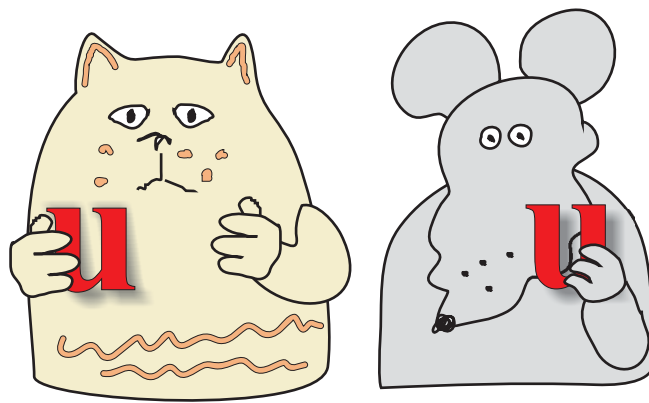


# Book Five

Short vowel  
**U**



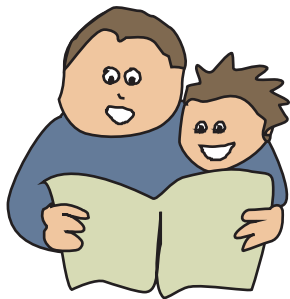
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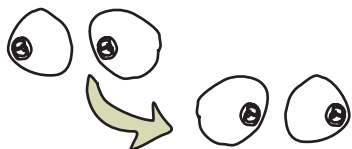
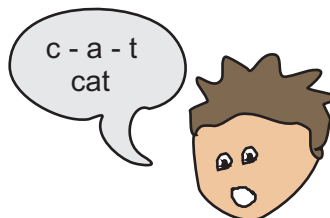
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## Quick Start Guide



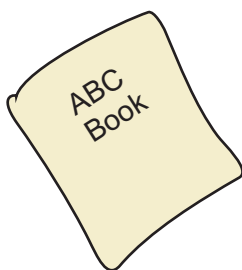
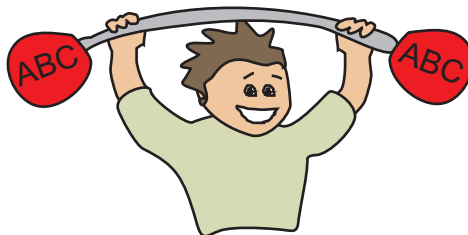
Read the book **WITH** your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.



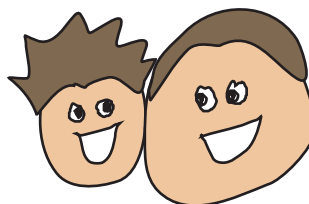
Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

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 want to eat this nut

Monkey number one in the monkey hut

I want to play trains but my brother says no

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

The baker baked a cinnamon bun

## Index Page continued...

### **gum hum yum tum**

Ice cream is so yummy yum

I like music, I like to hum

I like chewing bubble gum

### **mud bud**

I didn't do it

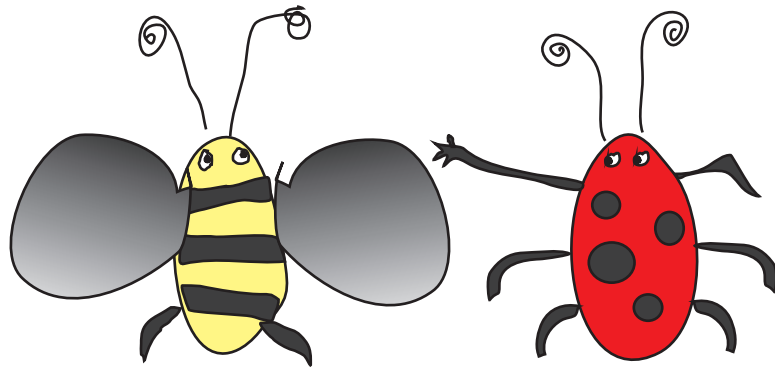
I picked a flower bud

### **Mix it up**

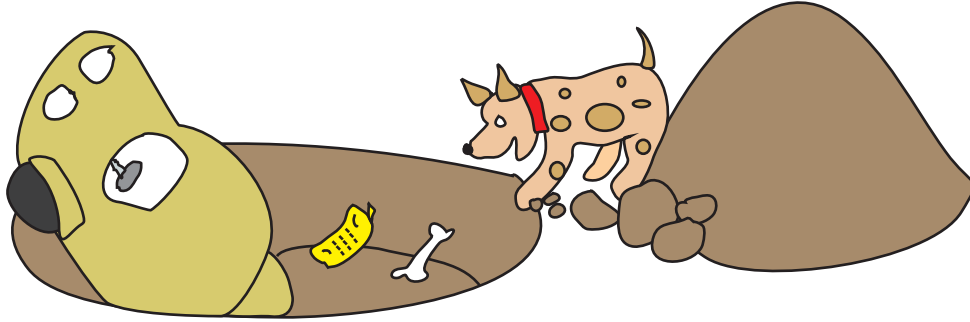
What's the right way to get rid of a bug?

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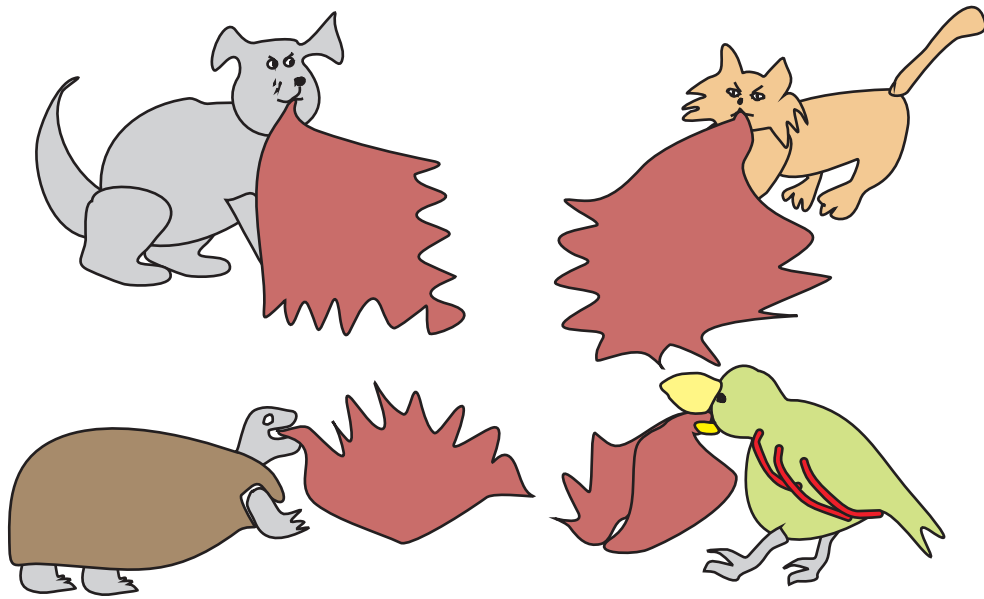
There's a lady bug on the flower bud



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**  
on the **rug**.

A few days later, I found my **mug**.  
I looked inside and said, “Ugh!”  
Something was growing inside  
that **mug** – green and gross  
and totally yuck.



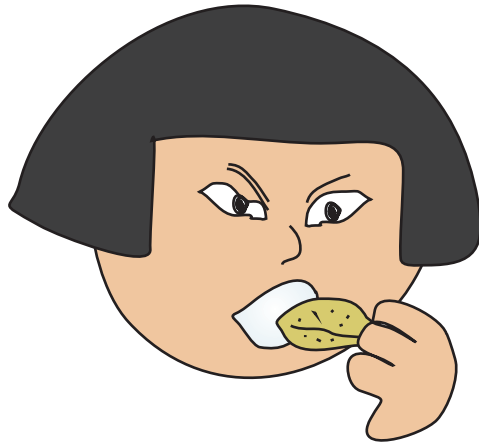


There's a cloud **up** there,  
way **up** in the sky,  
white and fluffy,  
and **up** really high.

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 a little **pup**,  
and the little **pup** drank **up**  
all the milk in the **cup**.



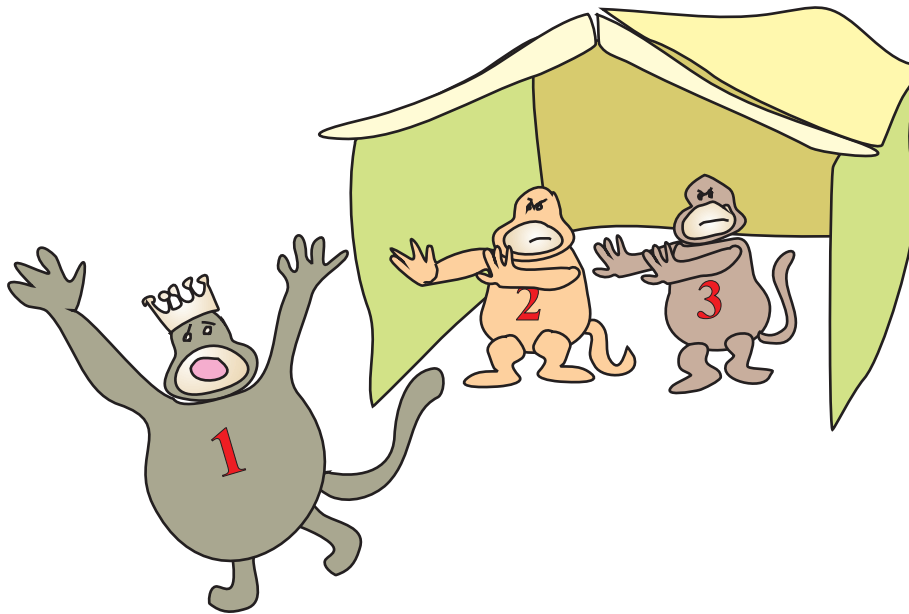
I want to eat this **nut**, **but**

I can't seem to chew it.

I want to eat this **nut**, **but**

my teeth can't **cut** through it.

A nut would be nice, a **nut** would  
be good, **but** this **nut** is as hard  
as a piece of wood.

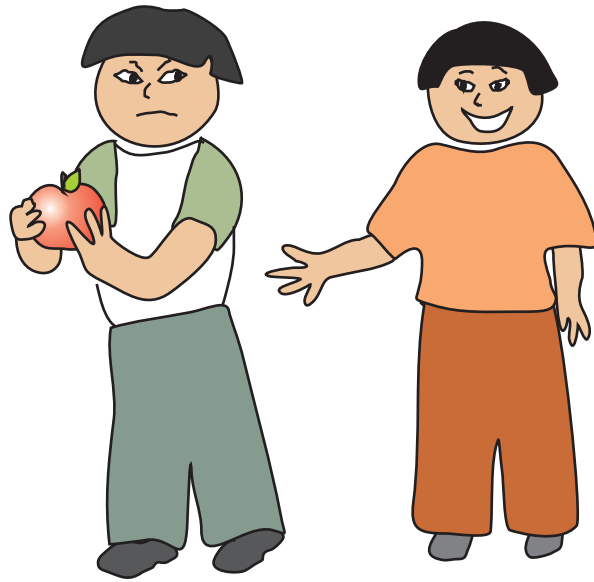


Monkey number one in the monkey **hut** was mean to all the monkeys in the monkey **hut**. “I am king,” said monkey number one, “and in this **hut**, no one can have fun.”

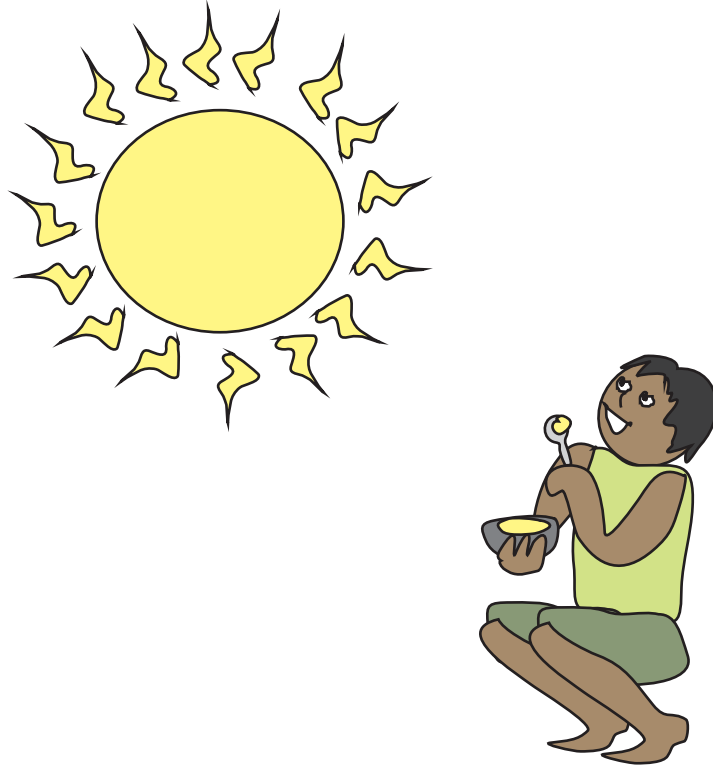
**But** monkey number three and monkey number two didn’t want a king to tell them what to do. So they walked right **up** to the king of the **hut**, and they threw him out of the monkey **hut**.



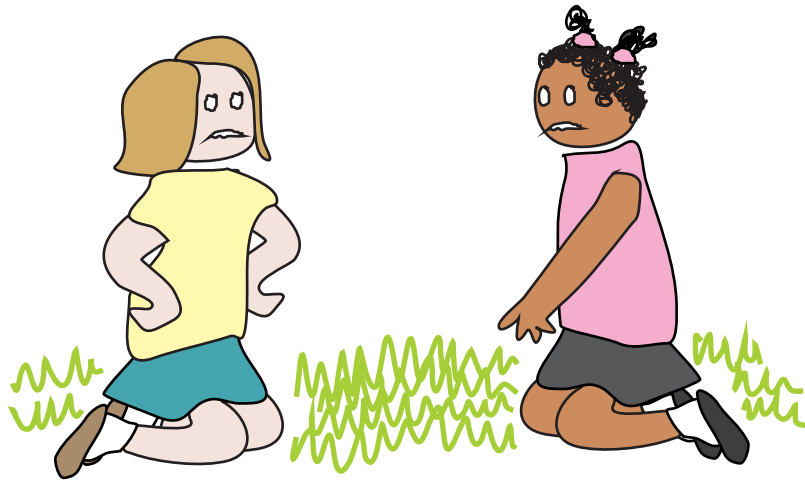
I want to play trains, **but** my brother says no. I want to play outside, **but** my brother won't go. I want to kick a ball, **but** I broke my toe. I guess I will sit and pick my.... nooooo I won't, that's much too rude – **but** my nose has an itch, and I don't know what to do.



Why do you say I'm greedy?  
I'll share with you if you're needy,  
so let's **cut** this apple in two –  
a piece for me, and a 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,  
and the **sun** is yellow.  
The **sun** is like  
my lemon Jello.<sup>T.M.</sup>



Are we having **fun** yet –  
are we having **fun**?

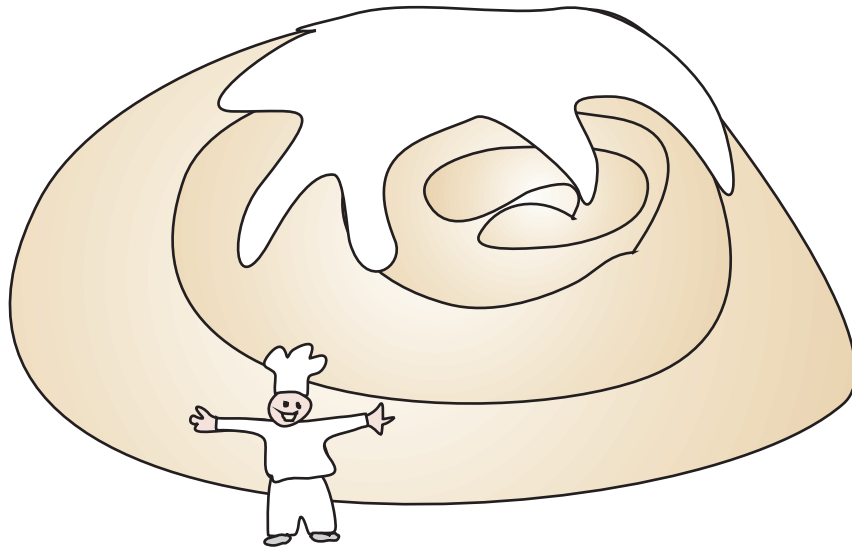
We thought it would be  
lots of **fun** to watch the  
grass grow in the **sun**.



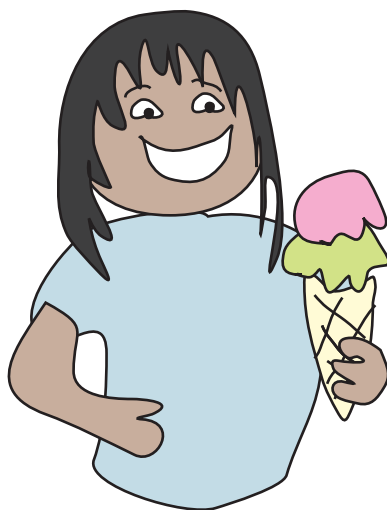


I like to **run** – I really do.

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.



A baker baked a cinnamon **bun**  
as big as a house – it weighed a ton.  
That cinnamon **bun** was lots of **fun**,  
**but** it got sticky in the **sun**.  
The sugar on top of the cinnamon **bun**  
started to melt and started to **run**.  
The baker said, “oops,” and he started  
to **run**. The sugar chased the baker  
all down the street, which is why you never  
bake a **bun** that’s much too sweet.



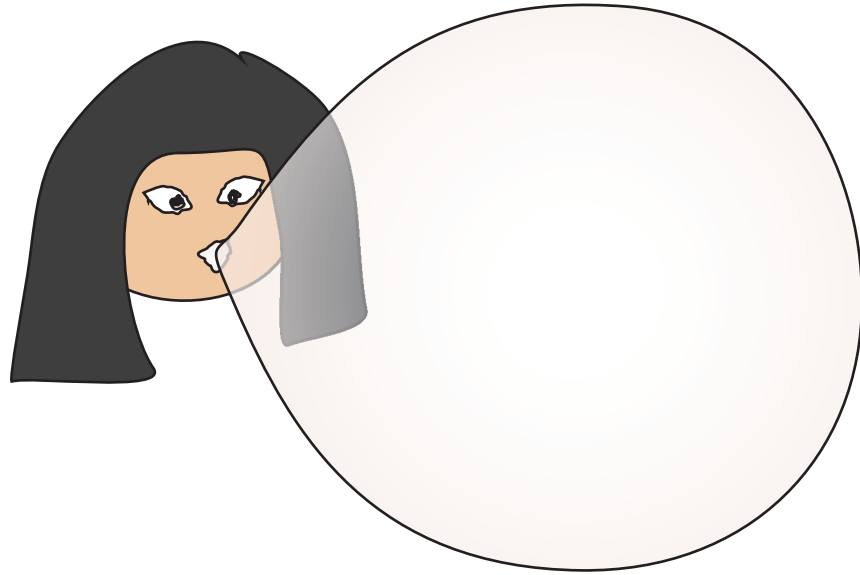
Ice cream is so yummy **yum**.  
I like it in my tummy **tum**.  
So I want lots of yummy **yum**  
to put inside my tummy-**tum**.



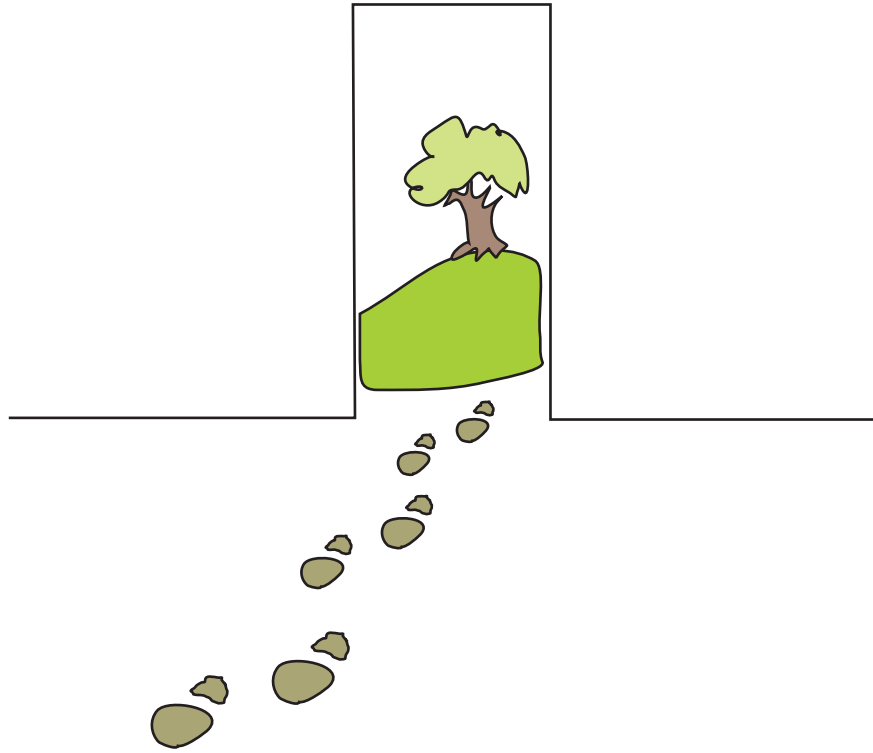
I like music and I like to **hum**.

I can **hum** to almost any song.

I would much, much rather **hum** a song,  
than mess up the words and get it wrong.



I like chewing bubble **gum**,  
so I chew a lot of **gum**.  
But when I put **gum** inside  
my mouth, big, bad, bubbles  
keep coming out.



I didn't do it – it wasn't me.

I didn't get **mud**  
on my two little feet.

It was the **mud**  
that walked in the door,  
and the **mud** left **mud** footprints  
all over the floor.



I picked a flower **bud**  
and gave it to my sister.  
She tried to eat the **bud**  
and cried until I kissed her.

# Mix it up

When a child is comfortable reading the Big Red Words in this book, he/she 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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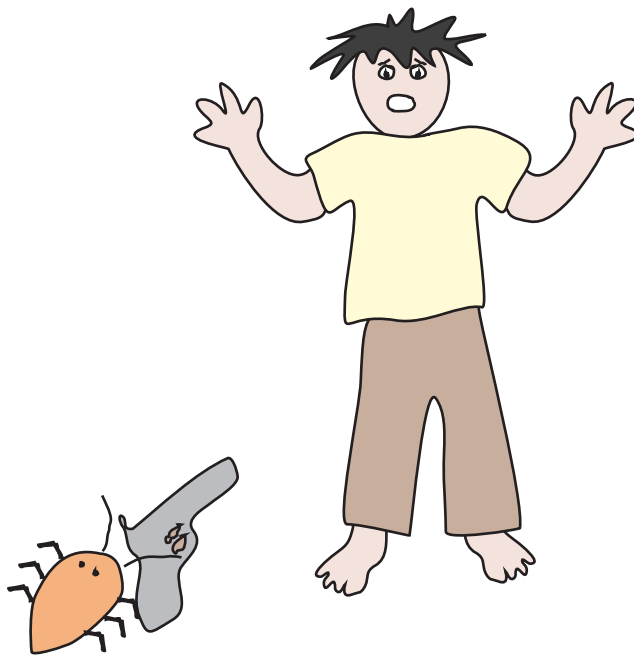
Do **I** say goodbye and give **it a hug**?

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

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

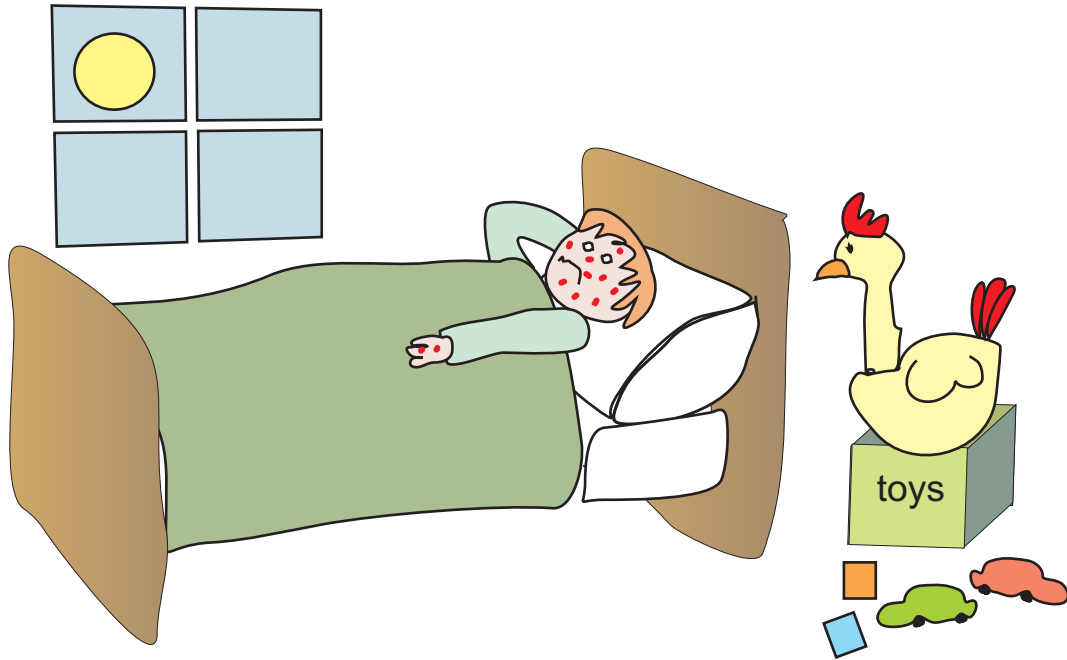
And what **if** the **bug** crawls **up on** my toe?

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



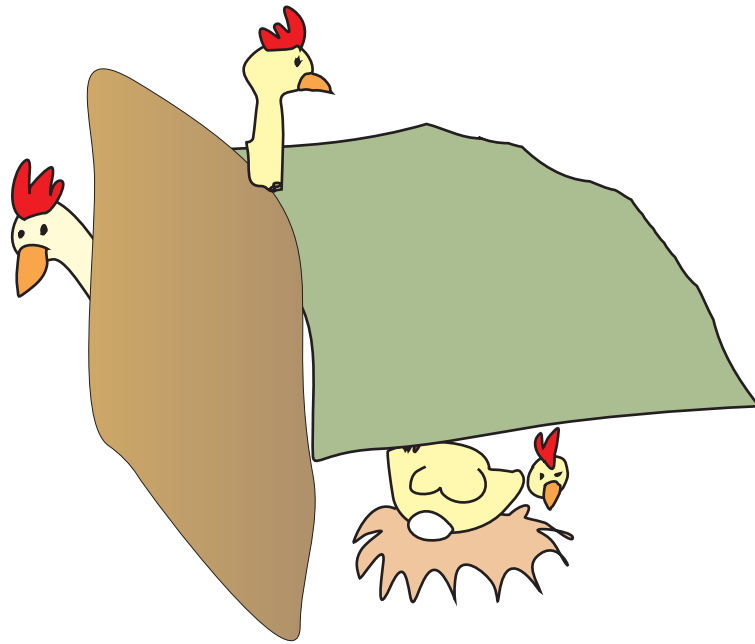
I want to have some **fun in** the **sun**.

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

**But I am in bed** with the chicken **pox**,  
and **I am** covered with **a** zillion dots.

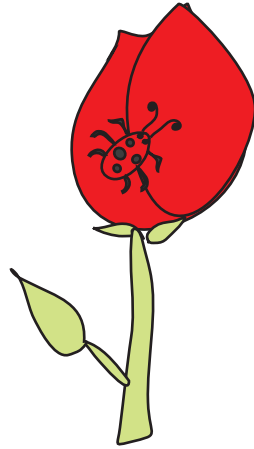
Why **is it** called the chicken **pox**?

**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**,  
and the **bud is red** – the  
**bug is in bed but I**  
can't see where.

# The end

## Don't forget!

If you have a moment (and if you are willing), email us with your comments. Thanks!

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