

Is It Getting Bigger?



Ben steps out from the dark den. The rocks are **bumpy** and **dusty**, but he grins a big grin.

He wishes to meet a pal, and he feels **very** lucky.





Tim, Pam and Val
crouch at a bushy
spot and peek out.
They can see a
big, big lad. He
gets bigger and
bigger, and the
kids feel jumpy.

Ben spots a bike
at a house. He
grins and lifts a
hand to greet a
pal, but the street
is empty. He is a
very perky lad.





Ben grips the
bike, but his hand
is too big. Crunch!
The bike gets
bent badly. Tim
dashes back as
fast as he can.

Wait! Don't run!
Ben's shout is
very loud. Tim
grabs the bike and
runs swiftly to the
house. Ben stands
sadly in the yard.





Ben looks at his big hands and sobs. Big wet drops drip from his cheeks. He feels gloomy and very sad.

Drip, drop! Big drops
drum on the roof
and on the yard.
Tim and Pam peek
out from the house.
It is not **stormy**.
The sun is out.
That is not rain!





Tim sits with the bent bike and feels glum. He can see Ben all hunched up. Ben is not a **scary** monster. He is just a big sad lad, and Tim feels **pity** for him.

Ben sits and
sobs, and his
sobs rock the
trees. Tim feels
a bit jumpy, but
he steps up to
him briskly.



Tim greets Ben, and
Ben lifts his big wet
chin.

He feels **very** sorry
that the bike got
bent. But Tim grins
up at him. He can
fix the bike!



Tim asks Ben to
join the gang for a
romp. Ben grins a
vast, vast grin. He
hops a soft jig,
very softly. He can
not crush his pal!





The gang romps all afternoon. Then Ben brings them to his den for a big **party**. The den has **plenty** to munch! Tim sits up on Ben and lifts a dish, and Pam and Val clap and sing. Ben feels grand. Not too big. Just grand.



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A boy has lived underground his whole life, and today, on his birthday, he finally climbs out into the sunlight to make a promise to himself: he is going to find a friend. Nearby, three children spot something big moving through the trees, and it keeps getting closer. Can this very lucky, jumpy meeting somehow end in friendship instead of fear? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 1: y saying /ee/), this book practices words like 'very', 'jumpy', 'lucky', 'gloomy', 'sorry'.

Phonics Focus: <y> <saying>

badly, briskly, bumpy, bushy, dusty, empty, gloomy, jumpy, lucky, party, perky, pity, plenty, sadly, scary, softly, sorry, stormy, swiftly, very

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