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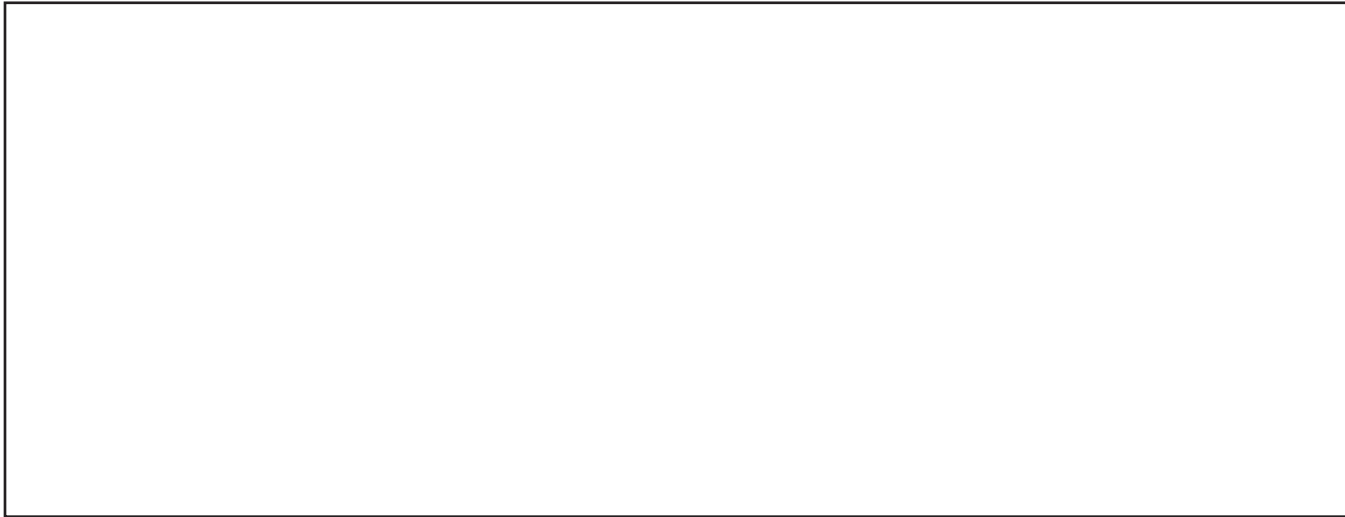


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ELEMENTS USED IN THIS BOOK	
<b>New phonic element</b>	<i>r</i> -controlled /â/ : air, are, ear
<b>Words with new phonic element</b>	<i>bear, care, chair, dare, fair, hair, hare, mare, pair, rare, share, stare, swear, wear</i>
<b>Reviewed phonic elements</b>	diphthongs; <i>r</i> -controlled ô
<b>Story words</b>	<i>declare, square</i>
<b>Review story words</b>	<i>people</i>
<b>Special considerations</b>	inflectional endings -ed, -s, -ing, -y, -ly; two-syllable decodable words

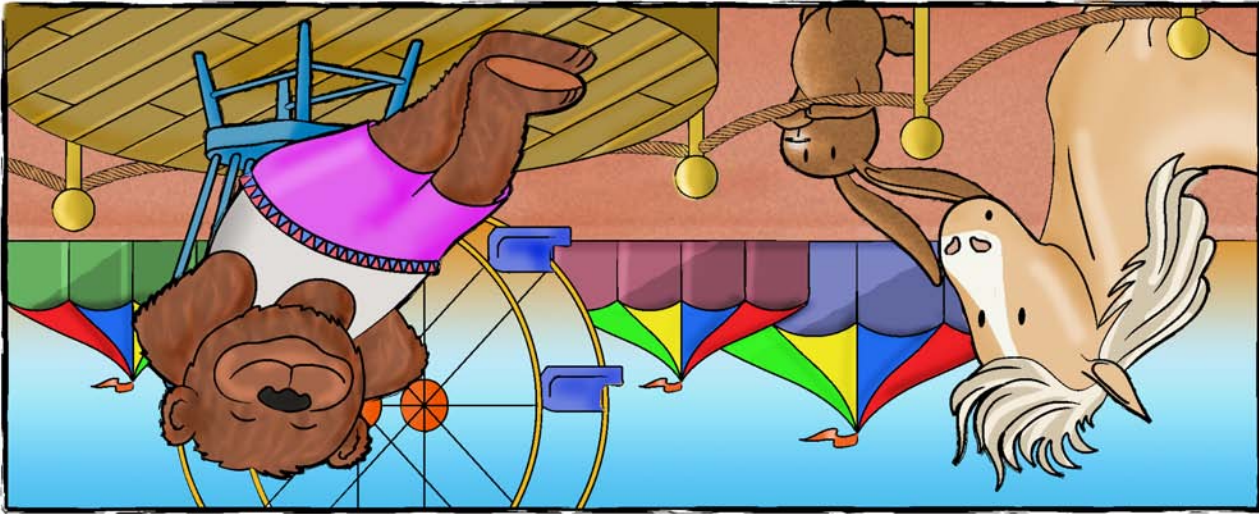
"I declare," said the hare.  
 "Now that really is a rare bear."  
 "How dare you stare at a bear in pink shorts?"  
 roared the hairy bear.



A brown hare and a very fair mare  
 lived in a field.  
 They munched on grass.  
 They did not have a care.

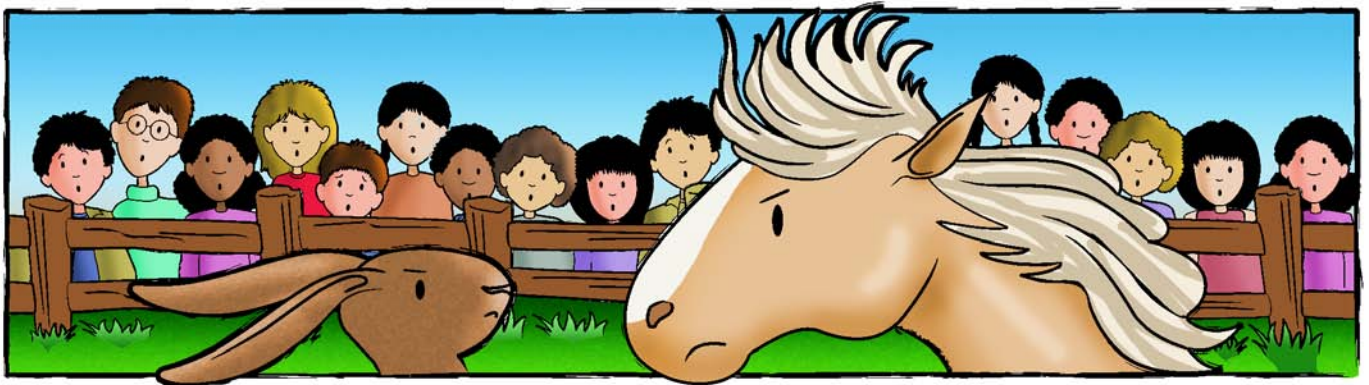
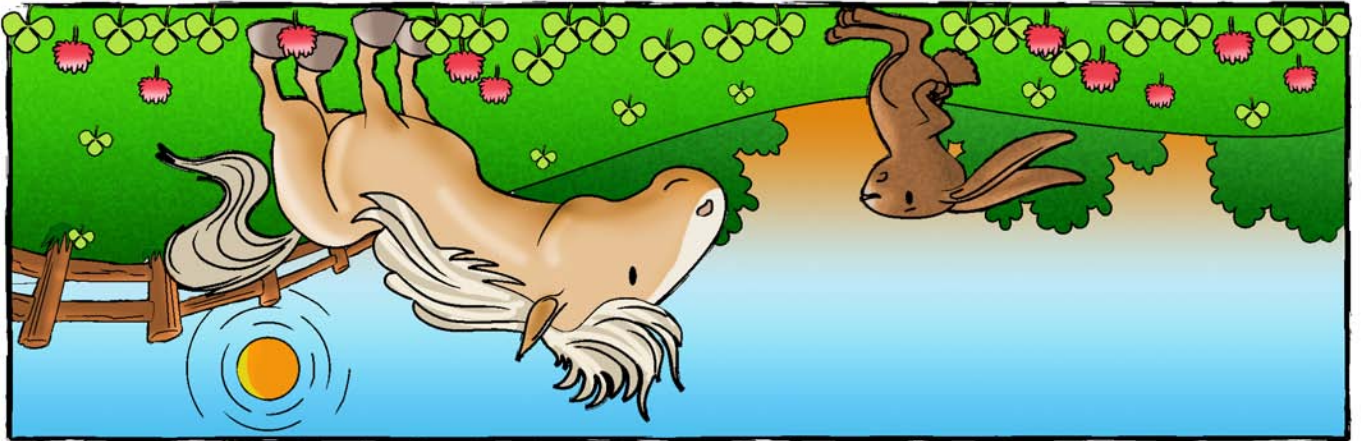


“I must see this bear,” said the hare.  
So the hare and the mare went to the fair  
to see the bear.



The hare and the mare  
shared their food.  
It was rare to see a mare and  
a hare who were such good pals.

“A big, bad bear in pink shorts sitting in a chair?”  
 said the hare.  
 “I have never seen such a thing.”  
 “I swear it is true,” said the mare.



People stared at the mare and hare.  
 “How dare they stare at a nice pair  
 like us?” asked the hare one morning.



“But the hairy bear at the fair is scary,”  
 said the hare.  
 “He is not scary,” said the mare.  
 “He is a funny bear who sits in a chair  
 and wears pink shorts.”



“I think they are square,” snorted the fair mare.  
 “If they want to stare,  
 they should go to the fair  
 and stare at the bear with all the hair.”