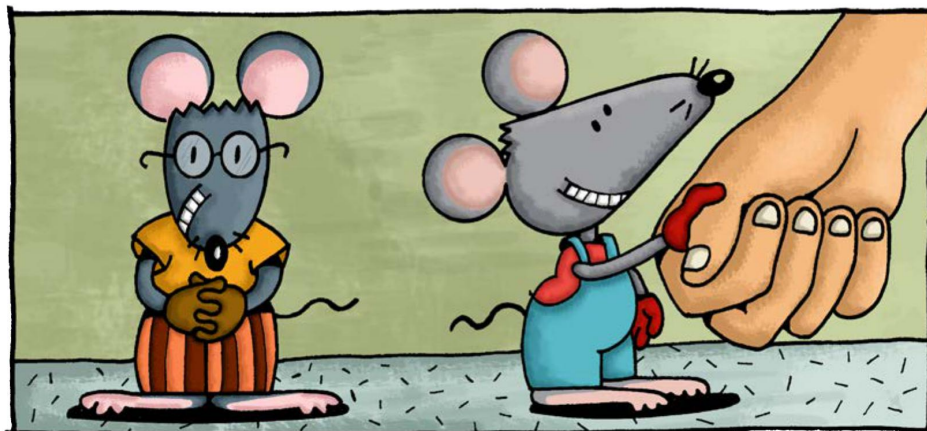


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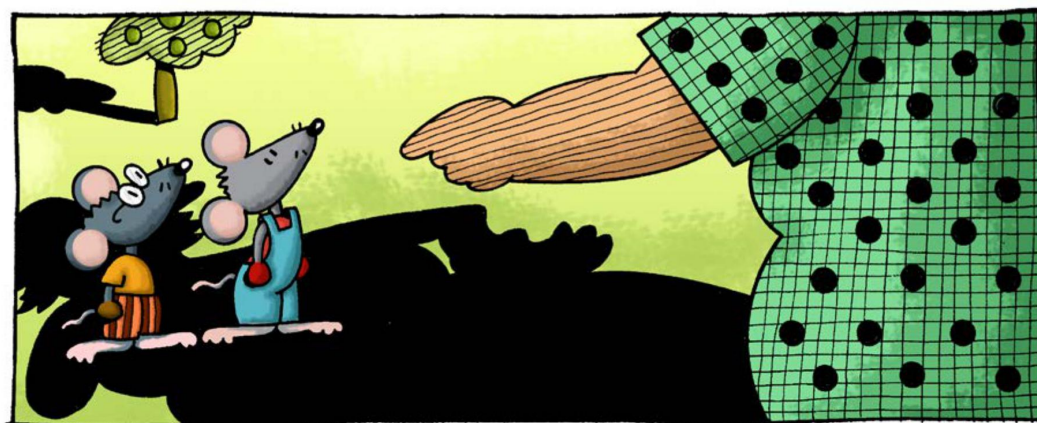


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New phonic element VCe long /ī/

Words with new phonic element *bike, dime, dine, fine, like, lime, Mike, nine, pile, quite, ride, ripe, side, site, smile, spike, time*

Reviewed phonic elements initial and final blends; VCe long /ā/; VCe long /ō/

Story words *dollar, hundred, ice, mice, money, nice, pick, slice*

Reviewed story word *until*

New high-frequency words *always, far, find*

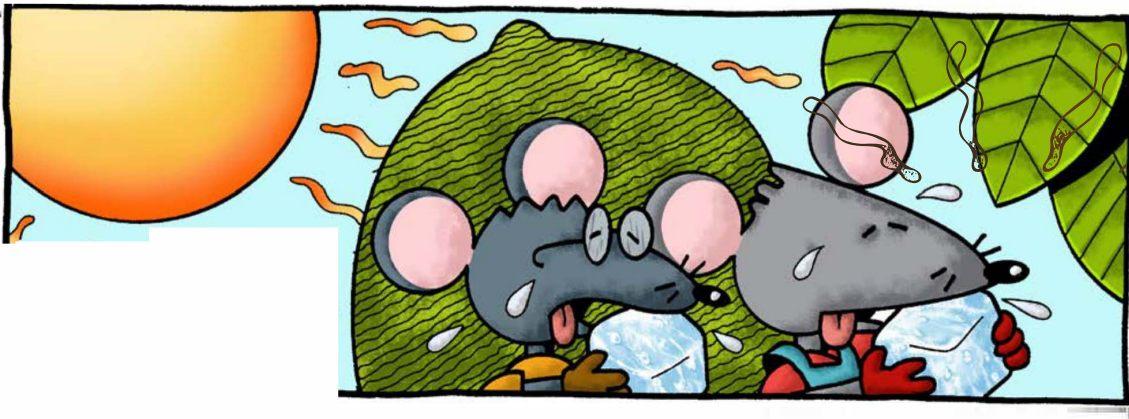
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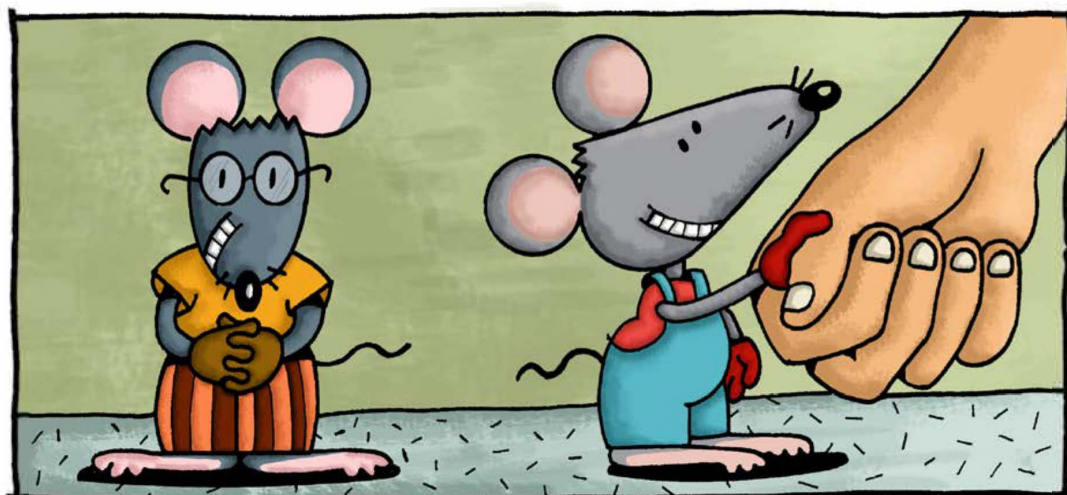
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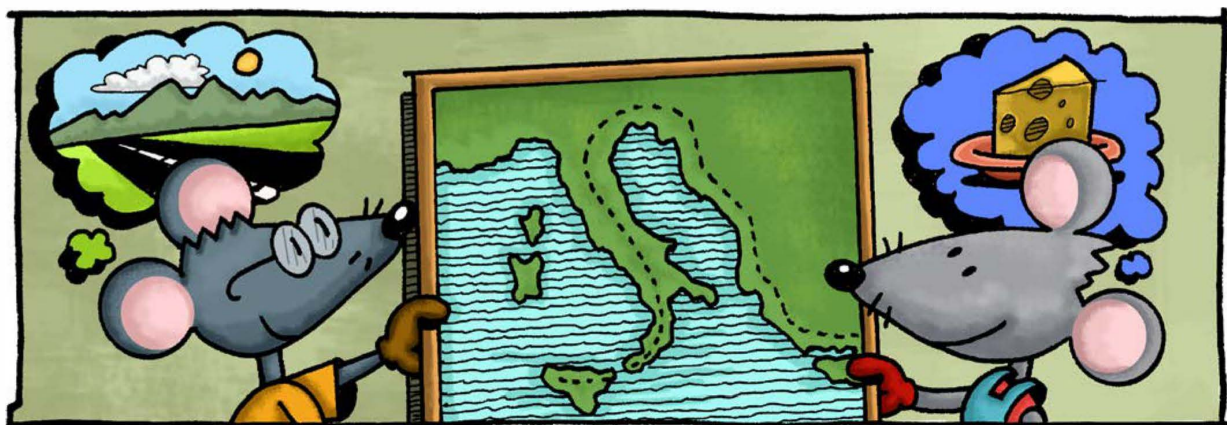


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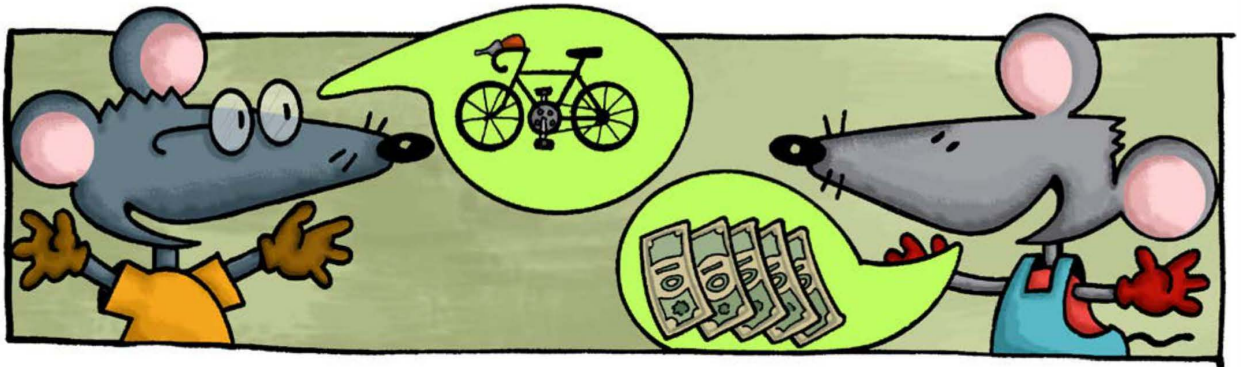
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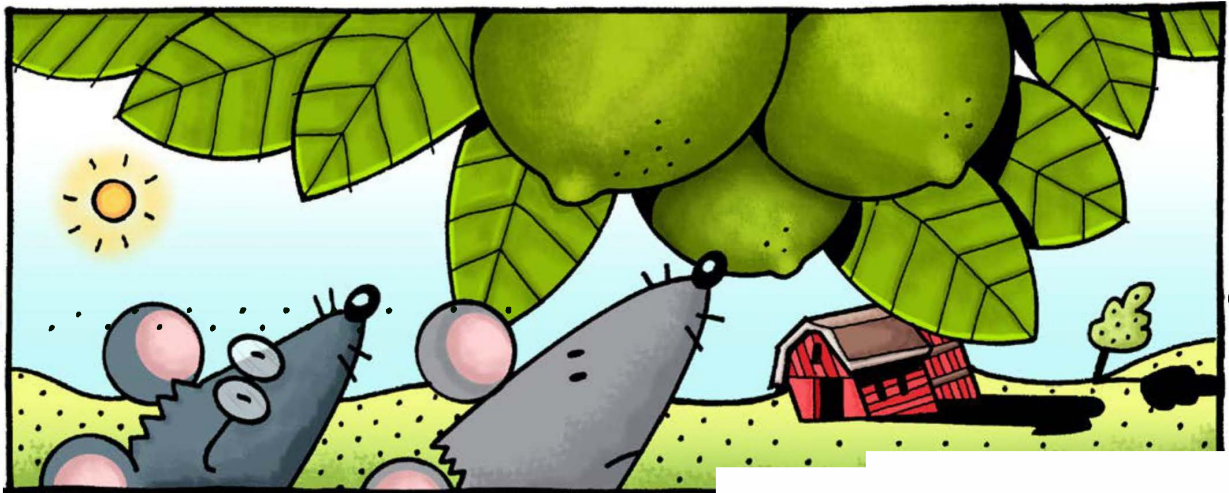
Mike and Spike were quite nice mice.
They were always side by side.
They liked to smile.



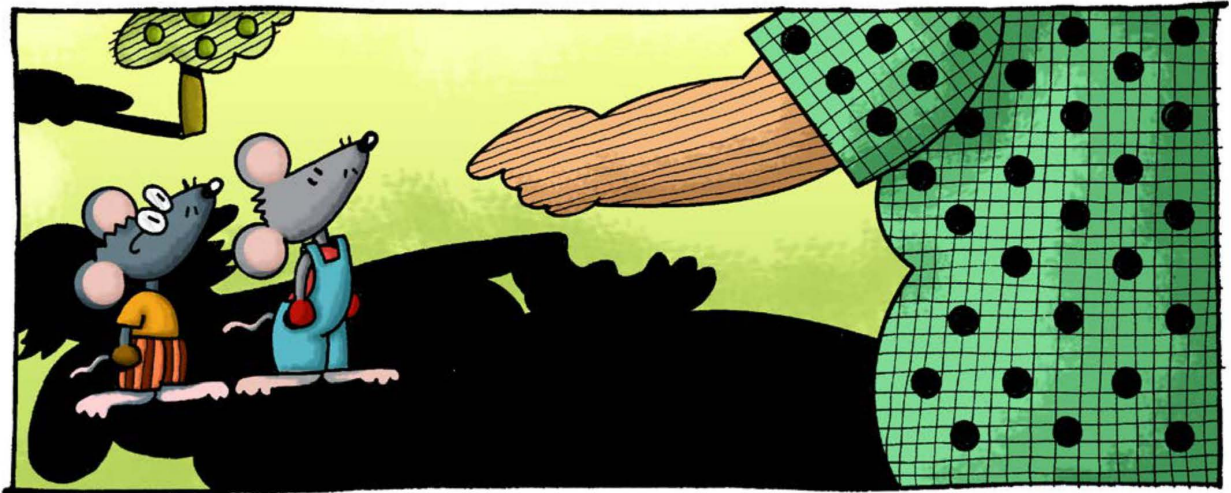
Mike asked Spike
to take a trip.
He wanted to go to nice sites.
And he wanted to dine in fine places.



Mike said, "We will ride bikes on the trip.
We must find time to make money
for our trip."



Mike and Spike got a job.
They had to pick limes
on the slope of a hill.



The boss and his wife said to pick ripe limes.
They got a dime for each ripe lime they picked.



It was a fine job.
They picked a lot of ripe limes.
They picked from nine until nine.

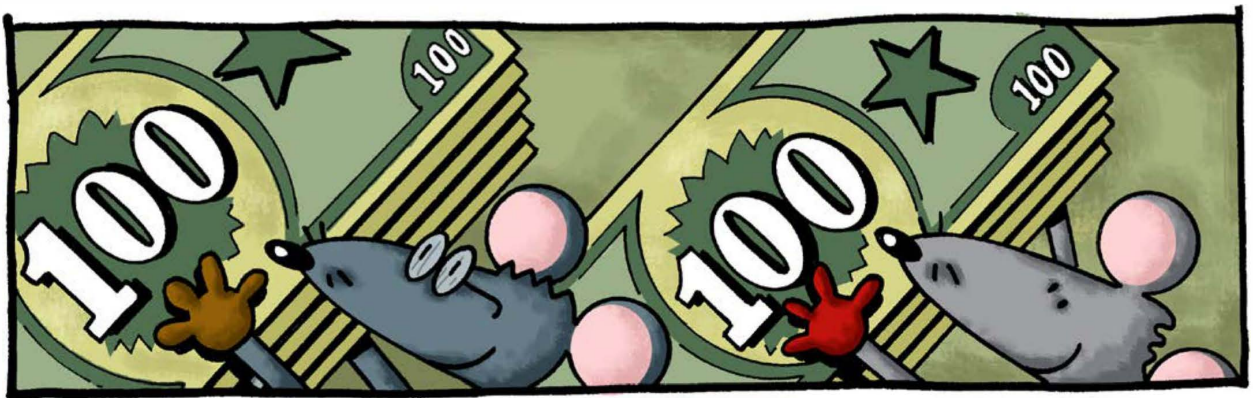


They helped the wife of the boss
make a fine lime drink.

They sliced a pile of limes.

They made a fine lime drink with ice.

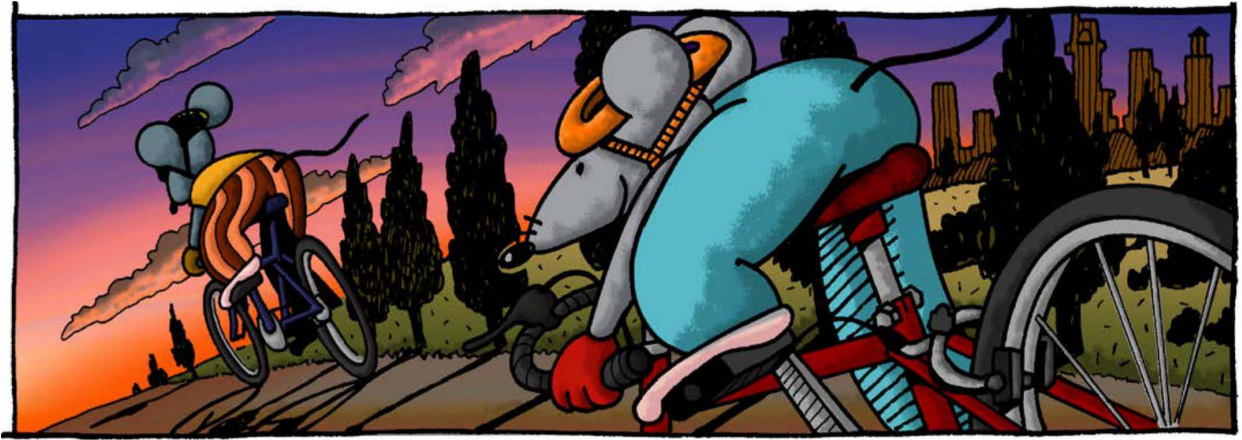
They got a nice price for the lime drink.



Mike and Spike made
lots of money for their trip.

They made nine hundred dollars.

It was time to take their trip.



Spike and Mike rode their bikes far and wide.
They biked nine miles a day.
They dined on fine rice.



Life was quite nice for the mice.
They liked the life they had.
It made them smile.