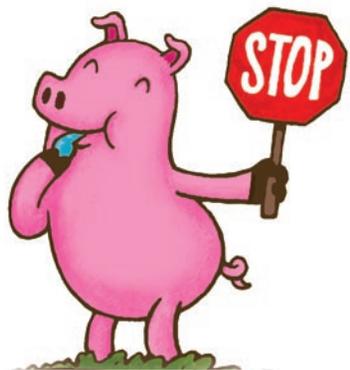
Can you find
the word that
sounds like Fred,
sped, and sled?





Fred sped his sled by the bed.

stop



drop



slop



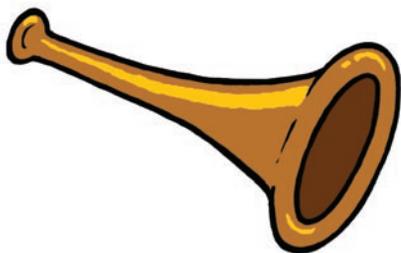


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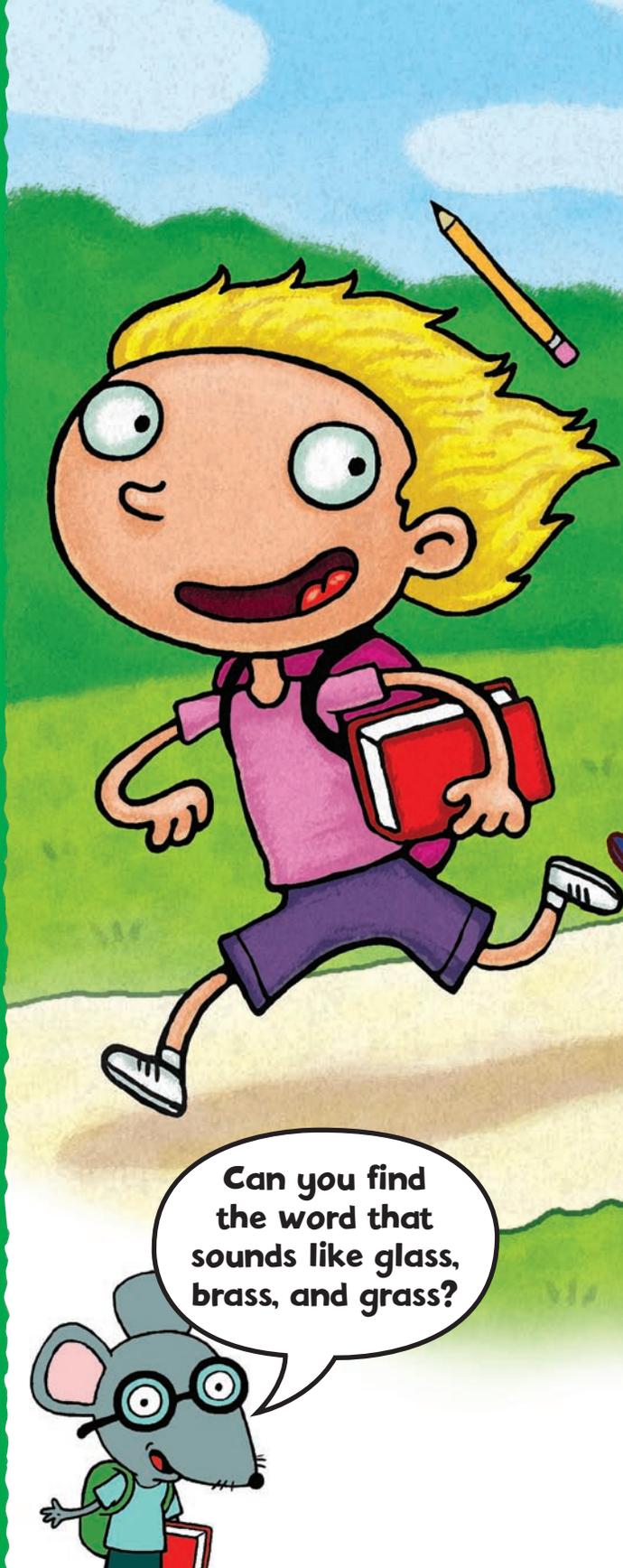
glass



brass



grass



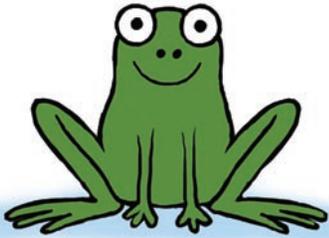
Can you find
the word that
sounds like glass,
brass, and grass?



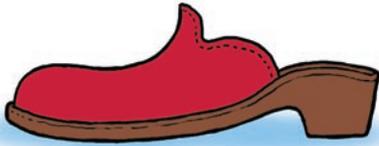


The **glass** and the **brass** were on the **grass** after **class**.

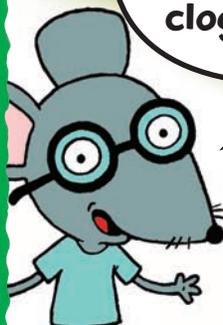
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clog



smog



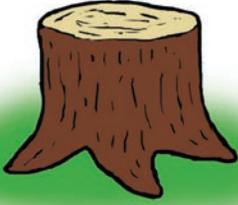
Can you find
the word that
sounds like frog,
clog, and smog?





The **frog** by the **clog** is in a **fog**
of **smog**.

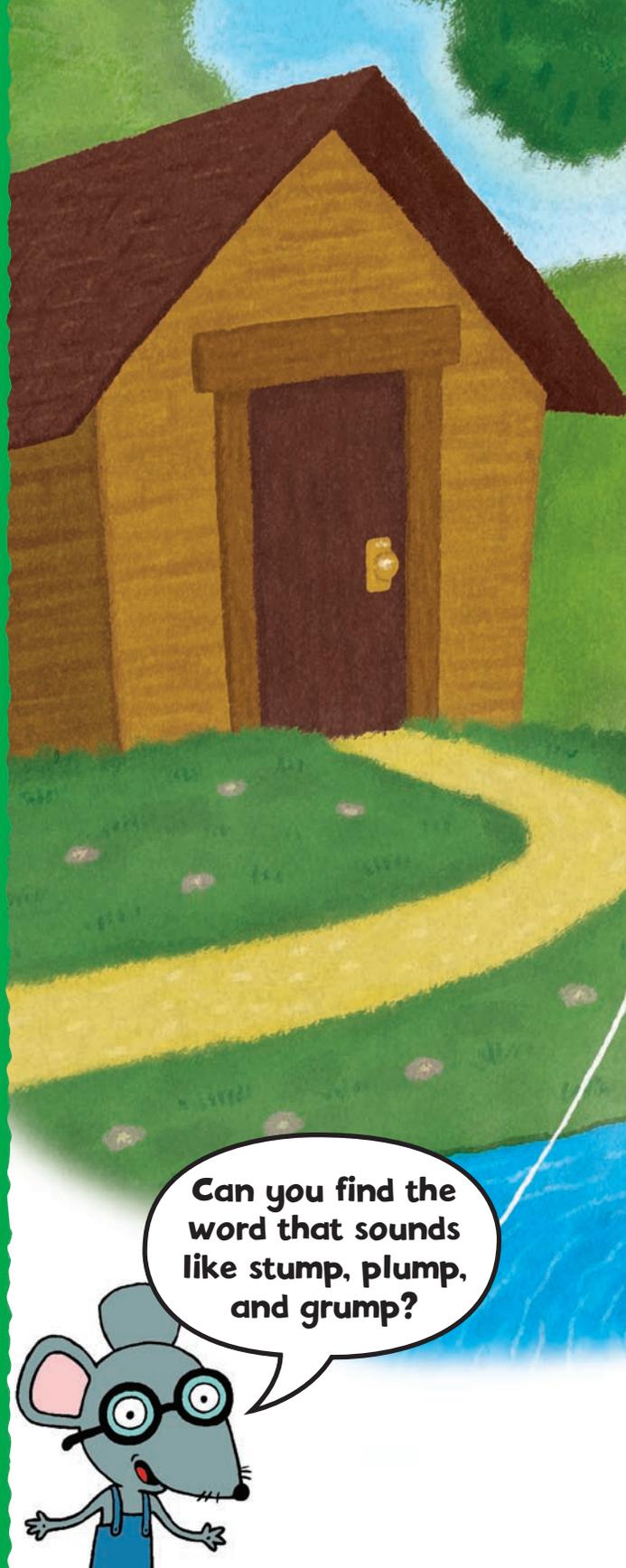
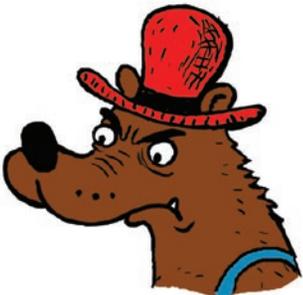
stump



plump



grump



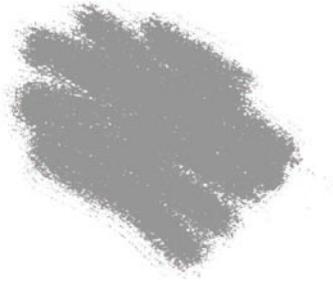
Can you find the word that sounds like stump, plump, and grump?



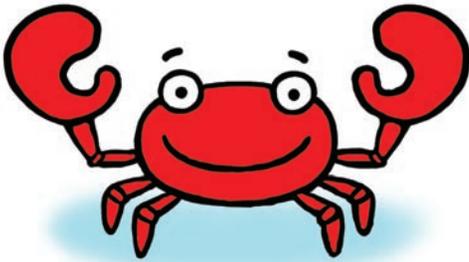


The **stump** and the **lump** are by
the **plump grump**.

drab



crab

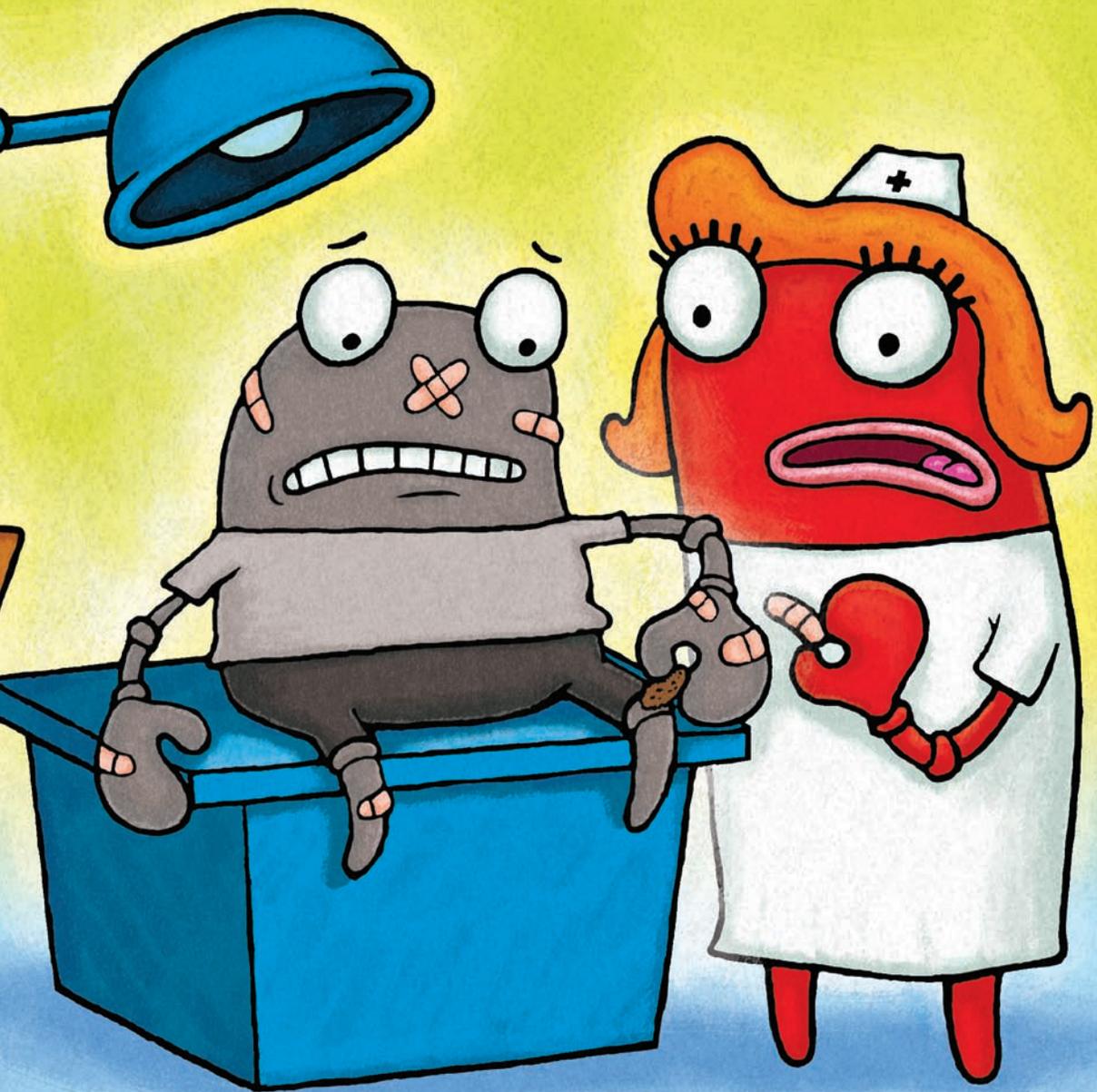


grab



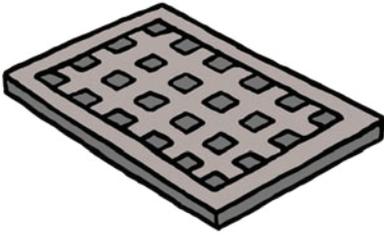
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the word that
sounds like drab,
crab, and grab?



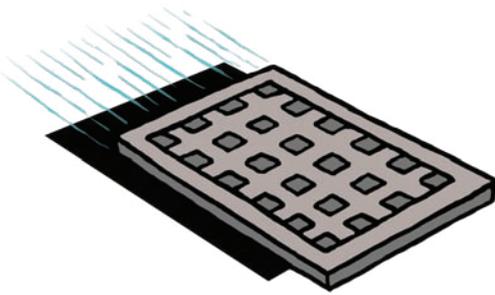


The **drab crab** can **grab** his **scab**.

grid



slid



skid



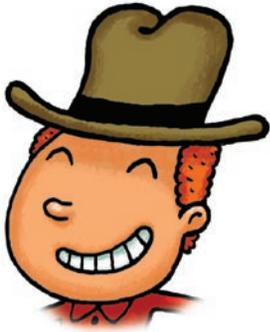
Can you find
the word that
sounds like grid,
slid, and skid?



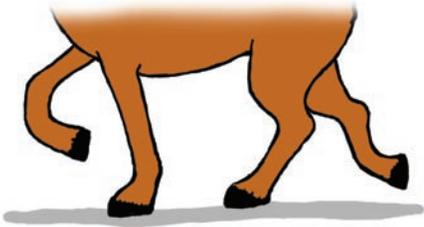


The **grid slid** and made the **kid skid**.

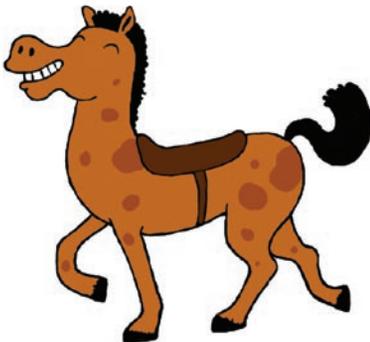
Scott



trot



Spot



Can you find
two words that
sound like Scott,
trot, and Spot?



Scott got to **trot** with **Spot** to the **plot**.

spell

SWE

swell

SWELL

smell



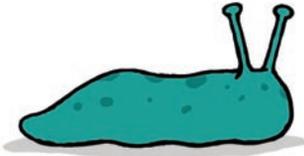
Can you find two words that sound like spell, swell, and smell?



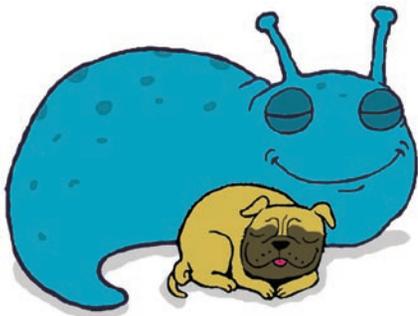


Nell can **spell swell** by the **well**
with the **smell**.

slug



snug



plug

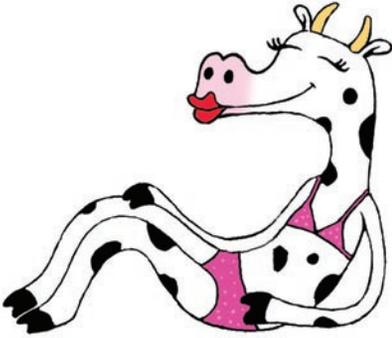




Can you find
two words that
sound like slug,
snug, and plug?

The **slug** and **pug** slept **snug** on
the **rug** by the **plug**.

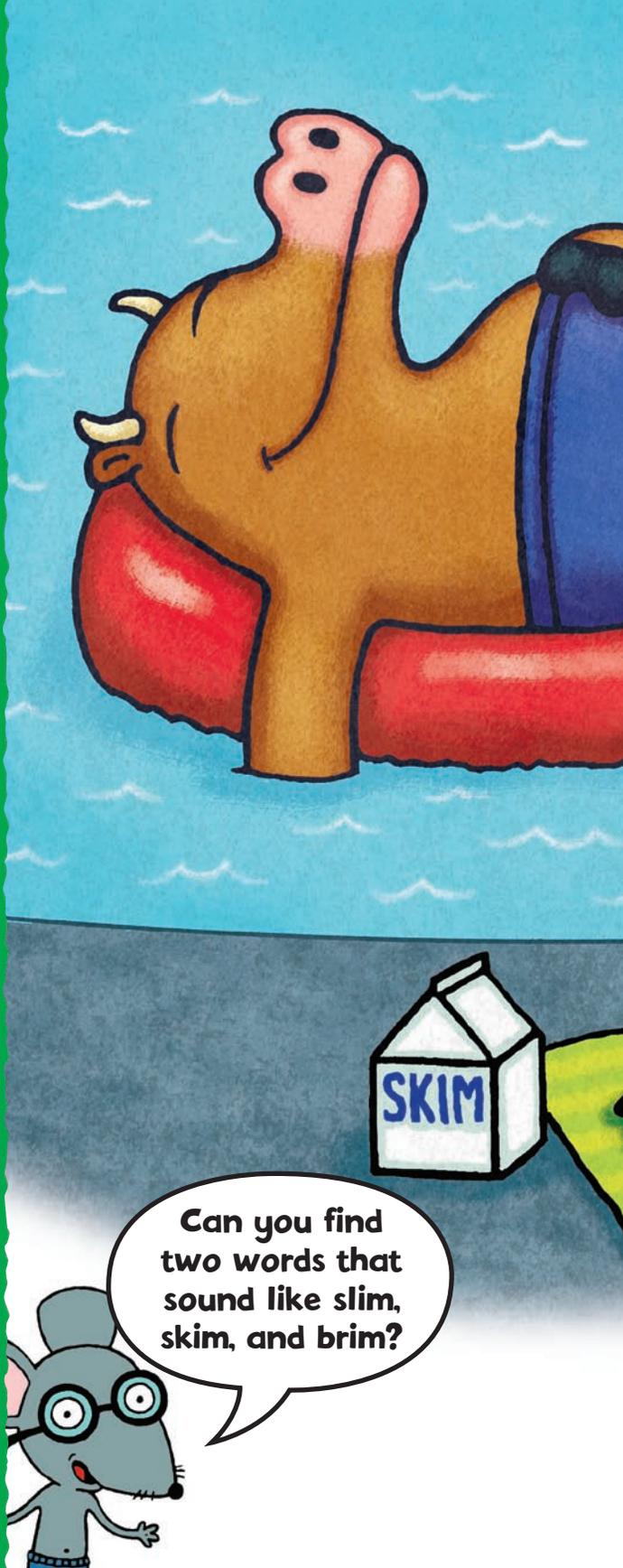
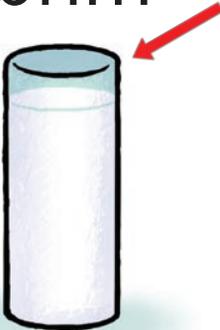
slim

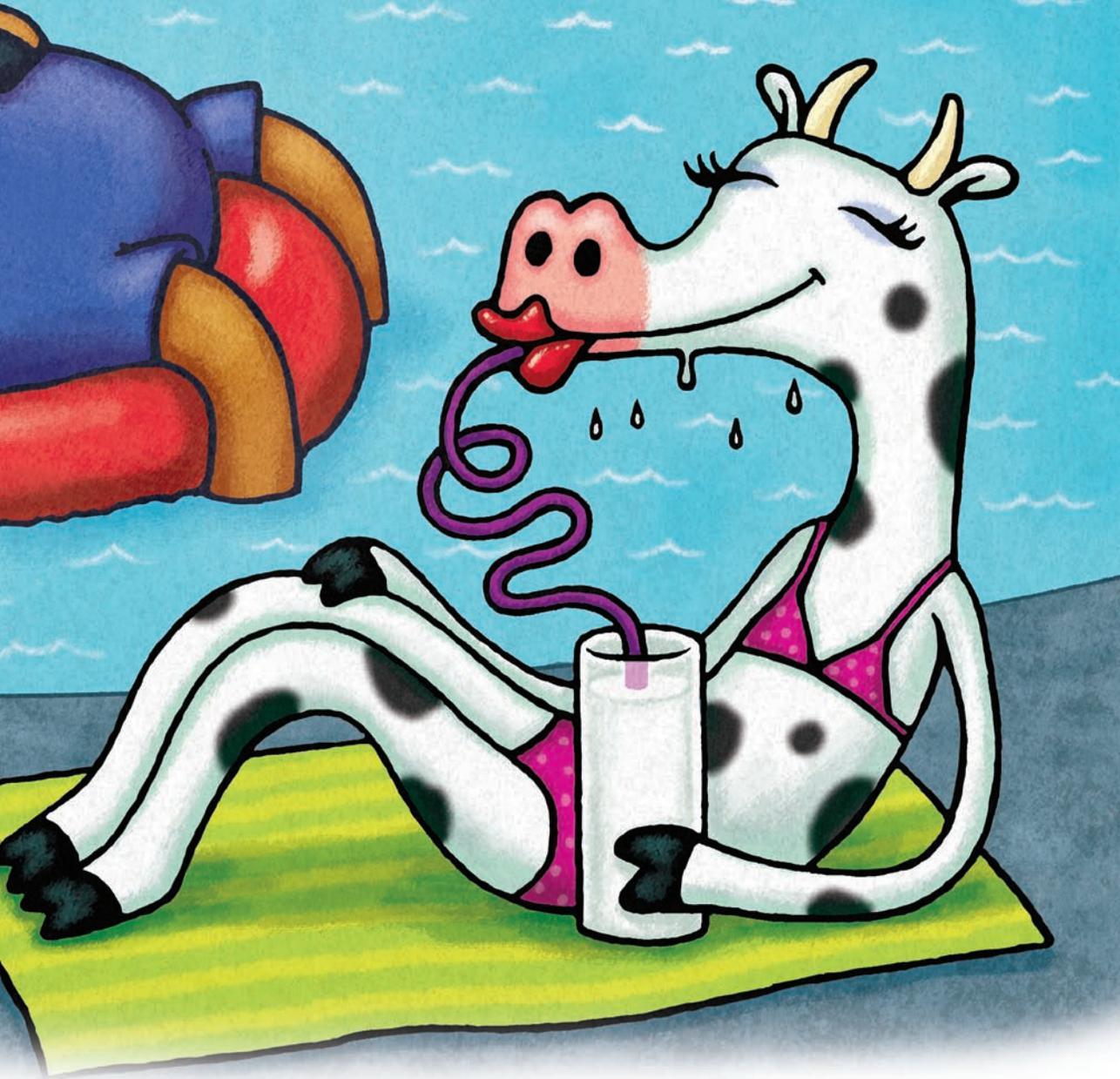


skim



brim



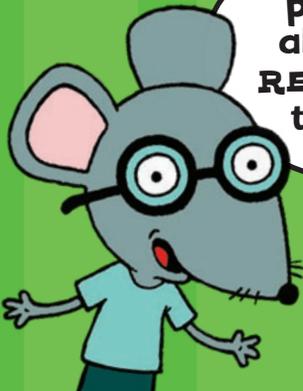


Slim Kim drank a cup of **skim**
filled to the **brim** after a **swim**.

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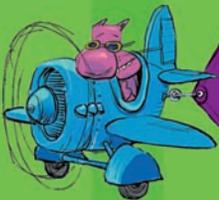
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