

Munsch Early Readers

READING LEVEL
3
READING BY MYSELF

PIGS



Story by **Robert Munsch**
Art by **Michael Martchenko**

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A Note from Robert Munsch

A long, long, LONG time ago when I was in first grade, my class had 60 kids in it!

The teacher didn't read any books and neither did the kids. It was not fun.

Well, here is a book that is fun to read for both you and your grown-ups.

READERS RULE!

Before Reading

High-Frequency Words

Practice reading these high-frequency words in the story:

any open think ran

Meet the Characters

Get to know the characters from the story by looking at the pictures and names below:

Megan



Megan's Father



Teacher



Bus Driver



What do you know?

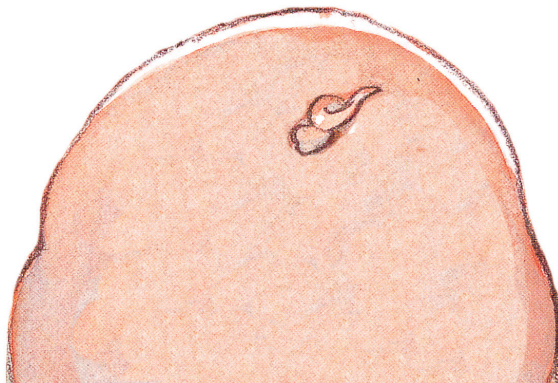
This story is all about pigs. What do you already know about pigs? Do you think they are smart animals? Do they normally live alone or in groups? Do you think it would be easy to take care of a group of pigs?

Action Words

Verbs are words that describe an action like reading, walking, smiling, or swimming. Take a look at the words below and decide if they are action words:

scream happy run blue

How many action words can you find in the story?



Phonics

There is a **P** sound at the beginning of the word **pigs**.

Can you make a **P** sound?

Pay close attention to the shape of your mouth as you make the sound. It might be helpful to make this sound while you look in a mirror to see the shape your mouth makes.

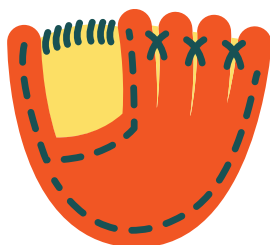
Try these different activities to help practice the letter **P** sound.

1. Take a close look around you and try to find three objects that start with the same sound.
2. Think of three other words that also start with the same sound. As an extra challenge, can you think of any words that end with a **P** sound?

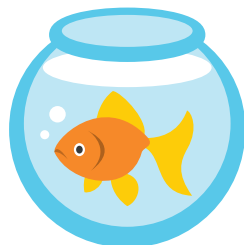
3. A simple word that has the **p** sound at the beginning is the word **pit**. As you read this word, pay attention to the two other letter sounds in the word.
4. When two words rhyme, they have the same sounds at the end of the word. Take a look at the pictures below and point to any of the words that rhyme with **pit**.



hit



mitt



fish

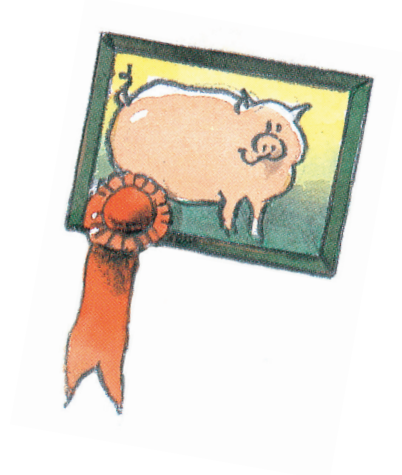
5. While you read, look out for other **P** sounds at the beginning of a word throughout the story. You can see the sound easily because it will be written in a different **color**.

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**To Meghan Celhoffer
Holland Centre, Ontario**



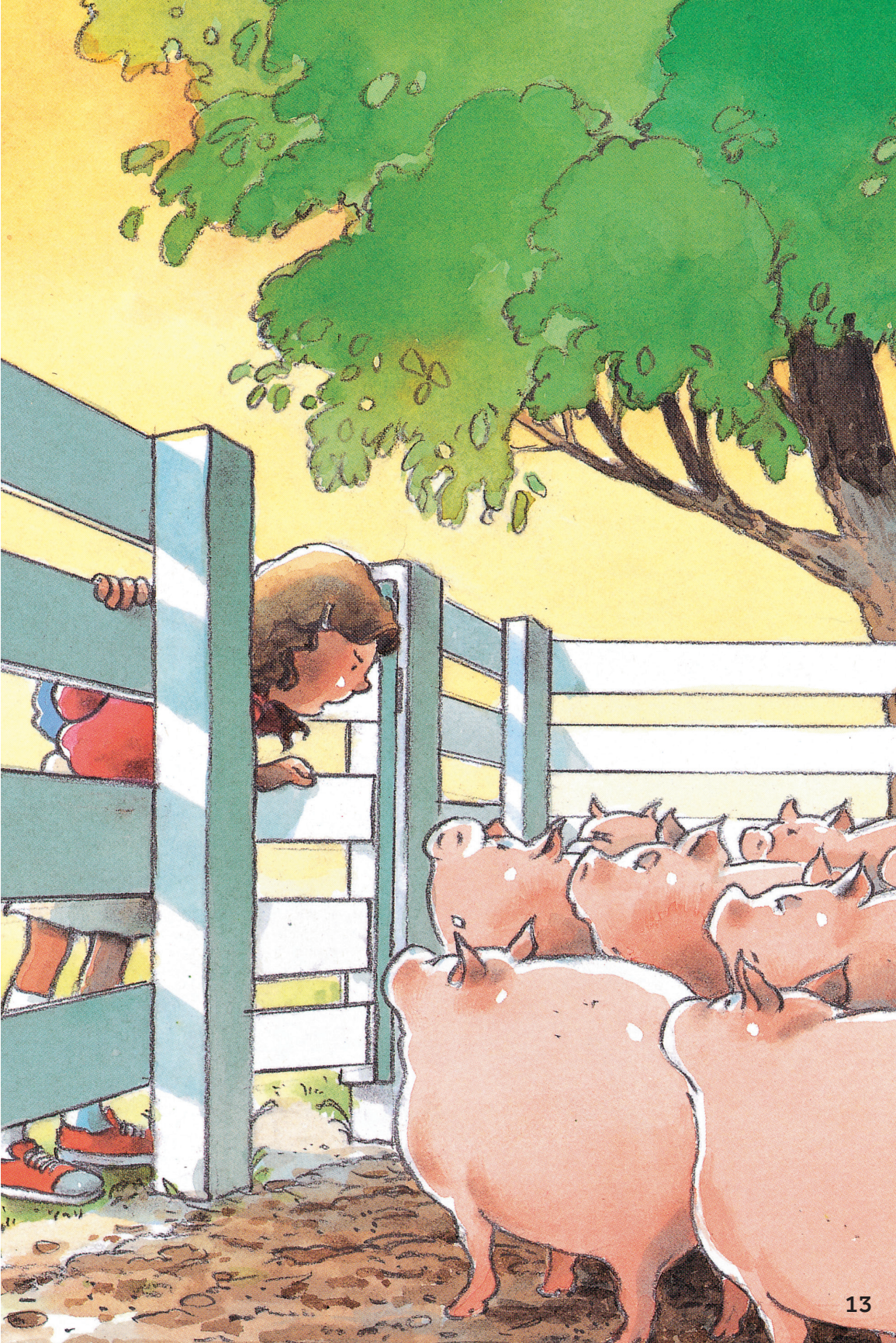
Megan's father said,
"Megan, please feed the pigs,
but don't open the gate.
Pigs are smarter than you think."
"I will not open the gate.
No, no, no, no, no,"
said Megan.



Megan looked at the pigs and said,
“These are the dumbest-looking
animals I have ever seen.”

She opened the gate a little.

The pigs didn't do anything.



Megan yelled,
“HEY, YOU DUMB PIGS!”

The pigs jumped up—
wap, wap, wap!—
and ran out the gate.

“Uh-oh,” she said.





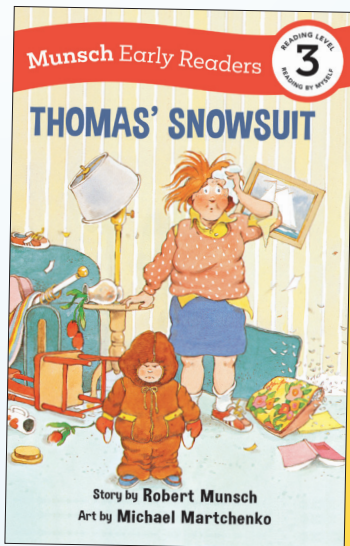
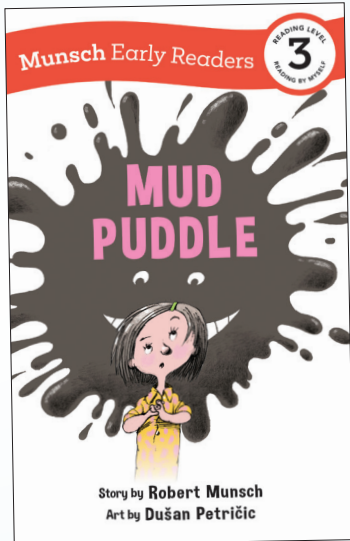
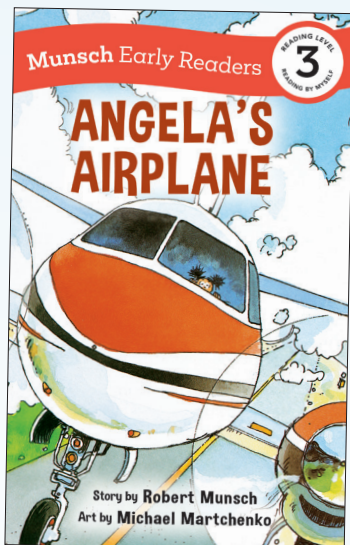
Inside the house, Megan heard,
“OINK, OINK, OINK.”

“Get these pigs out of here!”
yelled her father.

Megan yelled,
“HEY, YOU DUMB PIGS!”

The pigs jumped up—
wap, wap, wap!—
and ran out the door.





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are level 3, perfect for emergent
readers ready for reading by
themselves—because
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Robert Munsch, author of such classics as *The Paper Bag Princess* and *Mortimer*, is one of North America's bestselling authors of children's books. His books have sold over 80 million copies worldwide. Born in Pennsylvania, he now lives in Ontario.

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