

Who Bit the Peach?



Jane pulls Cal off the porch. 'Come on, Cal! The guava will not pick itself!' She runs across the yard. Cal is **slow**. 'Wait!' Cal says. 'My legs are short!' But Jane just runs. Today is guava **day**.





Jane and Cal run to the best **tree**. Cal stops. 'Jane! Look up there!' A fat guava hangs on the branch. A big chunk is missing. **Teeth** marks and all! 'Who,' Jane says, 'bit the guava?'

'Was it that bug?' Cal says. He shows a fat green bug eating a leaf. Jane crosses her arms. 'Cal. That bug is so small. It would eat for a long, long time to make a bite that big!' 'Maybe it eats fast?' Cal says. 'No,' Jane says. 'Next try.'





'A **pixie**?' Cal says. 'A **pixie** with sharp **teeth**?'
'**Pixies** are not **real**, Cal.'
Cal sees a grasshopper on a branch. 'There! The grasshopper did it!' Jane sighs. 'Cal. A grasshopper **eats** grass. It is in the name.'

'The chicken!' Cal gasps. 'Look at that **beak!**' Jane is up in the **tree**. She grins at Cal **below**.

'The guava is **way** up high. Can the chicken fly?' They look at the chicken. It pecks the dirt. '**Three tries,**' Jane says. 'No, no, no!'





The sky turns pink and the day fades, but they still can not tell who bit the guava. Cal says, 'Let us go home. We can get a guava at the shop.' But Jane's eyes go wide. 'Wait! Nothing in the yard can make a bite that big! What if it comes only at night?' Cal's face goes pale. 'Night?'

Night comes. Jane holds a blanket. 'We camp by the tree,' she says. 'We look. We wait. We catch it.' Cal sits on the step. He is sleepy. 'I hope it shows up fast. I will fall asleep!' 'Then try to stay up!' Jane says, marching into the dark.





The yard looks different in the dark. Jane's **light** moves over the bark. Cal sticks so close he steps on her **heel**. 'What if **pixies** are **real**?' Cal whispers. 'For the last time,' Jane whispers back, '**pixies** are not **real**!' They check every branch. Every **leaf**. Nothing.

In the tent, Jane looks into the dark. 'It will come,' she whispers. 'It will.' Flap. Flap. Flap. Something is there. Something with big wings! Jane grabs Cal's arm. Cal's eyes are wide. 'I am **afraid!**'





They **peek** up. A dark thing with fur and wide wings hangs **high** on the branch. And it is taking a big bite of a guava! 'It is **eating** another one!' Cal gasps. 'There it is!' Jane says. 'But what is that thing?'

'It is small and furry,'
Cal whispers. 'It has
wings and big bright
eyes.' Jane grins. 'There
is only one thing that
looks like that. It is a
bat!' 'A bat!' Cal gasps.
'That is why it comes
at night! Bats fly in the
dark!'





Up in the **tree**, Bat hangs
by his **feet**. His belly is
full and big like a ball.
Not a bug or a bird. Just
a bat! And the guava is
sweet. **Below**, their home
glows in the **night**. Inside,
two tired kids are fast
asleep, **dreaming** of the
next quest.



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Jane and her brother Cal set off on guava day, ready to pick the ripest fruit from their favorite tree. But someone has already taken a huge bite, with teeth marks left behind! They guess a bug, a pixie, even a chicken, but every try comes up wrong, so they decide to camp out and watch the tree after dark. What could possibly be sneaking bites from their guava at night? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 88: Vowel Teams Review 1), this book practices words like 'night', 'tree', 'eat', 'wait', 'sweet'.

Phonics Focus: Vowel Teams Review 1

afraid, asleep, beak, below, bright, day, dreaming, eat, eating, eats, feet, glow, green, heel, high, leaf, light, night, peek, pixie, pixies, real, say, see, show, sigh, sleepy, slow, stay, sweet, teeth, three, tree, tries, wait, way

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