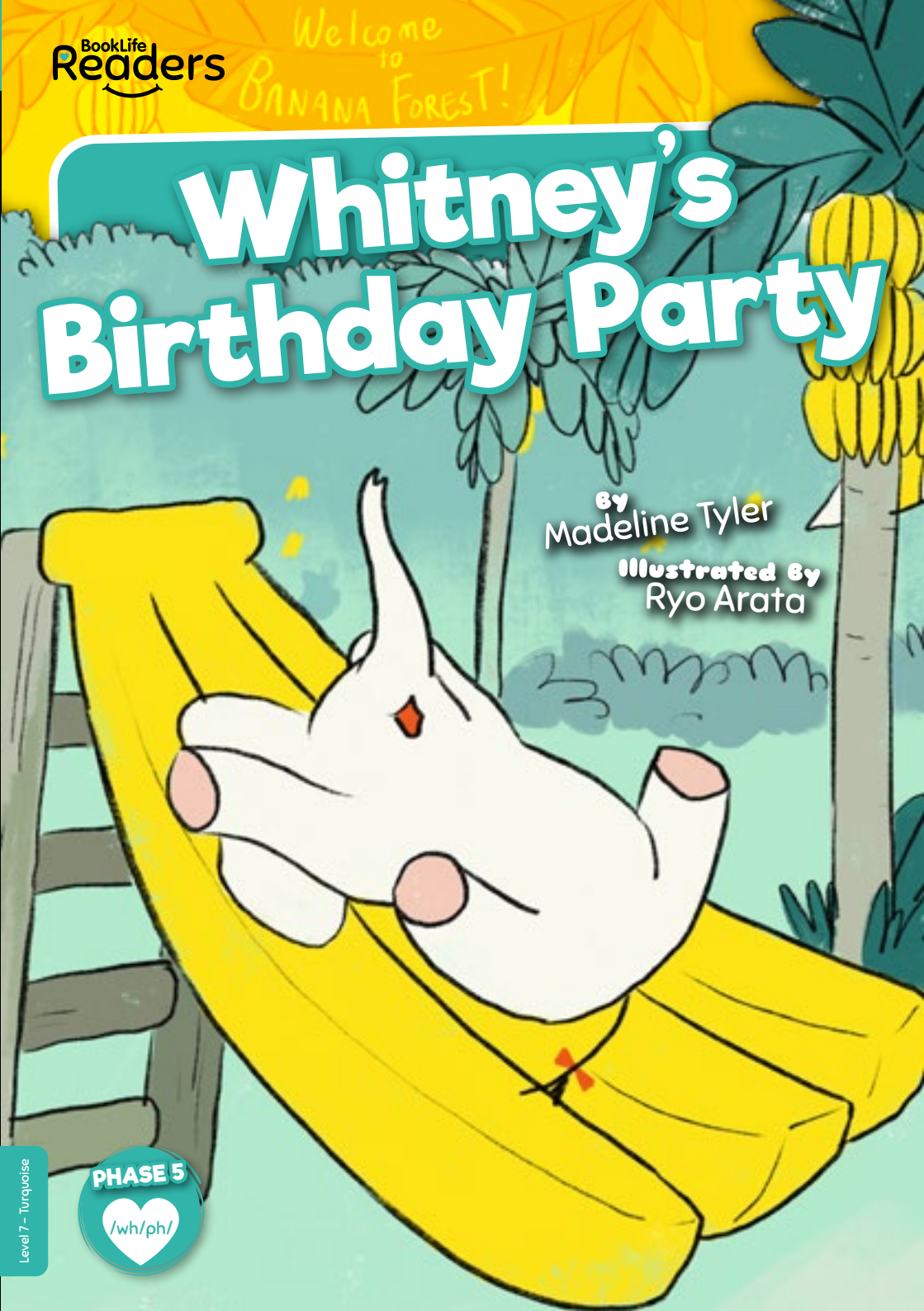


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# Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

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.

**PHASE 5**

/wh/ph/

This book focuses on the phonemes /wh/ and /ph/ and is a turquoise level 7 book band.

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Whitney was spoiled. Wherever she was and whatever she was doing, it was always: "I want this, I want that!"



Whitney wanted Murph to help her plan her birthday party. But Murph was sick of Whitney always whinging whenever she didn't get her way.



“What about a dressing up party in the garden?” said Murph.

“No, no, no!” whinged Whitney. “I want a party at Banana Forest!”



“But a party at Banana Forest costs too much money,” said Murph. “A dressing up party will be fun! Whoever has the best outfit can win a prize!”





Whitney didn't want to dress up, but she did want to win the prize. "Maybe a dressing up party is a good idea," she whispered.

“Phew,” said Murph. “Now, who do you want to invite to your party?”

“No one! I want the prize all to myself!” said Whitney.

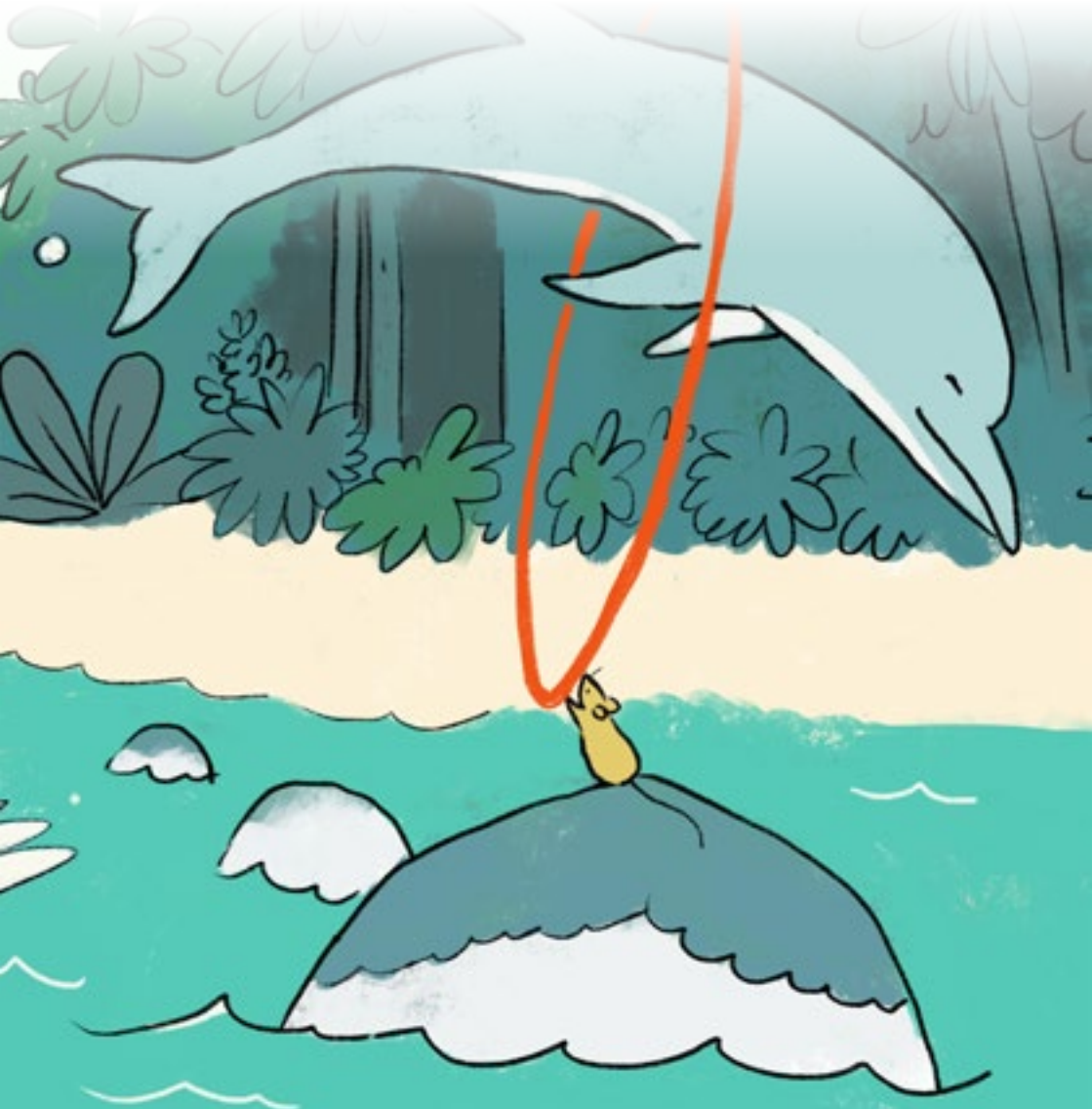


“But what about all of your friends?”  
asked Murph. “There’s Ralph the whale, Sal  
the mouse, Whiskers the cat and Blue the  
dolphin!”



“Maybe playing with my friends is better than winning the prize,” said Whitney.

“I will phone all your friends and tell them about the party!” said Murph.



“What a good idea!” they all cheered. “We love dressing up!”

“Me too!” whispered Sal the mouse into the telephone.



Next, Murph and Whitney needed to plan what to have at the party. "Where shall we start?" asked Murph.

"The food!" said Whitney.



Whitney wanted banana cake, banana sweets and banana pie. She wanted the whole garden to be filled with bananas!



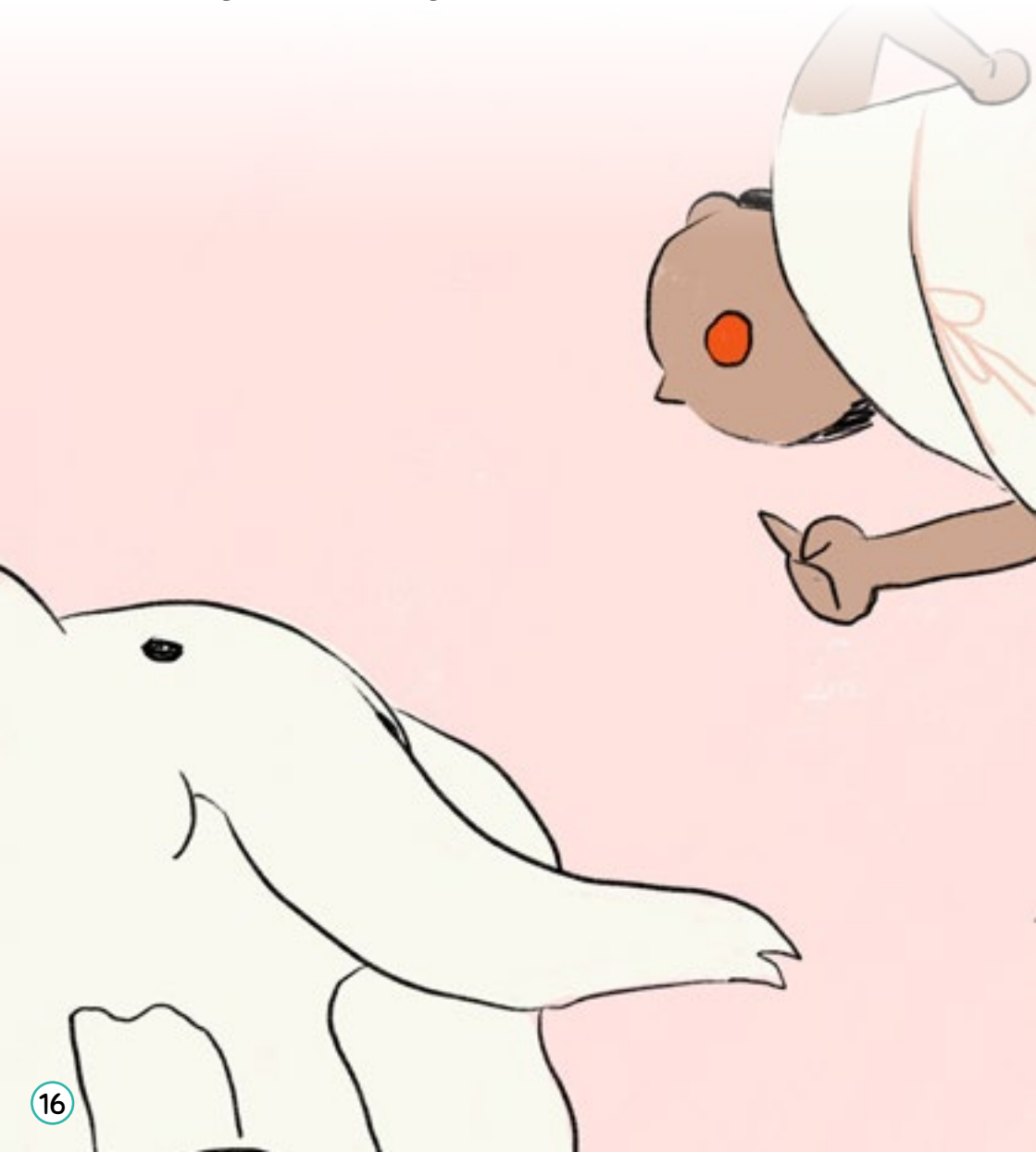
Bananas were Whitney's best food.  
She had them for lunch, for dinner and as  
a snack. She had bananas whenever she could  
get her trunk on them!



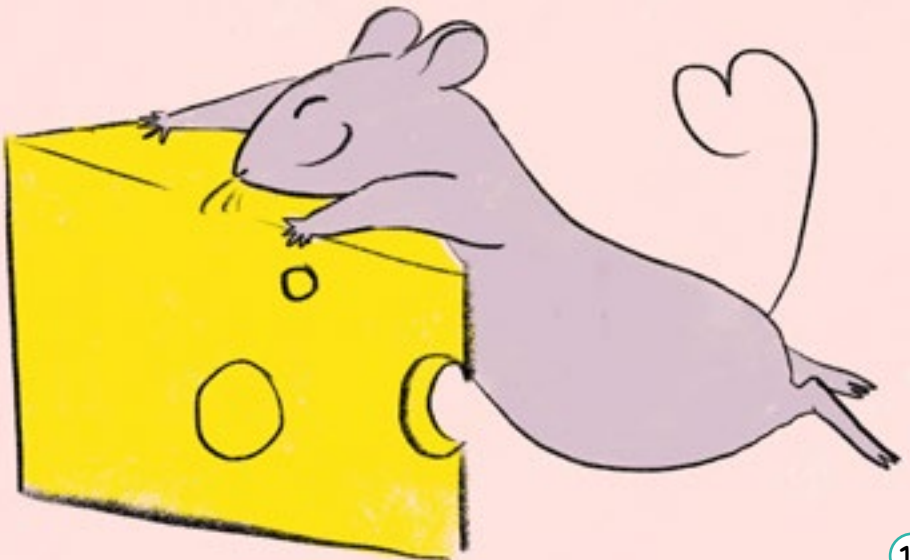


“We need to have different sorts of food for all your friends,” said Murph.

“Why? All animals love bananas!” replied Whitney, munching on a banana.



“Not all animals love bananas,” said Murph.  
“Whiskers loves fish, and Sal’s best food is  
cheese! What about if we have a mixture of  
foods?”



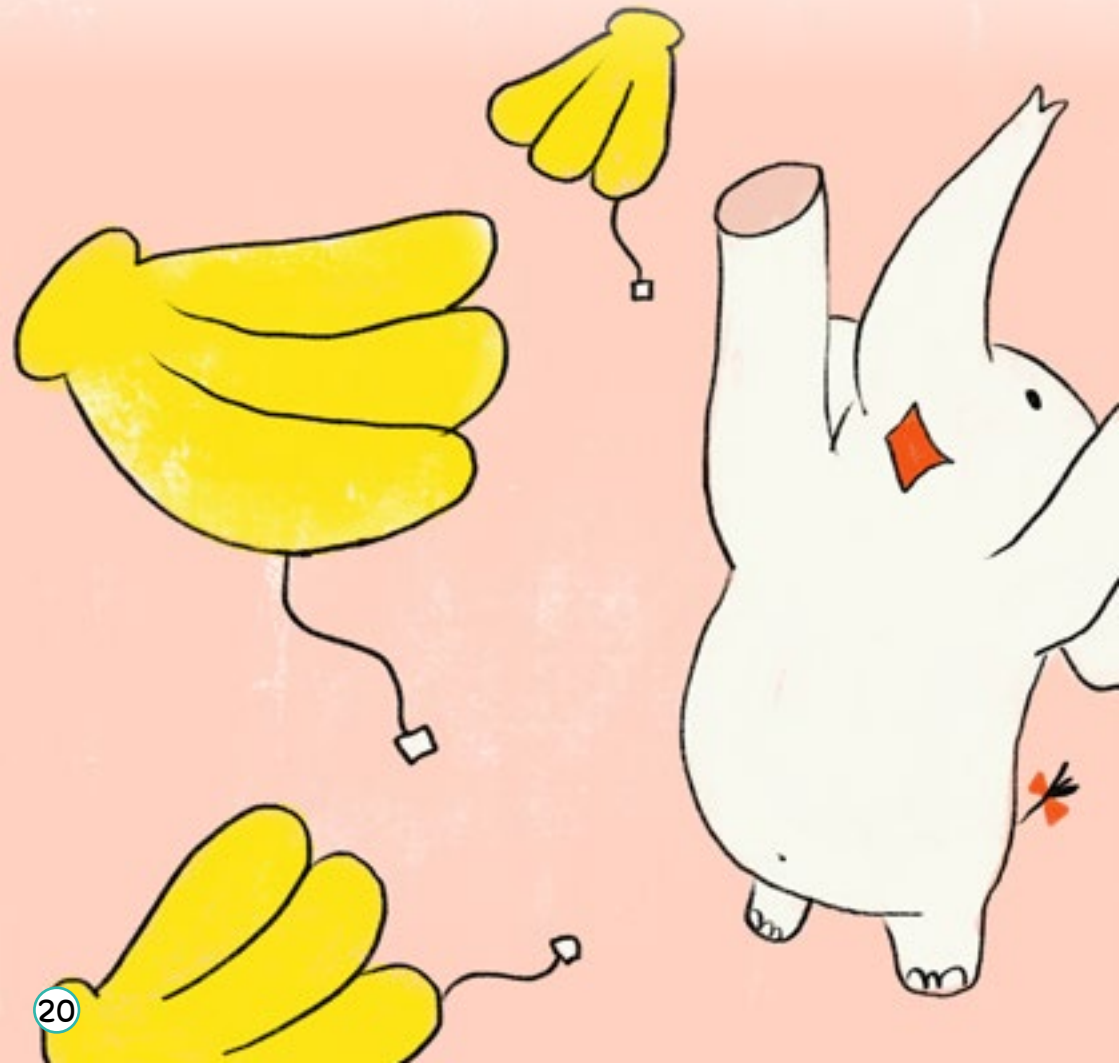
Whitney was upset. It was her birthday party and she wanted there to be bananas! So, she whinged, and whinged, and whinged...



Whitney didn't stop whinging until Murph showed her all the party food. She had a whiff. It smelled good, even if it wasn't all bananas.



The food was all set, but what next?  
“Balloons!” said Murph and Whitney.  
“I want balloons that look like bananas!”  
said Whitney.



“But Blue likes flower balloons, and Ralph’s favourite balloons are always pink,” said Murph. “Why don’t we have lots of different balloons?”



Maybe Whitney couldn't always get what she wanted, even on her birthday. Whitney still wanted banana treats and banana balloons, but she wanted something else even more.



Whitney wanted all her friends to have fun at her party. She just needed to get her outfit ready before they all arrived...





There was a knock on the door. Whitney's friends had arrived for the party, but they were too soon! Whitney was not ready yet!



“Oh no!” said Whitney. “I have not dressed up! What will I do? I will never win the prize now!” But then the door opened and...



They were all dressed up just like Whitney.  
They were all elephants! There was Sal the  
elephant and Whiskers the elephant...



And even Ralph and Blue the elephants!  
“Surprise!” said all her friends. “Can you tell  
who we are?”  
Whitney was not dressed up, but it didn’t  
matter after all.





“Why don’t we all have it?” said Murph. Whitney tucked into banana pie, Sal nibbled on some cheese, and they all had the best day ever.



# Whitney's Birthday Party

1. What did Whitney want Murph to help her plan?
2. What food does Whitney love most of all?
  - (a) Bananas
  - (b) Grapes
  - (c) Oranges
3. Why do you think Whitney kept whinging?
4. What costumes were Whitney's friends wearing?
5. Do you think Murph deserved to win the prize? What would you have said to Whitney if you were helping to plan her party?

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