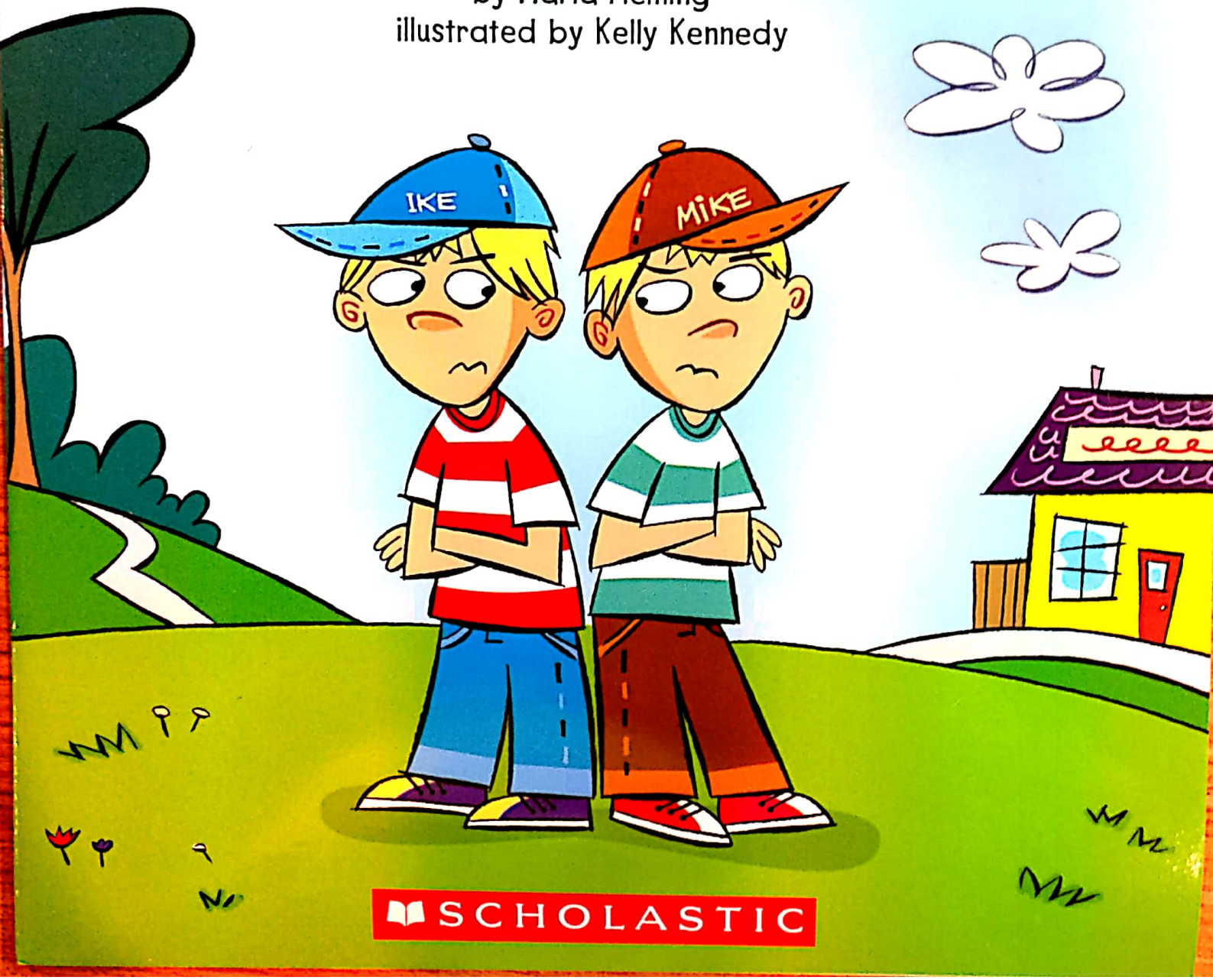
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Phonics Fact

This book is full of long-*i* words. Many times this sound is made by a silent *e*. The vowel *i* is followed by a consonant, which is then followed by a silent *e*, as in **Ike** and **Mike**. What other long-*i* words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

This is **Ike**. This is **Ike's** brother, **Mike**.

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Ike does not **like** to share with **Mike**.
Mike does not **like** to share with **Ike**.

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Phonics Fact

The long-*i* sound can also be made with a single *i* as in **I**. Another word with this spelling pattern is **hi**.

Ike has a new **white bike**.
"Can **I ride** your **bike**?" **Mike** asks **Ike**.
"No way!" says **Ike**. "It's **mine**!"

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Phonics Fact

Sometimes the letter *y* makes the long-*i* sound, as in **fly** and **sky**. Can you find two other words on this page with *y* that make the long-*i* sound?

(Answer: **try**, **my**)

Mike likes to **fly** his **kite** in the **sky**.
"Can **I try** to **fly** your **kite**?" **Ike** asks **Mike**.
"No way!" says **Mike**. "It's **mine**!"

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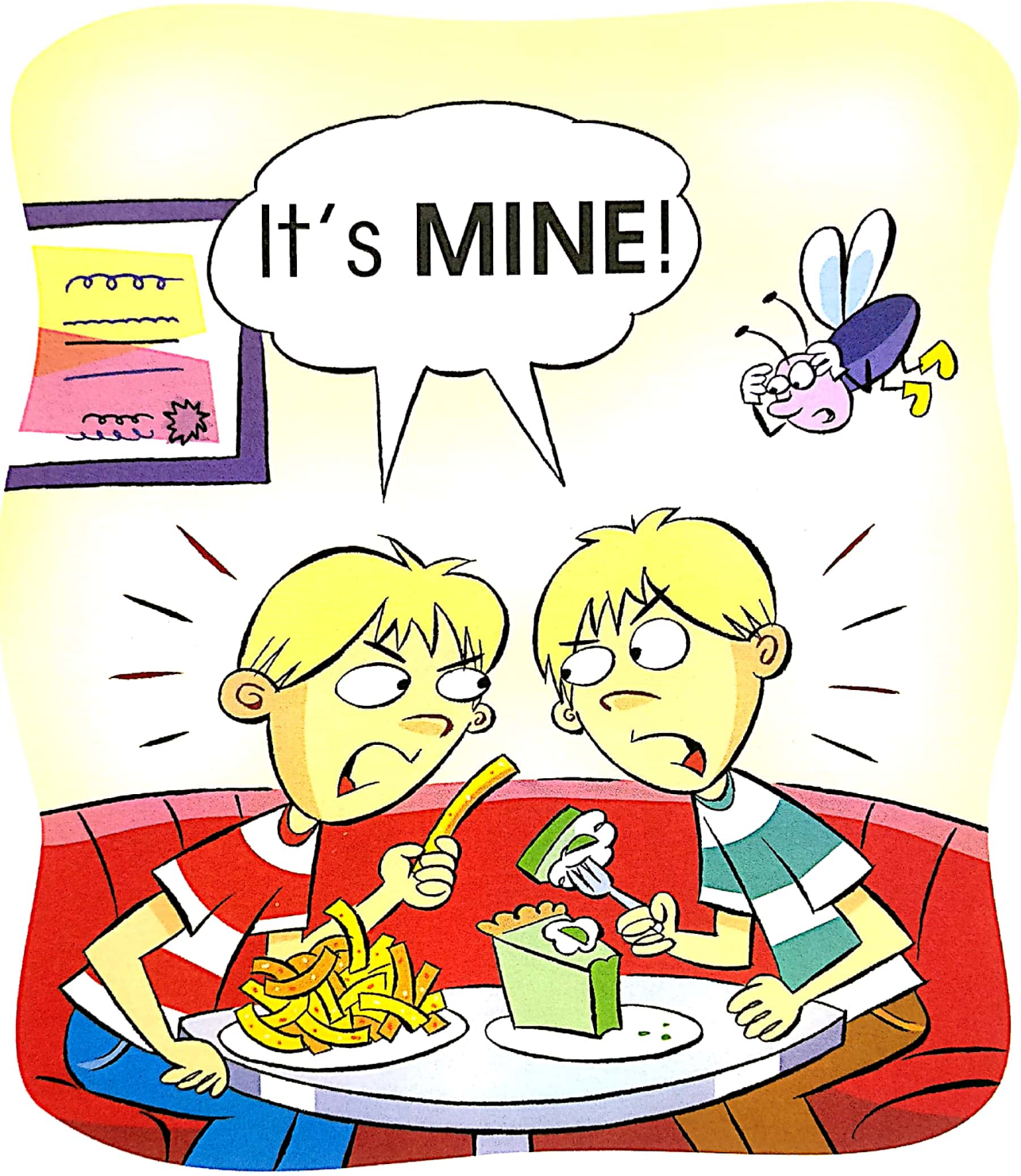
The vowel pair *ie* can also make the long-*i* sound, as in **fries**. Can you find another long-*i* word with the same spelling pattern on this page?

(Answer: **pie**)

At **lunchtime**, **Ike** has French **fries**. **Mike** has **lime pie**.

"Can **I try** a **fry**?" **Mike** asks **Ike**.

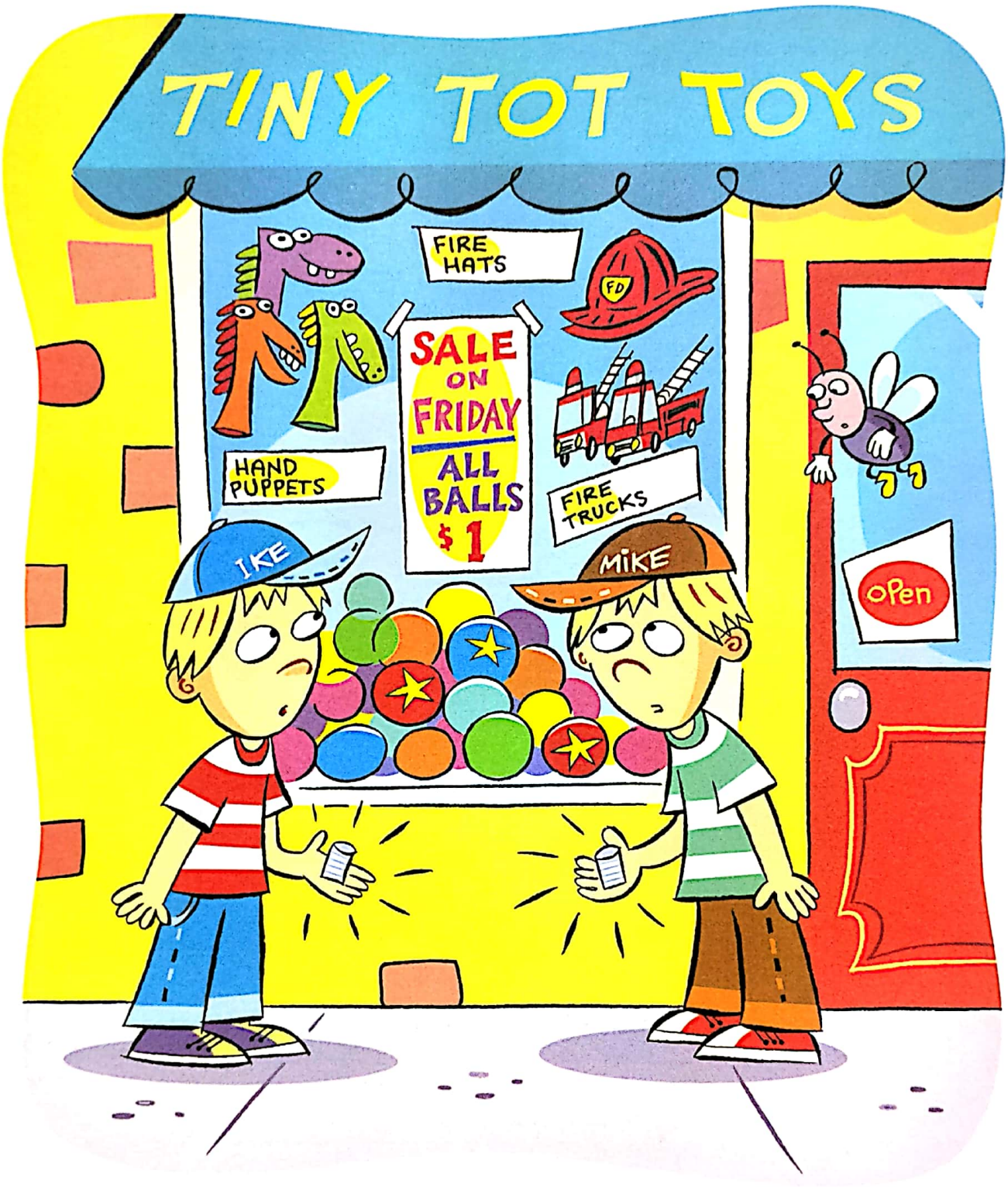
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"No way!" says **Ike**. "It's **mine**! Can **I try** a **bite** of **pie**?"

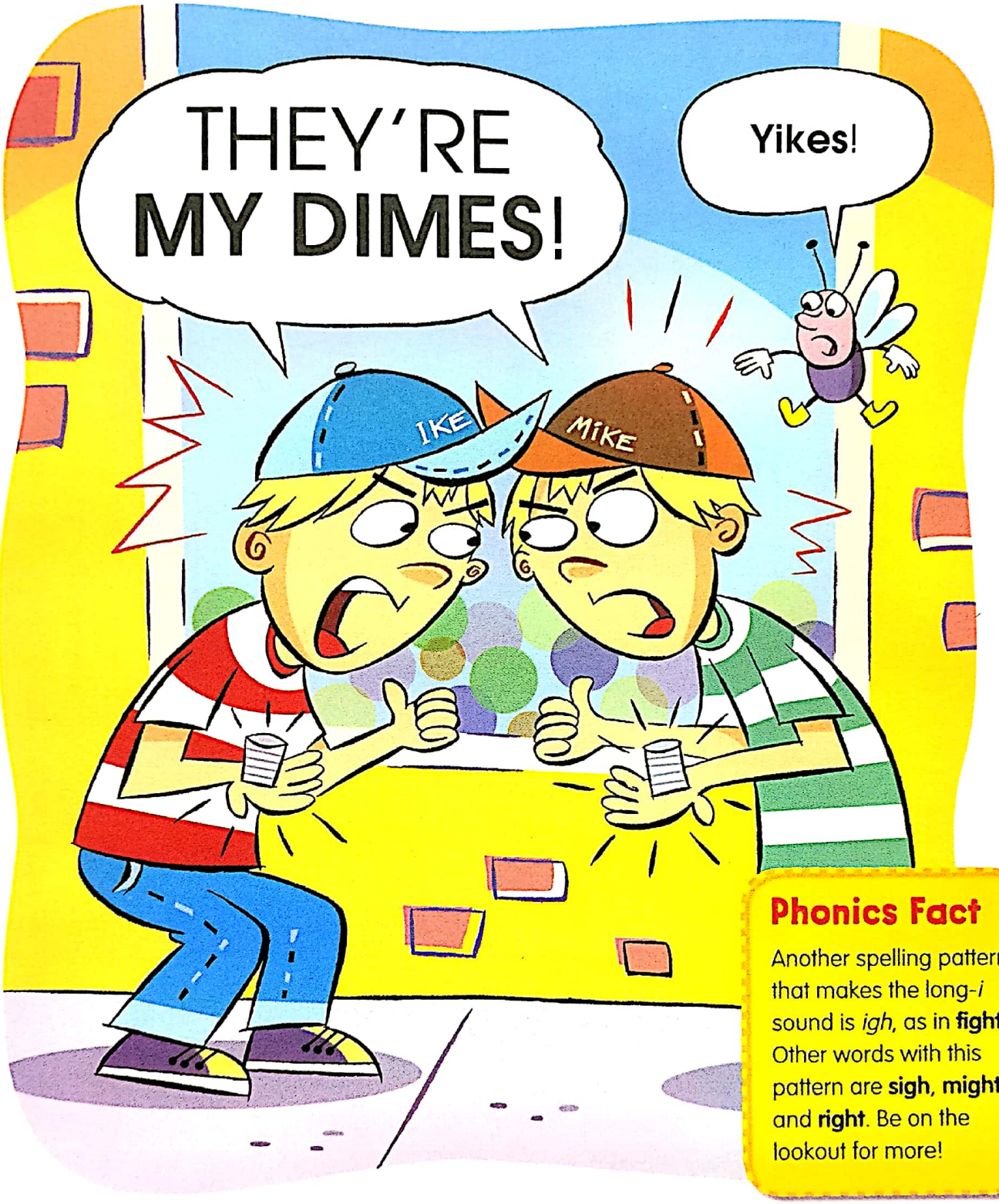
"No way!" says **Mike**. "It's **mine**!"

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Ike and **Mike spy** a toy. They each have **five dimes**. Will they share their **dimes** to get the toy? No way!

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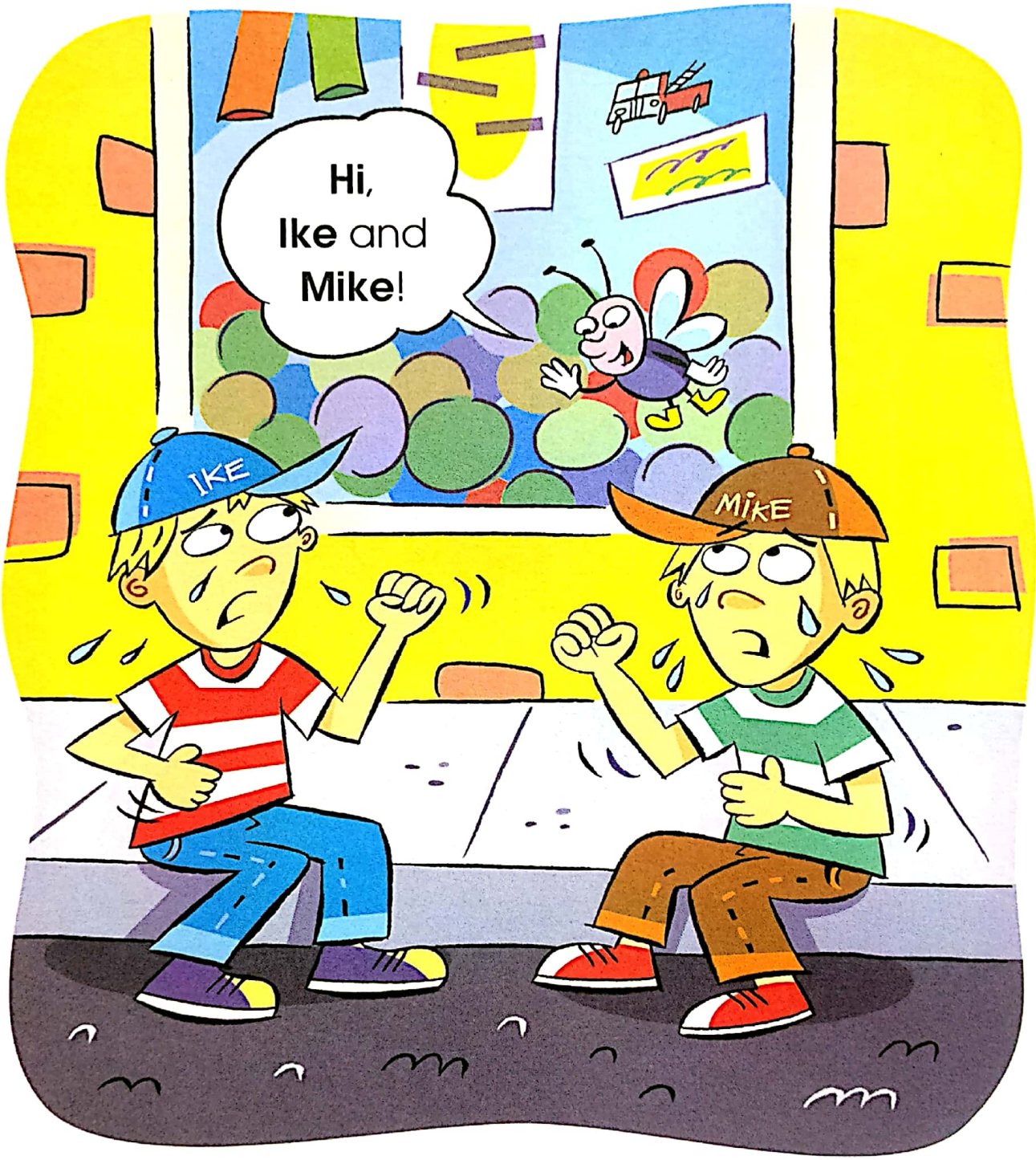


Phonics Fact

Another spelling pattern that makes the long-*i* sound is *igh*, as in **fight**. Other words with this pattern are **sigh**, **might**, and **right**. Be on the lookout for more!

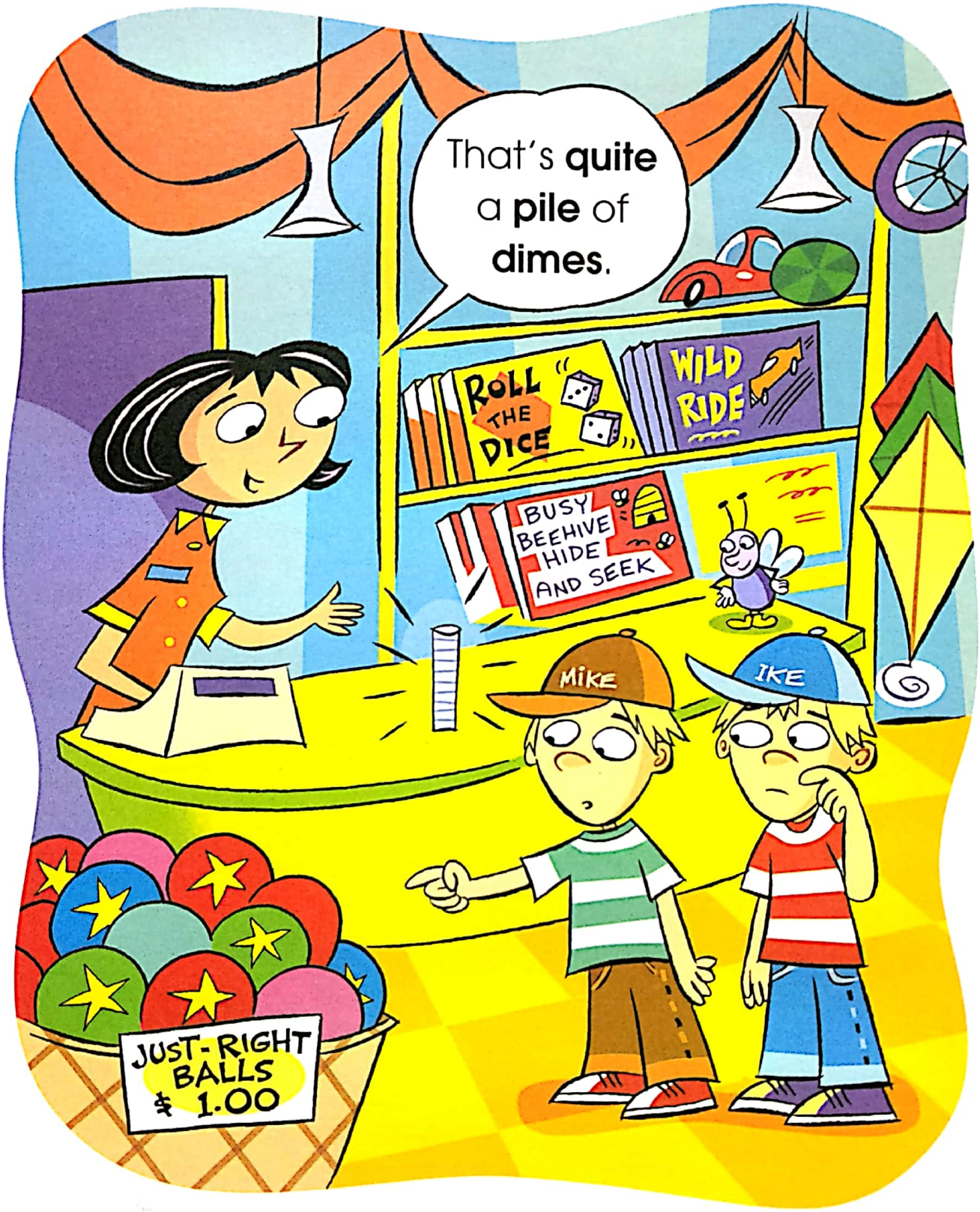
Ike and **Mike** begin to **fight**.

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Then **Ike** and **Mike** begin to **cry**. A **wise fly** buzzes **by**.
"Boys, take **my advice**," he says with a **sigh**.
"It's **nice** to share."

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"That **fly might** just be **right**," says **Ike**.
"Let's give it a **try**," says **Mike**.

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Ike and **Mike** think sharing is **mighty fine**!

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That **night**, **Ike** shares his book of **rhymes** with **Mike**. **Mike** shares his stuffed **lion**, **Spike**, with **Ike**.

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The **fly smiles** with **delight** as he turns out the **light**. "What a **sight**! Sleep **tight**! Good **night**!"

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Long-i Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right long-*i* word from the box.

Word Box

fly	dime	bite	smile	pie
hi	wise	lime	bike	night

1. You do this when you are happy.
2. This is something you eat for dessert.
3. You can buy things with this coin.
4. This is a bug.
5. This has wheels and you can ride it.
6. It means *smart*.
7. It is the opposite of *day*.
8. This green fruit tastes sour.
9. It means the same thing as *hello*.
10. You do this when you eat an apple.





Answers: 1. smile 2. pie 3. dime 4. fly 5. bike 6. wise 7. night 8. lime 9. hi 10. bite

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Long-i Cheer

Hooray for long *i*, the best sound around!

Let's holler long-*i* words all over town!

There's **like** and **nice** and **bike** and **kite**.

There's **fly** and **sky** and **light** and **night**.

There's **pie** and **my** and **five** and **find**.

There's **write** and **rice** and **size** and **kind**.

Long *i*, long *i*, give a great cheer

For the **finest** sound you ever will hear!



Make a list of other long-*i* words. Then use them in your cheer.

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Ike and **Mike** don't **like** to share their bats, **bikes**, or **kites**! That is, until a **nice fly** gives them some **wise advice**.



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