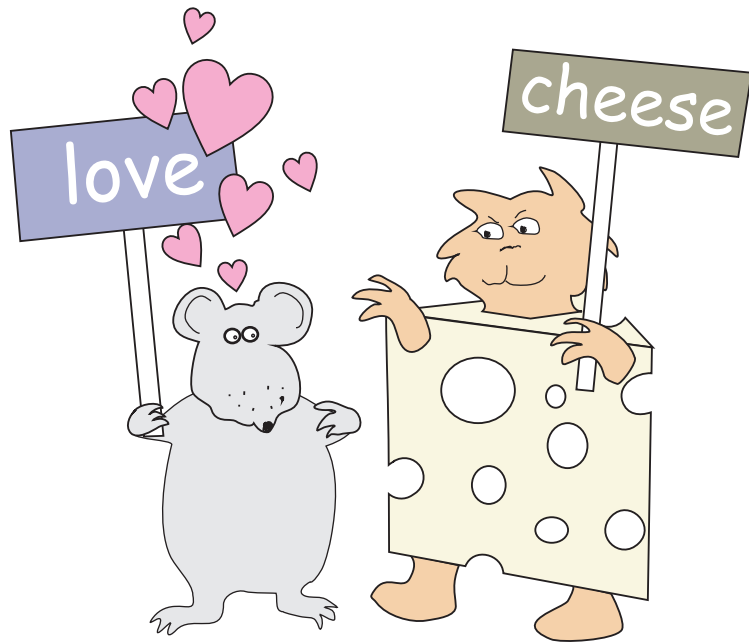


Advanced  
Book 4  
**Silent E  
Variations**



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A Progressive Phonics™ book

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Taught in this book:

- More about the Silent E – variations on the rule and the common exceptions to the rule.
- That the Silent E can make the letter "O" make different sounds.

Words taught in this book:

Gone, give, live, alive.

Please, cheese, sneeze, tease, leave, sleeve, goose, moose, loose, choose, chose, snooze, juice.

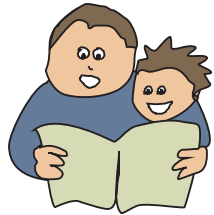
Prince, since, rinse, twelve, waste, taste.

Done, come, some, none, one, once, glove, love.

Son, won, from.

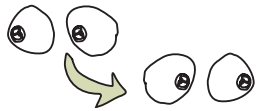
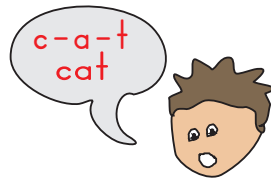
Lose, move.

## Quick Start Guide



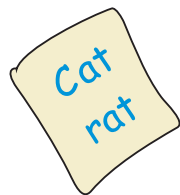
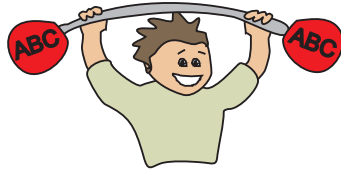
Read the book WITH your child. You read the “regular” text, and he/she reads the big, red words, sort of like reading the different parts in a play.

Help your child sound out the words as needed.



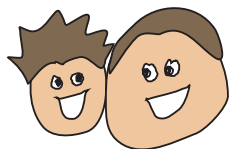
Read the book several times. This helps develop the eye muscles and left-to-right reading patterns that are necessary for reading.

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 simple short vowel words. Read or re-read the Progressive Phonics Beginner Books a few times, and then try this book again.

And most important of all, HAVE FUN!



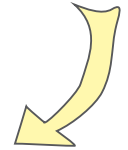
Words that a child should be able to read by now are printed with BLUE ink – if your child can't read them easily, go back and review the earlier books.

The new words being learned are “big, red words”.



Is my clock sick?

It only says tick.



Words or grammatical constructions that a child has not learned yet are written in black ink. **These words are supposed to be read by the parent/teacher. \*\***

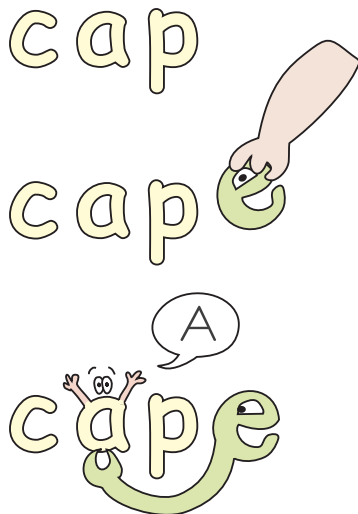
\*\* Your child can try to read them, but don't worry too much about them. They are taught later, either in later Progressive Phonics books, or in spelling or grammar at school.



## Silent E

In an earlier book, we learned about the Silent E – this is a little “e” at the end of a word that is very, very naughty.

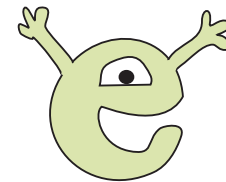
The Silent E reaches around and pinches the first vowel, making it call out its name.



The letter “e” at the end makes no sound of its own, which is why it is called a Silent E.



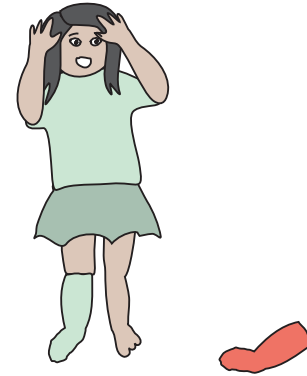
The Silent E also does a few more tricks – and sometimes a silent E does nothing at all. This is what we will learn in this book.



## Silent E exceptions

In these four words, the Silent E  
does not pinch the first vowel:

gone    have  
         give  
         live



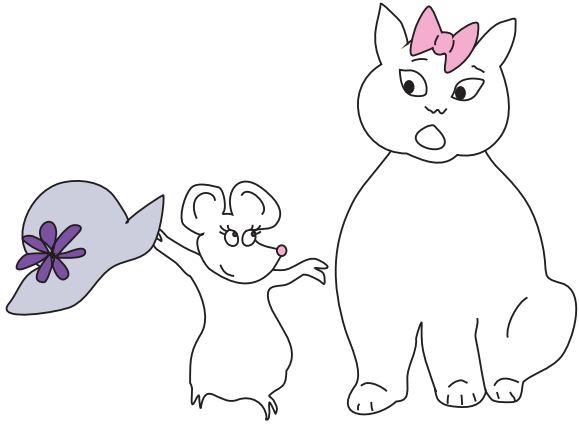
I need to put my sock **on**,  
but my silly sock is **gone**.

Has it **gone** away?

Has it **gone** to bed?

Or has my sock **gone**

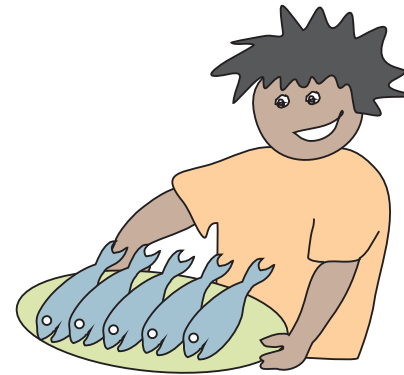
from **green** to **red**?



If I a **gift** to a  
girly cat, I will **give**  
a **gift** of a girly hat.  
And the girly hat that I  
**give** to the cat will be  
stolen by a girly rat.



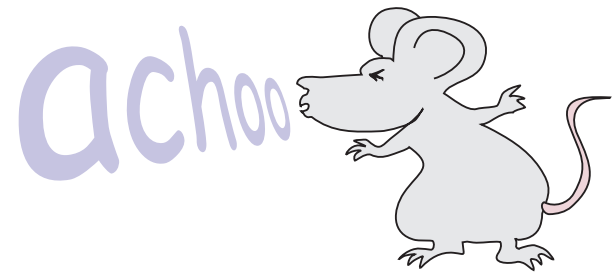
The word "live" sometimes  
sounds like "give" and some-  
times sounds like "five."



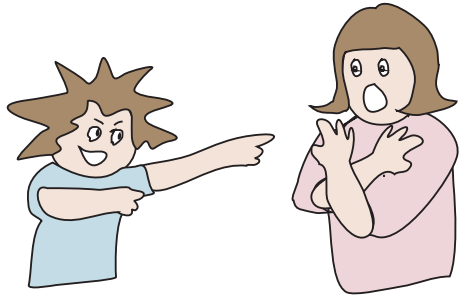
I **live** in a house with **five**  
fake fish, and my **five** fake  
fish **live** in a dish. If I had  
**live** fish, I would keep them  
in a pot. Are my fish **alive**?  
I think not.

## Silent E after two vowels

When two vowels are next to each other, one of the vowels calls out its name (usually the first vowel, but not always), so the Silent E doesn't do anything. It just sits there, saying nothing.

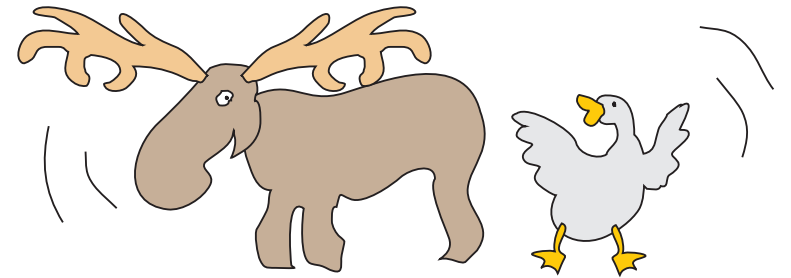


“Please pass the  
cheese,” said the rat  
with a sneeze. But there  
was no cheese, just pepper  
if you please, and the pepper  
made the rat go sneeze,  
sneeze, sneeze.

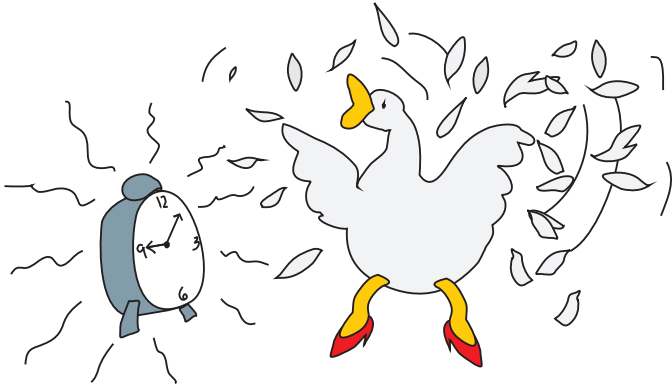


My bad, bad brother is such a  
tease. He tries to wipe his  
nose on my sleeve. I say  
to him, "Please leave  
me be," but my bad, bad  
brother says, "Tee, hee, hee."

"Tee, hee, hee" is a silly laugh.



Oh, no! The goose is  
loose! The moose too?  
The moose is loose! The  
moose and the goose are  
loose at the zoo, and I think  
they want to dance with you.



A goose can choose  
to snooze. A goose  
can choose to snooze  
in shoes. And if a goose  
chose to snooze too  
much, my clock can  
choose to wake her up.

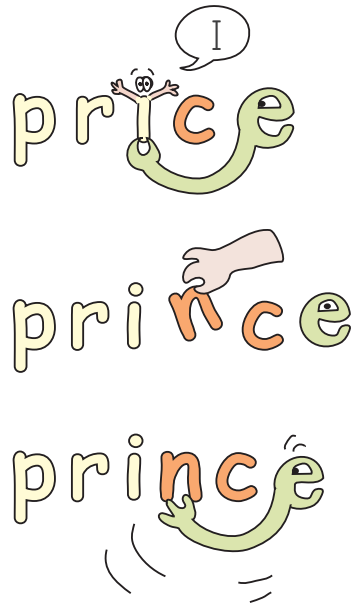


Fruit juice is good to  
drink. Fruit juice is  
good, I think. Fruit  
juice is in my cup,  
so shall I drink it down,  
or shall I drink it up?

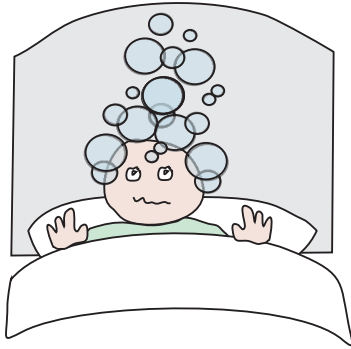


## Silent E after two consonants

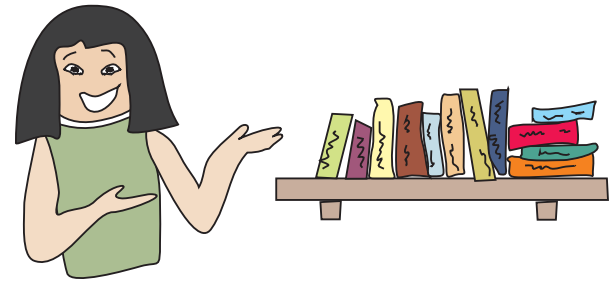
When there are two consonants between the first vowel and the Silent E at the end, the Silent E can't reach around to pinch the vowel — his arm is too short — so the first vowel makes its normal sound.



A **prince** went to the shop to buy a pig, but the **price** of the pig was much too big. The **prince** came home with just a pie because the **price** of a pig was much too high.



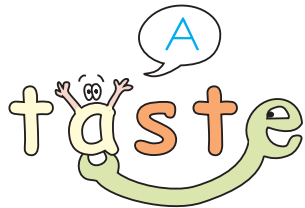
It has been **nine** hours **since**  
 I went to bed – and look at all  
 these bubbles **on my** head. Did I  
 forget **to rinse** my hair? Did  
 I forget **to rinse** my teeth? Or  
 did I grow bubbles **in my** sleep?



I have **twelve** books **upon**  
 my shelf. I can read all  
**twelve** all by myself.  
 And if you wish to read  
**twelve** too, then I will  
 loan all **twelve** to you.

## Exceptions to the two-consonant rule

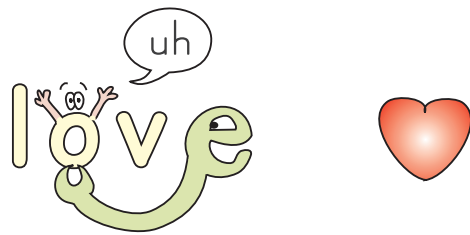
Normally, a Silent E can't reach around two consonants to pinch a vowel, but there are a few words where the Silent E gets stretchy enough to reach around and pinch the first vowel. This happens in only a few words, like "waste" and "taste."



If I hold my nose, it is  
hard to **taste**. I did it  
on the day that I turned eight  
— what a **waste** not to  
**taste** my birthday cake.

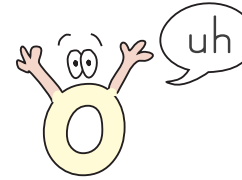
## Silent E and the letter "o"

Uh-oh! The Silent E can make the letter "O" say "uh!" or "oh!"



Note: "Uh, oh!" is an expression of dismay, used when something bad has happened or is about to happen.

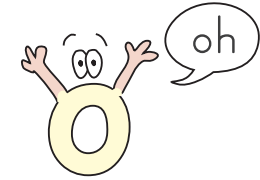
This usually happens when the middle consonant is a "V," an "M" or an "N."



love  
glove  
above

some  
come  
become

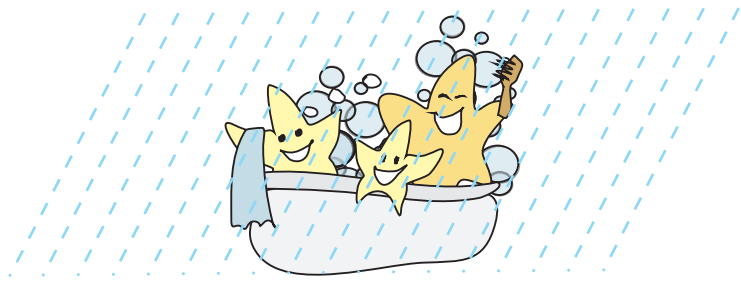
done  
none  
one



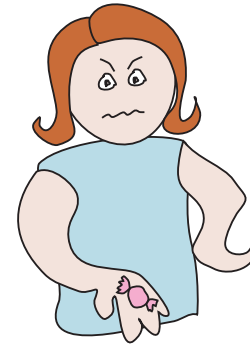
drove  
cove  
wove

dome  
home

bone  
stone  
cone



Late at night, when the  
 sun is done, the stars  
 come out to have some  
 fun. Some stars twinkle,  
 some stars laugh, and when  
 it rains, some take a bath.



I have some gum –  
 come and see – some  
 for you and some for me.  
 And because I am so nice,  
 nice, nice, give me back the  
 gum so I can share it twice.



I call my dog, but he  
will not **come** – he  
will not **run**, and he  
is no **fun**. I want my  
dog to **come** and play,  
but he will not **come**;  
he will only **stay**.



I have **some** books

that I like to read.

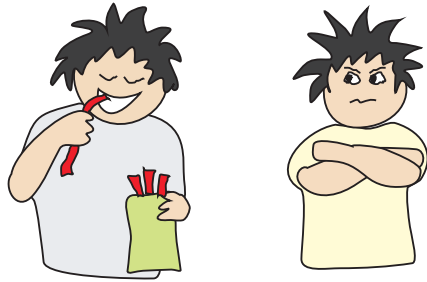
**Some** are hard,

**some** are easy and

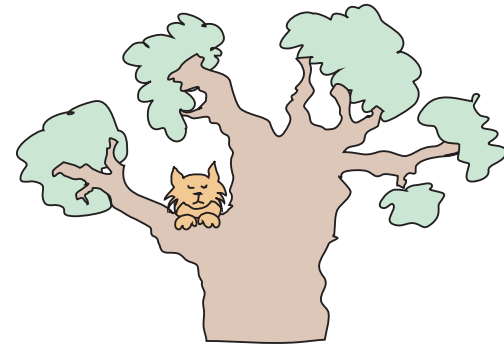
**some** are much too

easy peasy.

"Easy peasy" is a silly way of saying that something is really, really easy. "Peasy" doesn't actually mean anything



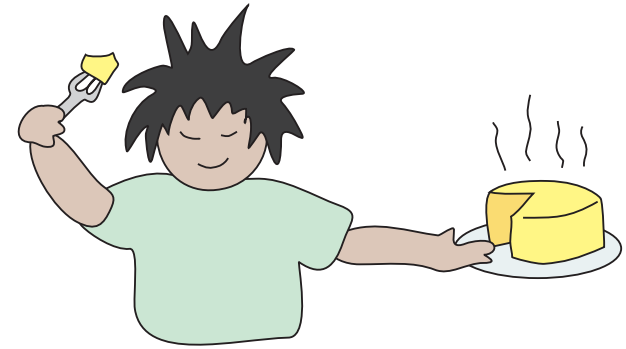
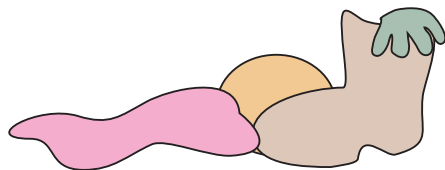
My brother has **some** candy, but I have **none**.  
 I have no candy nor bubble **gum**. I wish he would share his candy with me – **none** for him and all for me.



My cat has a **home** up in that tree, and my cat will not **come home** with me.  
 I say, "Come home, cat. **Come home**, please." But my cat will not **come home** with me.



I lost my **glove**.  
 My **glove** is gone.  
 Where is my **glove**?  
 I want to put it on.

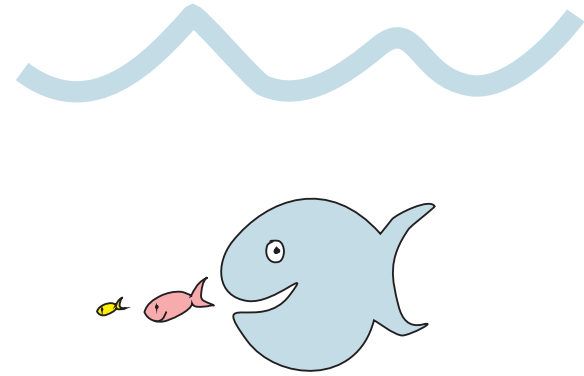


I **love** to cook,  
 and I **love** to eat.  
 I **love** this cake —  
 it is so sweet.

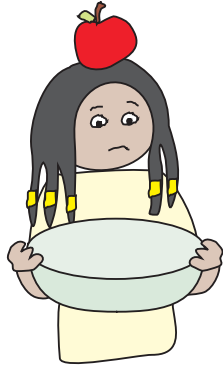


## The word “one”

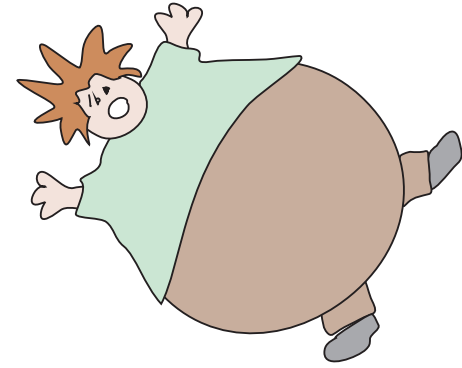
“One” is a weird word. It sounds like there is a “W” at the beginning of the word, but there isn’t a “W” anywhere in the word.



Three fish swam in the deep, blue sea. One was tiny, one was small, and one was as wide as he was tall.



I want to eat **one**  
apple; **one** apple just  
for me. But **none**  
are in the bowl – well,  
**none** that I can see.



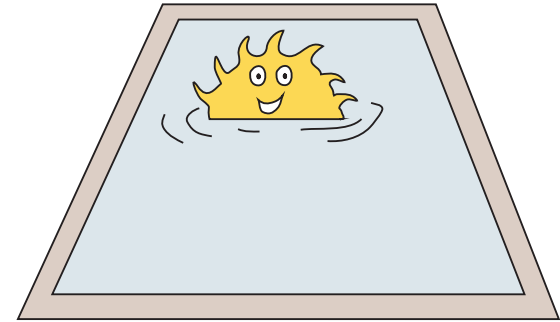
Oh, no what have I **done**?  
I ate a hundred donuts instead  
of just **one**. My tummy got  
as big as a big, big **stone**,  
and my mommy had to **come**  
and roll me **home**.

## And even when there isn't a silent "e"

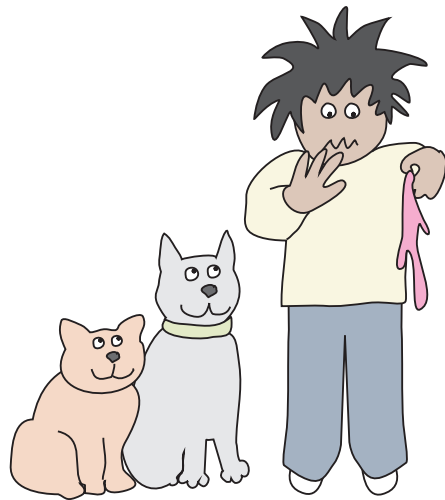
Sometimes the letter "O" says  
"uh" when there isn't a Silent E  
at the end of the word.

uh  
son

uh  
from



If the sun had a  
son, and he came  
to my school, would  
the son of the sun  
swim in the pool?



This gum is from  
my dog. He got it  
from the cat. She  
got it from the garbage —  
what do you think of that?



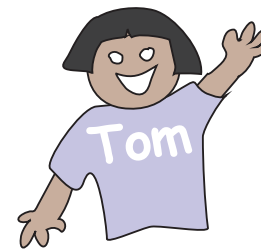
"From" is a changeable  
word. Sometimes it can  
sound like "drum."



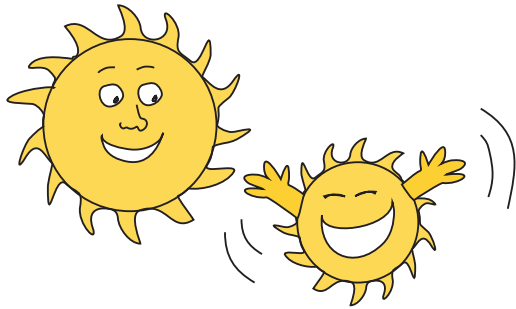
A big sound  
came from  
the drum.



And sometimes "from" sounds  
like "Tom." Both ways to say  
it are correct.



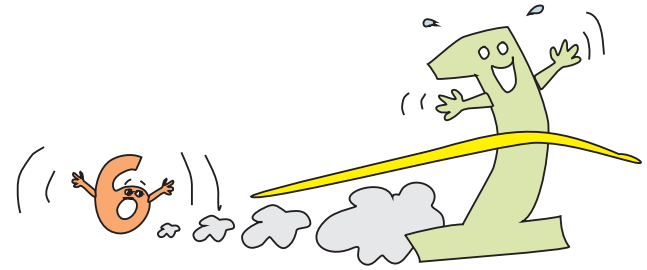
Where is  
Tom from?



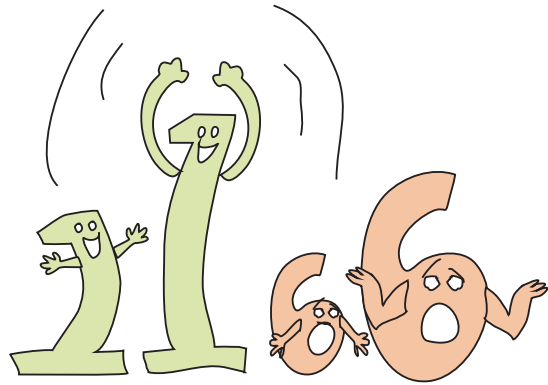
“My **son won**,” said  
 the **sun** in the sky.  
 “My **son won**, oh, **me**,  
 oh, **my**. **My son won**  
 when **he ran a race** —  
 just look at the smile  
 on his happy face.”



The words “one” and “won”  
 sound exactly the same  
 but mean different things.



The number **six** and the  
 number **one** had a race,  
 and the number **one won**.  
 The number **one won**  
 because **he was fast**. The  
 number **six lost** because **he**  
 was last.

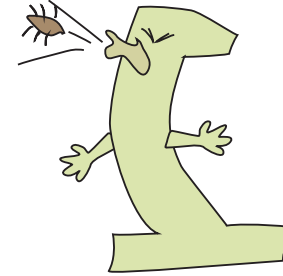


The number **one** and  
his **son** were happy that  
the **one** had **won**.

But the number **six** and  
his **son** wished that the  
**six** had **won**.



The word "once" means  
one time. "Twice" means  
two times.

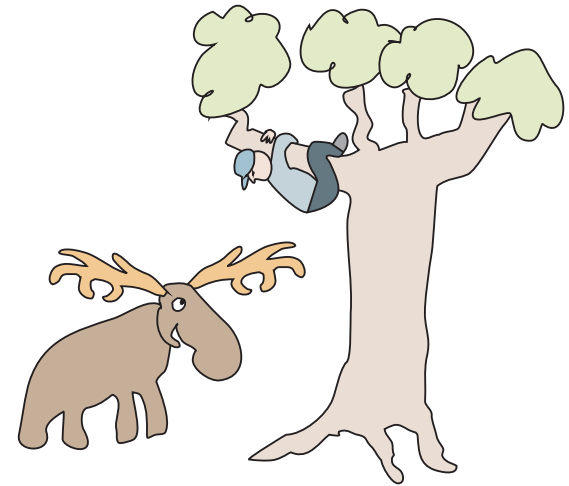


The number **one** ate  
a bug just **once**. He  
did not eat it twice.

**Once** was bad; **once**  
was enough; **once** did  
not taste nice.

## Silent E and the “oo” sound

And sometimes the Silent E  
makes the “O” say, “Oo!”



“I must **move** the  
**moose**,” said the man  
in the tree. “I must **move**  
the **moose**, or the  
**moose** will **move** me.”



How do you **lose**  
a **loose** tooth?

How do you get it out?

And when you **lose**

a **loose** tooth,

do you also **lose**

your mouth?



My nose is **loose**,  
and I **lose** it a lot.

I **lose** it if I sneeze,  
and I **lose** it if I cough.

THE END