

# The Great Pie Lie



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Level 7 – Turquoise

# Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

**HERE IS A LIST OF PHONEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.**

| Phase 5    |            |             |            |
|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| ay (day)   | ou (out)   | ie (tie)    | ea (eat)   |
| oy (boy)   | ir (girl)  | ue (blue)   | aw (saw)   |
| wh (when)  | ph (photo) | ew (new)    | oe (toe)   |
| au (Paul)  | a_e (make) | e_e (these) | i_e (like) |
| o_e (home) | u_e (rule) |             |            |

| Phase 5 Alternative Pronunciations of Graphemes |                                |                   |                         |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| a (hat, what)                                   | e (bed, she)                   | i (fin, find)     | o (hot, so, other)      |
| u (but, unit)                                   | c (cat, cent)                  | g (got, giant)    | ow (cow, blow)          |
| ie (tied, field)                                | ea (eat, bread)                | er (farmer, herb) | ch (chin, school, chef) |
| y (yes, by, very)                               | ou (out, shoulder, could, you) |                   |                         |

**HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.**

| Phase 5 Tricky Words |        |        |       |
|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| oh                   | their  | people | Mr    |
| Mrs                  | looked | called | asked |
| could                |        |        |       |

## TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out any focus phonics when they are used.
- Read through the book more than once to grow confidence.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage children to use illustrations as prompts.

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The cook had a pie shop. His pies were the best pies in town. All the people who had tried them agreed!

It's true. They are the best!







The pies were all blueberry, peach or fried banana. People waited at the pie shop all day and all night to get them.

But how did the cook make the best pies in town? Even the cook did not know. He didn't know how to cook. Not even pies!



Each morning, he found fresh pies sitting in his kitchen. Blueberry pies, peach pies and fried banana pies. But who was cooking them?





The cook lied and said that he had cooked the pies. But soon this lie got out of control.



Queen Sue had tried the cook's pies and wanted one for her birthday. But she didn't like blueberry, peach or fried banana pie.



"I want a new filling that no one has ever had before," said Queen Sue.  
"Oh no," the cook said.



"That will be a problem," said the cook.  
"Why not blueberry? Or peach? Or fried  
banana?"

"No, no, no!" replied Queen Sue.





So, the cook got to work. He tried green pies, pink pies, barbecued pies and pies with flies in.





He tried and tried, but all the pies he cooked were disgusting! "I just don't know how to cook pies!" cried the cook.

The cook cried all night. On the morning of Queen Sue's birthday, there was still no birthday pie!



After the cook's tears had all dried up, he looked around his kitchen and saw something odd next to the fresh pies.







"A magpie feather!" said the cook. Was this a clue to tell the cook who had been cooking the pies all along?

The cook followed the clue and looked high and low for the secret pie cook. Were they in the fridge? Or under the oven?



Were they in the pots and pans or under the  
barbecue? The cook tried and tried to find the  
secret pie cook, but they were still hidden!  
And the pie was due soon!



And then he found her!

"So, you are the secret pie cook! You have come to my rescue, Miss Magpie!" said the cook.





For the rest of the morning, the magpie collected all the things she needed for Queen Sue's birthday pie.



When it was all set, the magpie showed the cook what to do. They fried and mixed and cooked until the pie was finished!



In her garden, Queen Sue was waiting for her pie. Everyone was hungry. They wanted to see the amazing new pie that the cook had made.





They all tried the pie and agreed that it was the best pie ever! "Give us a clue!" they shouted. "What is in the pie?"



“How did you cook such an amazing pie?”  
asked Queen Sue. The cook was afraid.  
He had told too many lies.



"I've lied too much," replied the cook.

"I don't know how to cook pies!"

"Then who is the true pie cook?" cried Queen Sue.



Just then, the magpie appeared and landed on the statue. "Here is the real pie cook!" said the cook.



They all clapped and cheered. The birthday pie was a big hit, and everyone loved the magpie cook. "Hip, hip, hooray!" cried everyone.





The magpie stayed with the cook and helped him to cook lots of pies. There were blueberry pies, peach pies, fried banana pies and birthday pies!





The cook and the magpie's pie shop had queues all around town. The queues were even longer than before!

"Magpies cook the best pies!" said the cook.

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1. Which three pies did the cook sell in the pie shop?
2. What filling did Queen Sue want in her birthday pie?
  - (a) Chocolate
  - (b) The same fillings the cook already had
  - (c) A new filling that no one had ever had before
3. How do you think the cook was feeling when Queen Sue asked for her birthday pie?
4. What was the first clue to tell you who the secret pie cook was?
5. Do you think the cook did the right thing by telling the truth? What would you have done if you were the cook?

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When Queen Sue asks him to make her a special pie  
for her birthday, he knows he's in trouble.  
Will people find out about the great pie lie?

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