

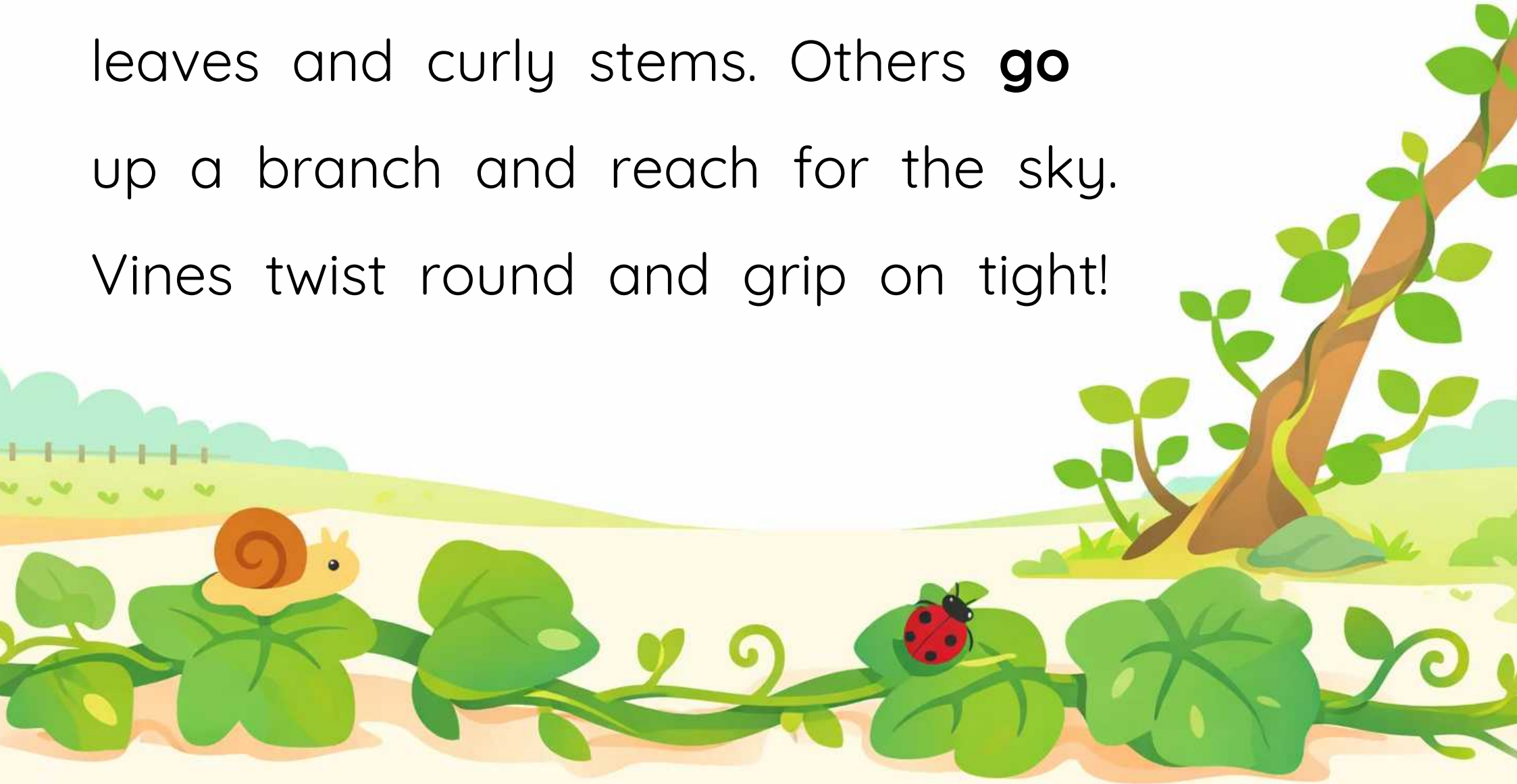
How Far Can Vines Grow?



Vines like to stretch and **grow**.

Some creep **low**, with wide green leaves and curly stems. Others **go** up a branch and reach for the sky.

Vines twist round and grip on tight!

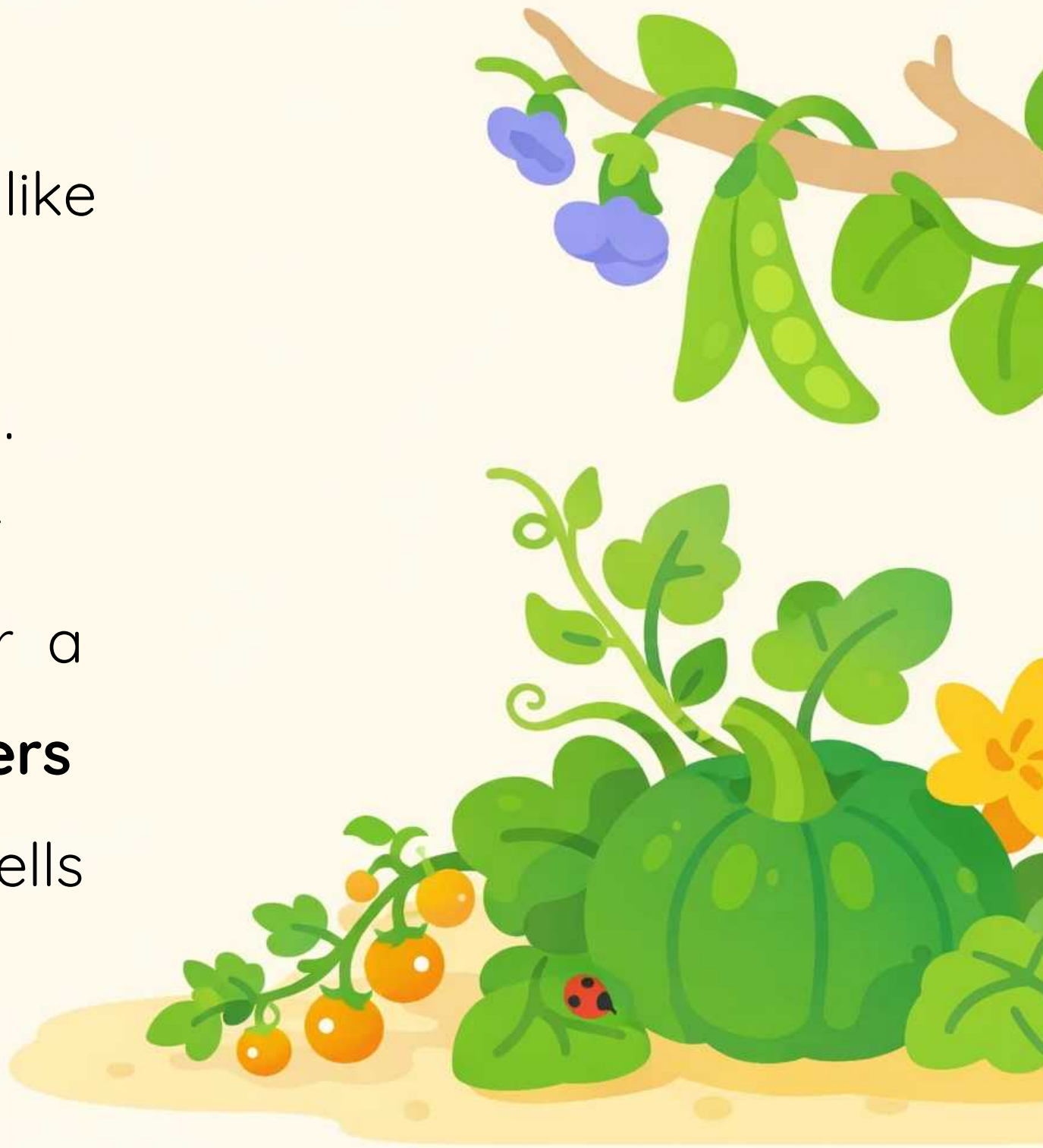




Vines can **go** high up
a tree trunk or hang
low from a branch.

They **grow** a long
way, and leaves,
flowers, and food
sprout as they **go**. Can
you spot a tree with
vines all round the
trunk?

Many vines **grow**
flowers and food, like
squash and beans.
The **flowers** bloom.
They are **so** bright
that bees fly in for a
sip! Then the **flowers**
drop, and food swells
in that spot.





We plant vines to **go**
up an arch or a fence.
The bright **flowers** look
so nice! But vines
grow fast. They can
take **over** a hut, a
tree, or a yard. We
must trim vines, or
they harm what we
like.

Some vines **grow** all round a tree and take it **over**. Thick vines block the sunlight from the leaves **below**. They **soak** up all the rain in the soil. With **no** food and **no** light, the tree **grows** weak, drops its leaves, and may die.

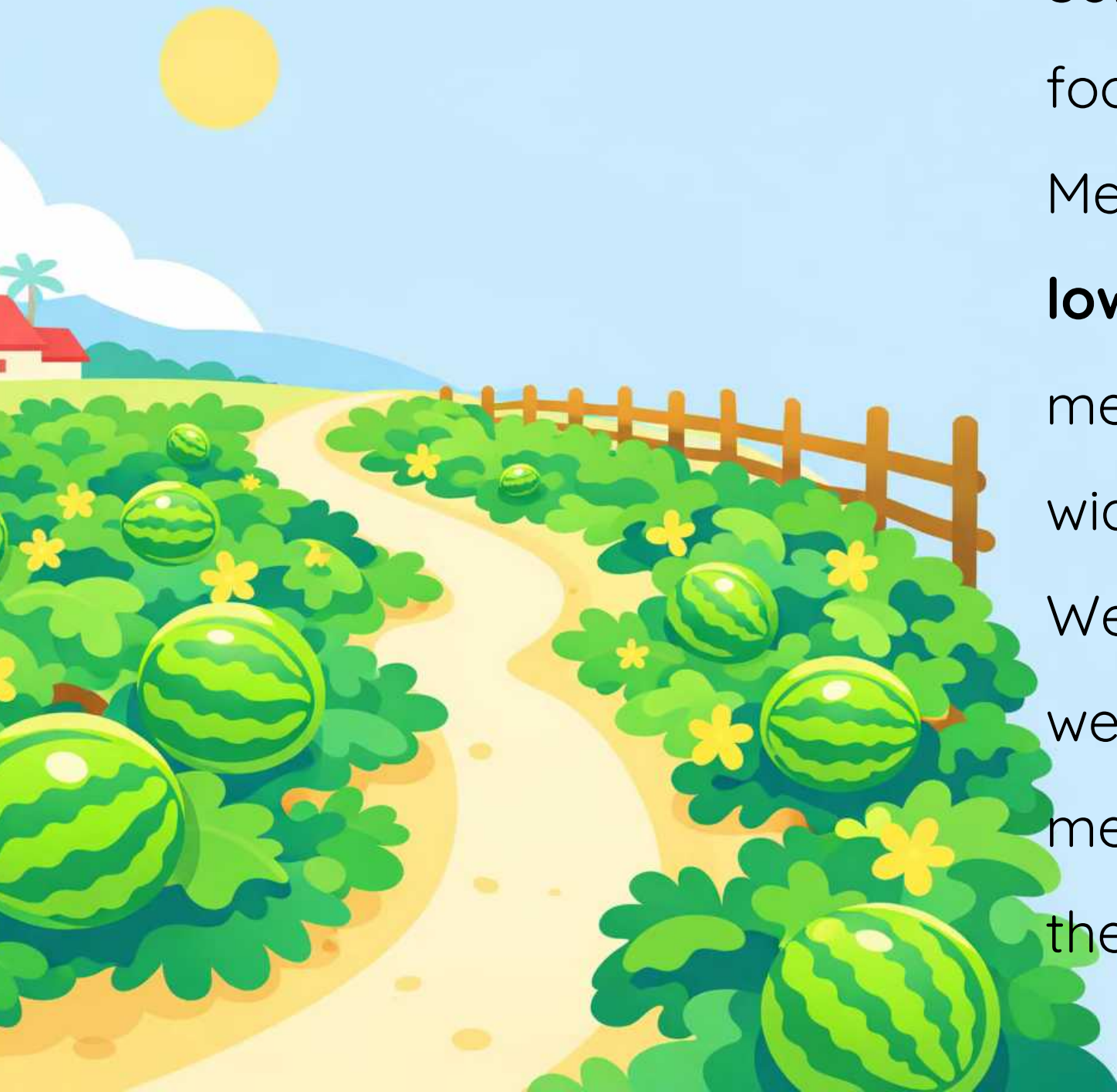




Some vines cling on with little curls. As the vine **grows**, each curl reaches out. It twists round a stem or a stake. When a curl grips tight, it hangs on for life!

A vine can split in two at a fork in a tree. Each part goes up its **own** branch to reach for sunlight and room to **grow**. That way, one vine can **grow** twice as big!



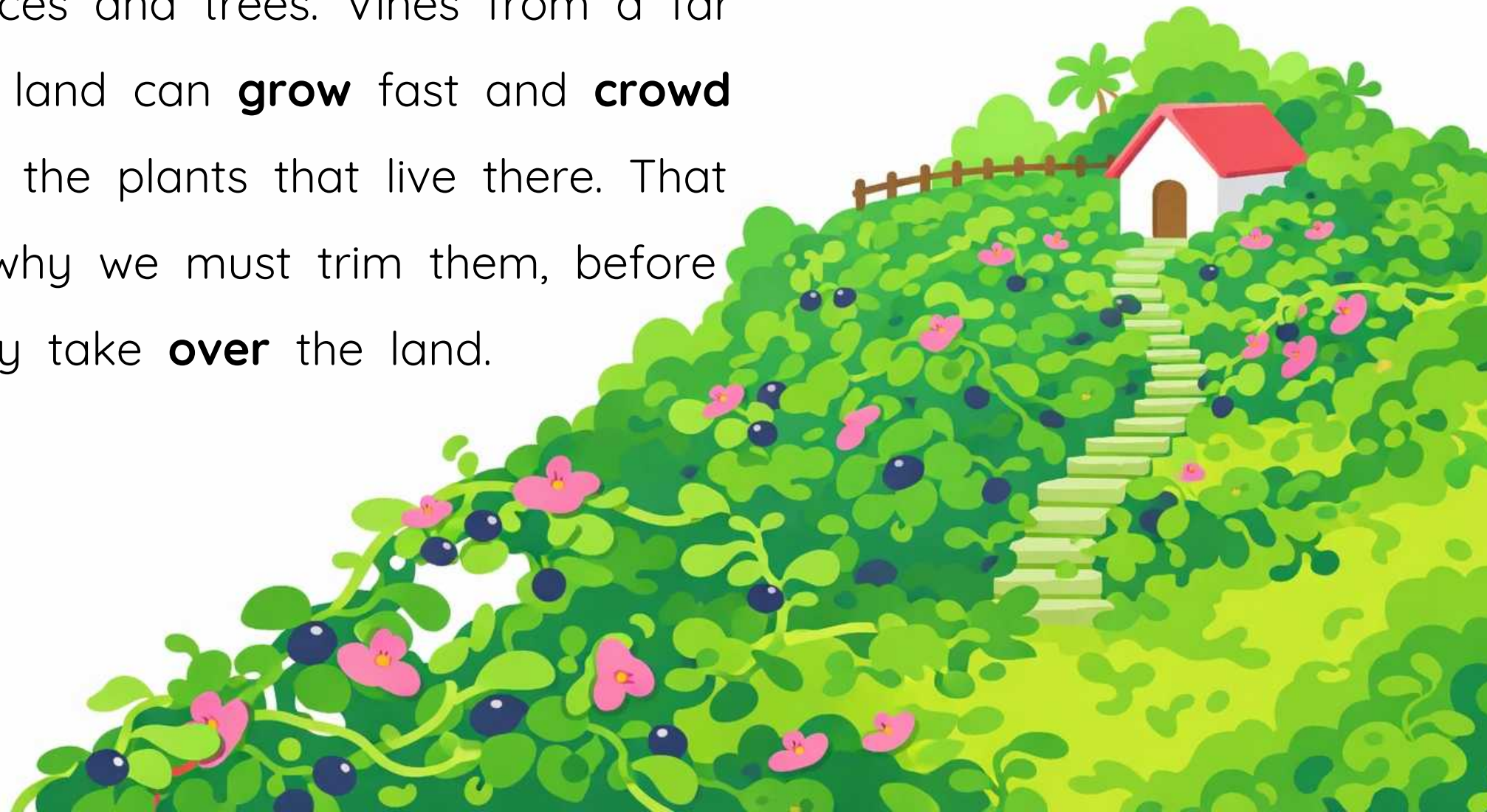


Some vines **grow**
food on a farm.
Melon vines creep
low, and big round
melons rest in the
wide green leaves.
We **mow** a path, **so**
we can get to the
melons and pick
them.

Some vines **grow** food down in the soil! The leaves **soak** up sunlight up top. Then the food **flows** down to the roots. That is **how** sweet roots **grow** big and plump **below** us.



When vines **grow** free, with **no** one to trim them, they can take **over** a hillside. They creep up fences and trees. Vines from a far off land can **grow** fast and **crowd** out the plants that live there. That is why we must trim them, before they take **over** the land.





Vines come in **so** many shapes and sizes! Some **grow** food, some **grow flowers**, and some **grow** leaves far and wide. When you are on a **road**, by a farm, or out where plants **grow** free, see **how** many vines you can spot.



How Far Can Vines Grow?

Vines love to stretch and grow, creeping low along the ground or climbing high for the sky, twisting their stems tight around anything they touch. As they travel, flowers bloom bright to bring in bees, and leaves spread wide over branches and fences alike. Can you spot how many different kinds of vines are growing near you? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 3, Unit 7: /oa/ mixed), this book practices words like 'grow', 'low', 'flowers', 'road', 'so'.

Phonics Focus: <mixed>

below, crowd, flowers, flows, go, grow, grows, how, low, mow, no, over, own, road, so, soak

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