

Fig Pig and the Dark Cave



Fig Pig and Player
stand at the cave. It
is **darker** in there.

'Look!' Fig Pig yells. 'A
tall dark **monster** is in
the cave! Its face is lit
up!' Player steps back.
But Fig Pig steps up.
Fig Pig is **never** shy.





It is dark now. Fig Pig is in the yard. The **monster** stands by his home. A flash zips up into the sky.

Fig Pig **shivers**. 'Why is it so mad?' he **whispers**.

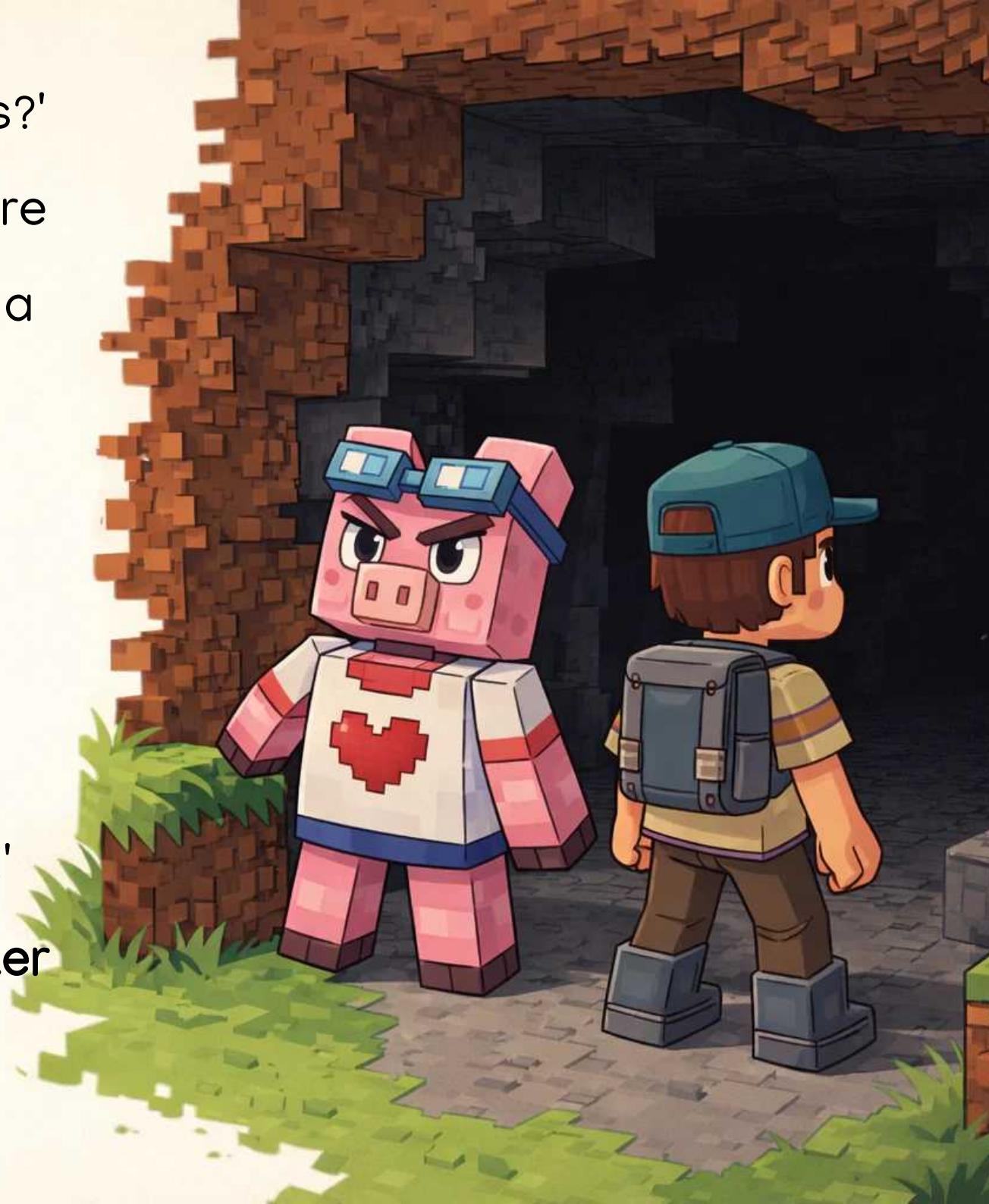
He wants to look to the side. But he can not.

'Why do they grab blocks?'
Fig Pig asks Player. 'Where
do they take them? It is a
big problem.'

He marches to the cave.

'We will **enter**,' says Fig
Pig.

'Enter?' asks Player. 'Yes,'
says Fig Pig. 'We will **enter**
together.'





The monster is so tall up close. It is bigger than big. Fig Pig trembles. 'It is just the cold,' he mutters. 'Do not look at its face,' Player whispers from behind a rock. Fig Pig looks to the side. 'So, mister,' he says. 'Why so mad?'

The monster never says a thing. It does not blink. It just grabs a block. It tucks the block **under** one long arm. Then, zap! It is gone. It fades into the dark. 'Hey!' Fig Pig yells. 'Do not run off!'





Zap! The **monster** is back with its block. Fig Pig gets quiet. He looks at the **monster**. It holds the block like a gift. Not like a **robber**. Like a kid with a best toy. 'Oh,' Fig Pig says. 'They are not **robbers**. They want to make stuff with blocks, just like us. But no one **ever** lets them in.'

A huge dragon flies
over the land. The
monster shivers under
it. Wham! The dragon
smashes **every** block.
Every wall. **Every** home.
The **monster** yells and
yells. That is why they
are so upset. They
remember it, **ever** after.





Fig Pig stands by the fence. He looks at the monster on the path. Sparks **glitter** by it like small stars.

'He is not mad,' Fig Pig **whispers**. 'He is upset, just like me. He yells because he wants a friend. He wants us to let him in.'



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Fig Pig marches straight up to a dark cave, sure he's spotted a monster with glowing eyes. His friend backs away, but Fig Pig never does. What is the creature hiding inside really after? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 80: er /er/), this book practices words like 'never', 'shivers', 'mutters', 'glitter', 'remember'.

Phonics Focus: er /er/

after, bigger, darker, enter, ever, every, glitter, mister, monster, mutters, never, over, remember, robber, robbers, shivers, together, under, whisper, whispers

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