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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
New phonic element	VcE long /o/
Words with new phonic element	drove, grove, hole, home, hope, joke, mole, nose, note, poke, Rose, slope, smoke, spoke, stone, stove, tone, tote
Reviewed phonic elements	initial and final blends: VCe long /a/
Story words	behind, birthday, bracelet, happy
New high-frequency words	come, day, much, our
Special considerations	inflectional endings –ed, -s; contractions; possessive apostrophe 's



Rose the mole woke up.
She poked her nose out of a hole.

“It is my birthday,” she said.
“I hope I have a swell day.”

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Rose spotted a note from
Jake and Jane snake.
The note said,
“We want you to come
to our home.
Take your skates with you.”





Rose put her skates in a tote.
Then she went to the bus stop.
She skipped over stones.
She went past a hole.

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The bus came up the lane.
The man hit the brakes
and the bus stopped.
Rose got on the bus.

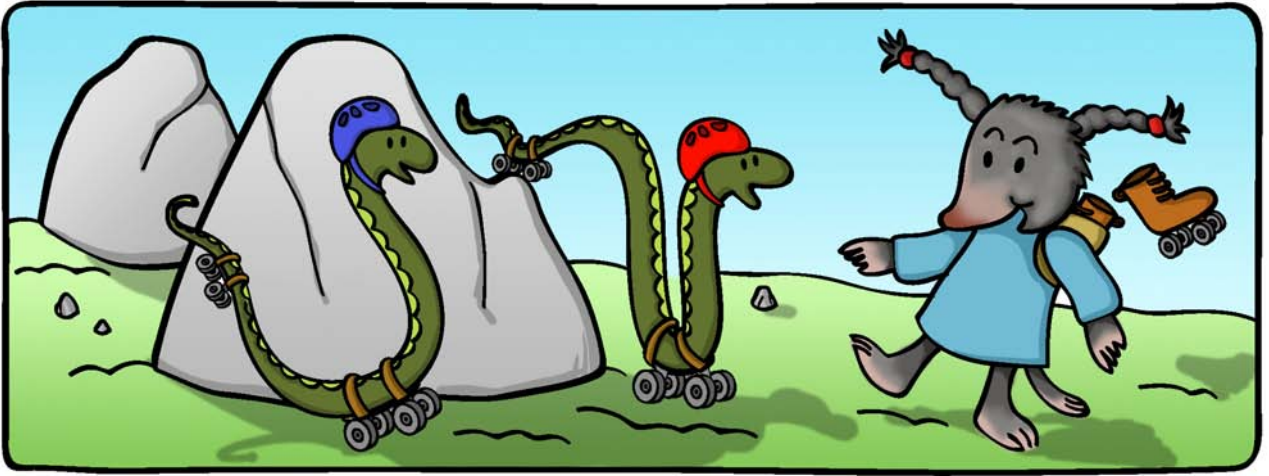


The bus smoked as
it drove up a big slope.
It drove past a lake,
a grove, a glade
and a pig in a cage.



The bus stopped at Jake and Jane's place.
Rose saw no trace of Jake and Jane.
Rose spoke, "Is this a joke?"





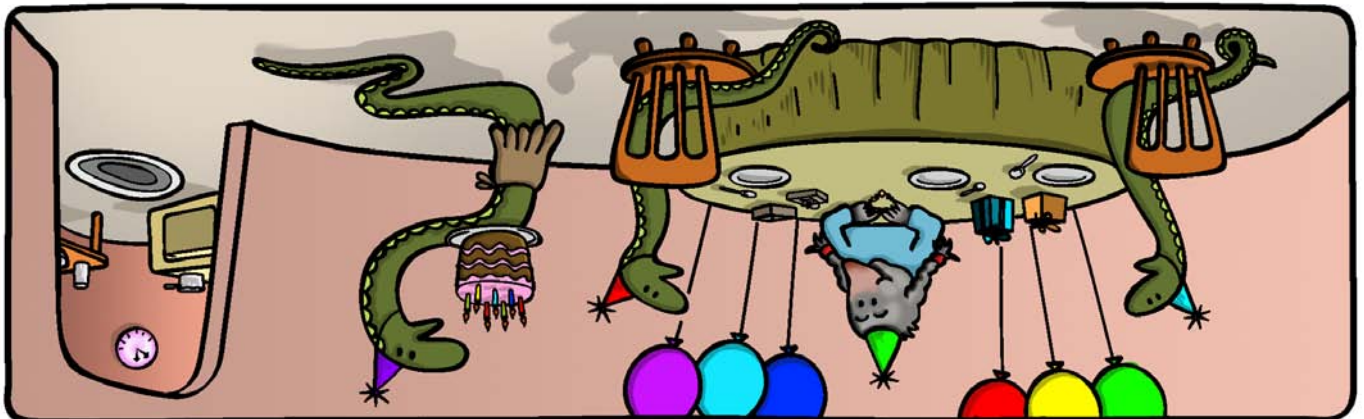
Just then Jake and Jane
jumped out from behind a big stone.
“Happy Birthday,” they yelled.
“Let’s go skate.”

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Jane and Jake gave Rose
a bracelet for her birthday.
Their mom got a cake out of the stove.





In their best tone,
they sang Happy Birthday.
They ate the cake.
They ate grapes and dates.

Jake, Jane, and Rose ate too much.
They felt ill and had to take a nap.

