



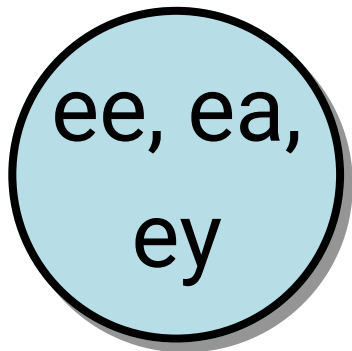
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# The Birthday Gift

# Grow Your phonics Skills!

Look for the vowel teams



Try these decodable words!

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beam

sweet

## New Vocabulary

No new vocabulary

## Let's Read!

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to watch a fun 2-minute  
video about the book.





# The Birthday Gift



It was, indeed, the best party! We each had fun.

Dad gave a speech, "I've one more gift for you, Ashley."

He reached down and handed her a box. Ashley opened it and peeked inside to see what it was.

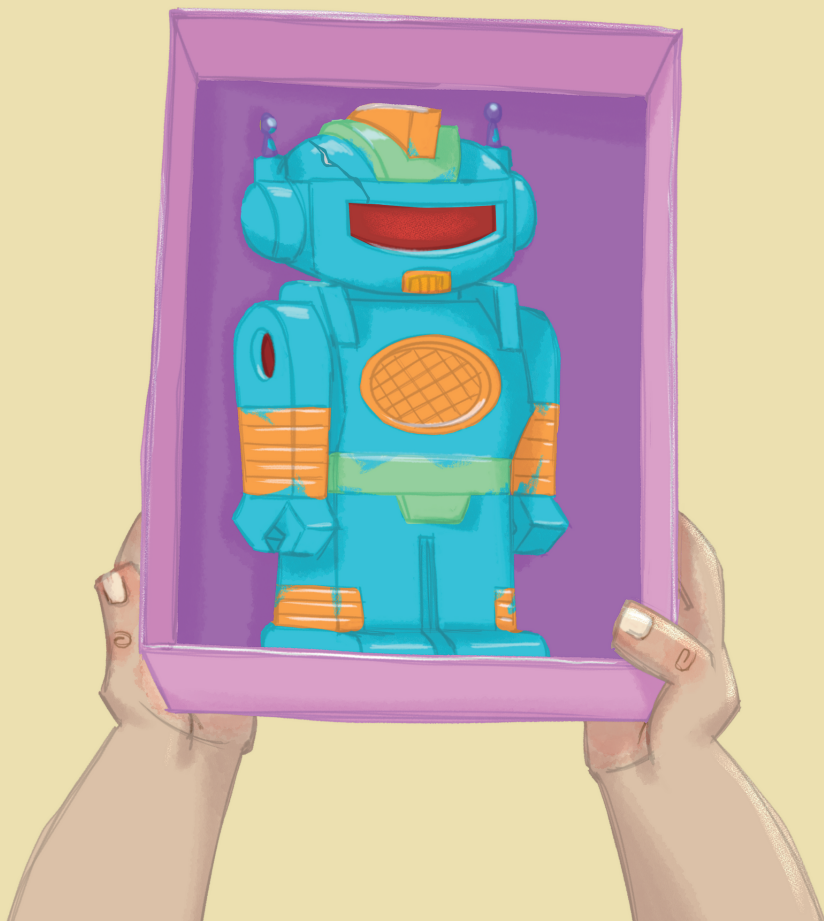


It was a robot with a deep scratch.  
It seemed old, and the arm had a  
squeak.

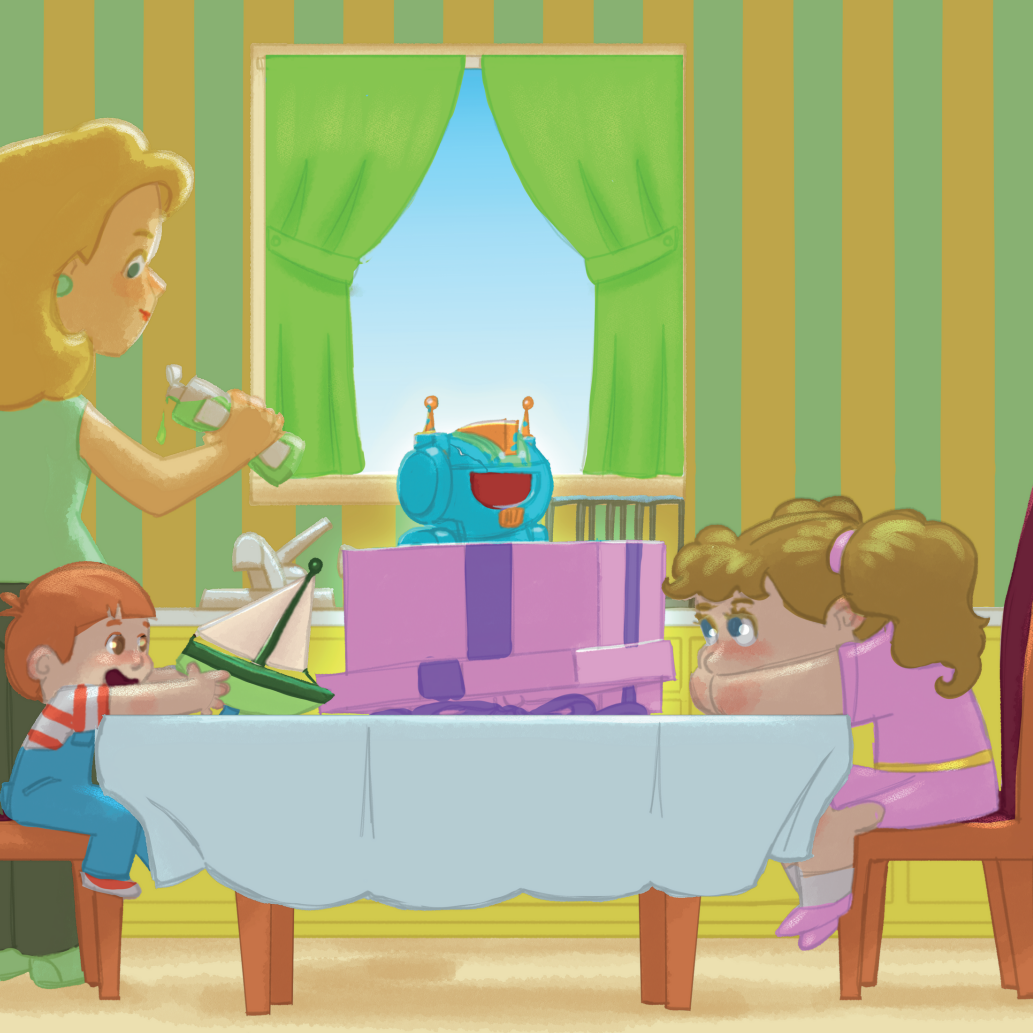
"Um, thanks, Dad," Ashley said.

Dad beamed. "It was mine," he said.  
"Its name is Lee."

Ashley's friends began to leave. Her  
dad also left with speed.



Ashley took Lee the robot. She did not like her dad's sweet gift. Ashley did not want to feel sad or weep. She wanted to seem grateful. Lee did not even work. Did it need a key?

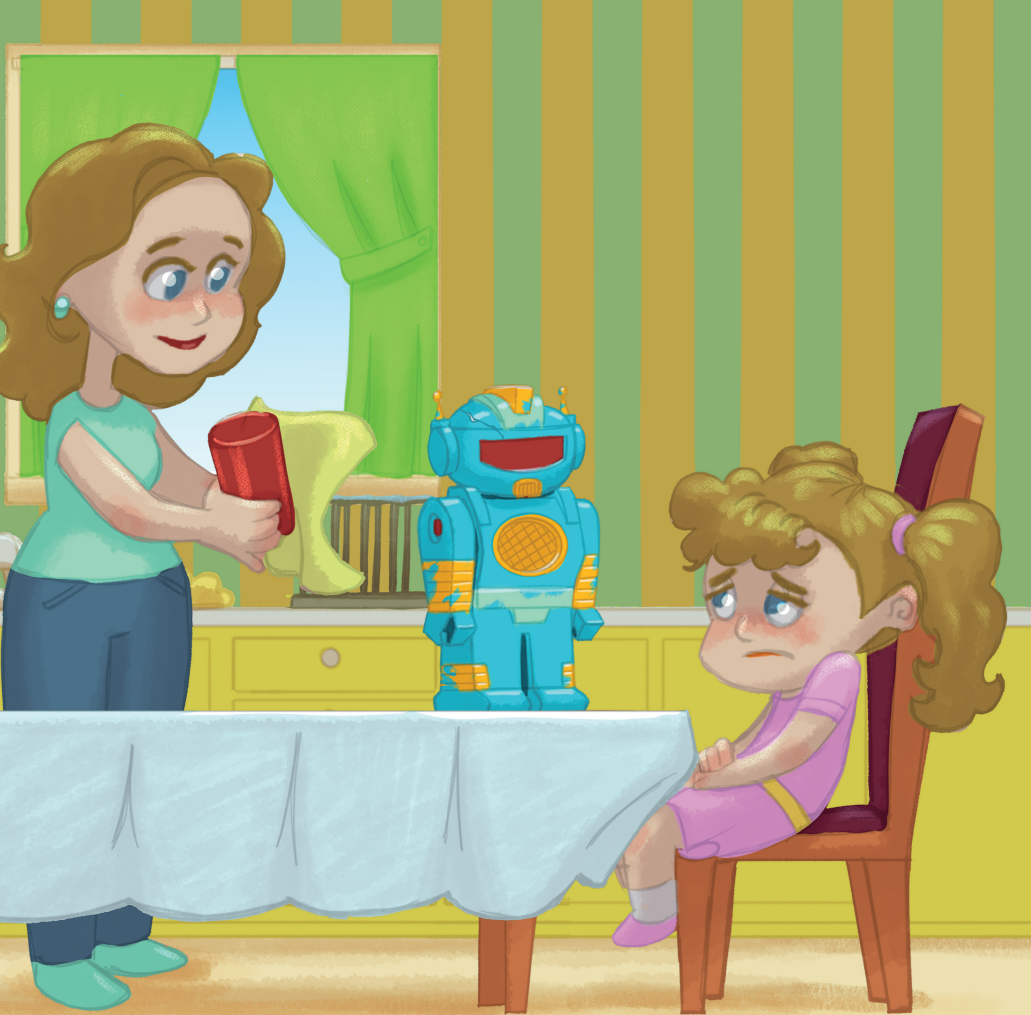


Mom peeked in.

"Maybe it needs a bit of grease,  
maybe a tweak or a squeeze."

Ashley peered at Lee from all sides.  
At least it was clean and looked like  
a real robot.





"I will leave it on the shelf between the three stuffed sheep," Ashley said.

Just then, her dad came in and screamed, "I have the batteries Lee needs."

"Beep! Beep!" the robot screeched, making Ashley squeal.



They all peered at Lee to see what was next.

Dad said, "Clap."

Lee squeezed its hands three times and then began to squeak. The robot was more than it seemed.

"I will teach it to do more!"



"Reach," said Ashley.

Lee the robot lifted each arm and reached up. A happy feeling began to creep up her cheeks. This gift was a dream.

"Thank you, Dad! This is the best gift," she said.

Then she squeezed him with a hug.





## Phonics Fun

- Set a timer for 1 minute.
- With a partner, write as many ee, ea, ey words as you can.
- When the timer goes off, count your words.



## Comprehension

How were the events of this book the same as the events of another book you've read?



## Decodable Words

Ashley	dream	Lee	screech	squeal
beam	each	need	see	squeeze
beep	feel	peek	seem	sweet
between	grease	peer	sheep	teach
cheek	indeed	reach	speech	three
clean	key	real	speed	tweak
creep	least	scream	squeak	weep
deep	leave			



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