

AN UNOFFICIAL MINECRAFT SERIES

**FIG PIG
AND
FRIENDS**

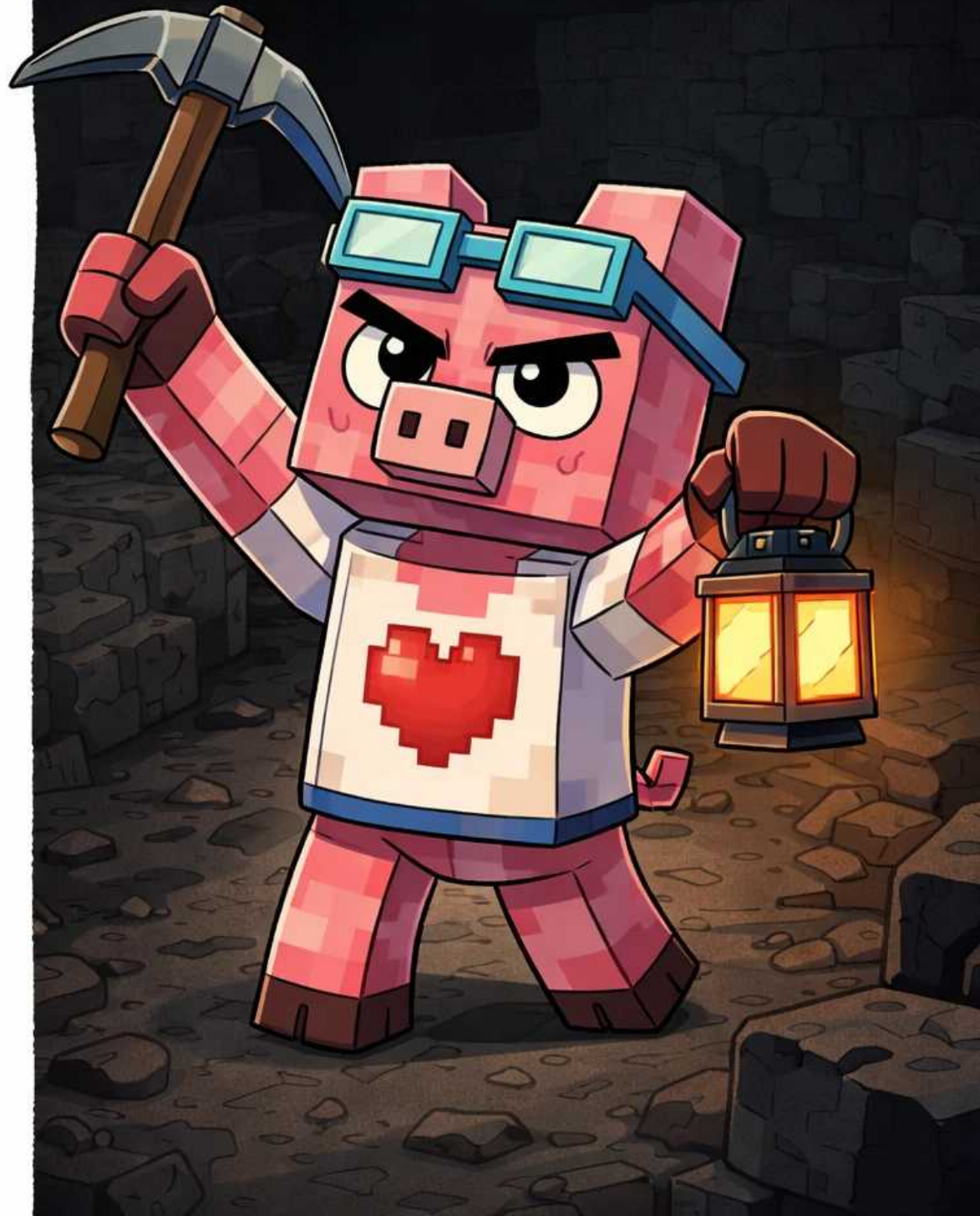


**INTO THE
DARK MINE!**

Fig Pig held up his pickaxe and grinned a big, brave grin.

'Today's the day!' he said. 'I'll dig deep, and dig **deeper**, and dig **deeper** still. I'll find the **biggest**, best lump of coal this old mine has ever seen!'

He picked up his little lamp and marched right into the **darkness**, not one tiny bit scared. Not even a little. His chest was puffed up with **excitement**, and his **heart** was thumping like a drum. The dark mine swallowed Fig Pig up like a big black mouth, but on he marched, **hopeful** and bold. Today was going to be his **lucky** day.





Down, down, down he crept, and then the tunnel opened up wide. Old lamps glowed dimly above him. **Rusty** rails ran off into the shadows. Stone arches rose so high that Fig Pig had to tip his head all the way back to see the top. He stared up in **amazement**. '**Someone built** all this,' he whispered. 'And then they left it behind.' His little voice sounded tiny in the **stillness**. The big, dim mine felt much, much too huge for one small pig. Fig Pig puffed his chest back out to make up for it, and on he marched, gripping his pickaxe tight.

Around the next bend sat a big wooden chest, and its lid was flung wide open.

Fig Pig peered inside **carefully**. Gold coins, shiny red rubies, and right on top, one big, sharp sword. His piggy eyes went wide.

'I am not a thief,' Fig Pig said **quickly**, picking up the sword by its handle. 'I am just borrowing this from the chest, for **safety!**' He marched on **quickly**, before the chest could **disagree** with him. The sword felt heavy and strange in his little trotter. He did not feel very brave at all.





Then, right in **front** of him, Fig Pig saw the giant spider's web.

The web stretched all the way from the **dusty** floor to the **rocky ceiling**, thick as rope and **sticky** as jam. Right in the middle of it sat a **sleepy** spider as big as a wheelbarrow. Its eyes were shut tight, and its eight long, **hairy** legs twitched and twitched in its sleep.

Fig Pig held his breath and gripped his sword tight. One slow step. Two slow steps. Three steps, **slowly** and **softly**. The **sleepy** spider snored on. Four steps, five steps, six steps, and go, go, go!

The long, dark tunnel ended at the edge of a steep, **rocky** cliff. Far below him, hot lava bubbled and popped, orange and angry as **anything**. The only way across was a set of old, thin mine rails, no wider than a bit of rope. Fig Pig gulped, and then gulped again. 'I am not scared, not one bit,' he said in a tiny, **shaky** voice. But his little pink trotters said something very different. They wobbled and shook with every **careful** step out on the thin rails. Do not look down, do not look down, Fig Pig. He looked down **anyway**. He really, truly wished he had not.





At last, Fig Pig stumbled out of the dark mine into the open air. Daylight! Sweet, safe daylight! He blinked **happily** in the **warm brightness** of the sun. Then he spotted a sign posted by the dark mine entrance. In big, bright red letters it spelled out just one word. Beware! 'Beware?!' Fig Pig squealed **loudly**. He gripped his torch **tightly**, tucked the sword under one arm, and ran as **quickly** as his little pink trotters could carry him. Fig Pig did not find any coal that day, but he did find out one very important thing. Always, always, always read the sign before you go into the dark mine!



Into the Dark Mine!

Fig Pig marches into the dark mine, dreaming of the biggest lump of coal anyone has ever found. But between rusty rails, a sleepy spider, and a rocky cliff with a shaky path across it, this brave little pig has more than digging to worry about. Will he make it out with his coal, or just his courage? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 128: Affixes Review 2), this book practices words like 'careful', 'sleepy', 'rusty', 'stillness', and 'brightness'.

Phonics Focus: Affixes Review 2

amazement, anything, anyway, biggest, brightness, built, careful, carefully, ceiling, darkness, deeper, disagree, dusty, excitement, front, ha, hairy, happily, heart, hopeful, loudly, lucky, quickly, rocky, rusty, safety, shaky, sleepy, slowly, softly, someone, sticky, stillness, tightly, warm

Bookbot is not endorsed by or affiliated with UFLI (the University of Florida Literacy Institute) or Jolly Learning Ltd. UFLI Foundations and Jolly Phonics are trademarks of their respective owners.

Learn to read with confidence

The Bookbot app and its carefully designed decodable books help children practise the sounds and words they are learning, building strong phonics and reading skills one step at a time. In the app, children can listen to stories read aloud, follow highlighted words as they are spoken, and read independently when they are ready. Together, the decodable books and oral reading support help develop accuracy, fluency, confidence and a love of reading. Learn more at www.bookbotkids.com.

