

The Tale of the Three Little Horses

Objective: These materials were designed to help students develop reading fluency, and practice decoding words ending in **-le** within the context of a story.

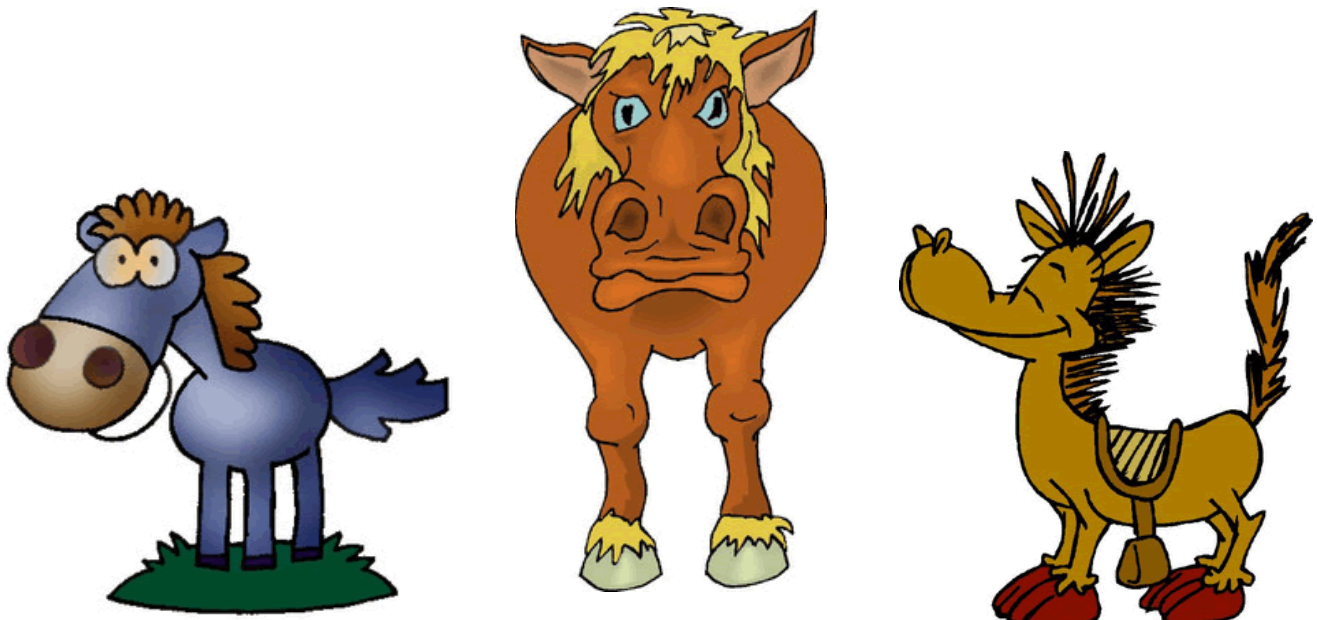
Materials:

1. Print and cut apart the cards with the -le words printed on them. Laminate for center use.
2. Or, leave the word cards on the pages and use as a part of the “Tale of the Three Little Horses Booklet”.
3. Print all of the story pages and staple together as a booklet.
4. For less fluent readers, the text may be taped. Put the tape and the booklet in a large baggie for center use.

Teaching Suggestions:

1. Introduce/review words that end in -le. Write the words from the word cards on chart paper and ask students to decode and pronounce them.
2. Pass out sets of word cards to partners and ask them to practice pronouncing the -le words.
3. The booklet may be used in several ways:
 - A. Students may work as fluency partners and practice reading it aloud to each other.
 - B. It may be used as a script for reader’s theater.
 - C. The text may be taped and students may listen to it being read aloud, while reading along silently, and then practice by reading aloud to the teacher or a fluency partner.

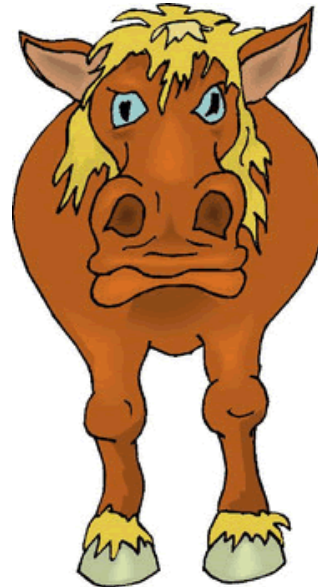
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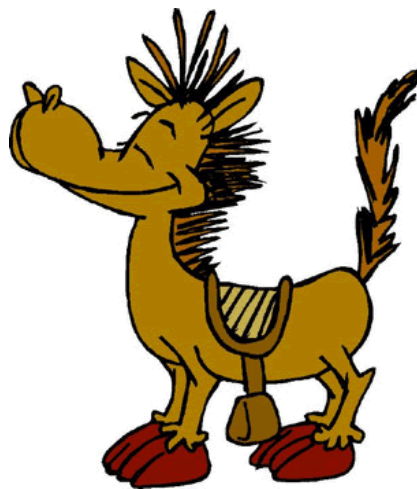
Once upon a time there were three little horses.



Mary

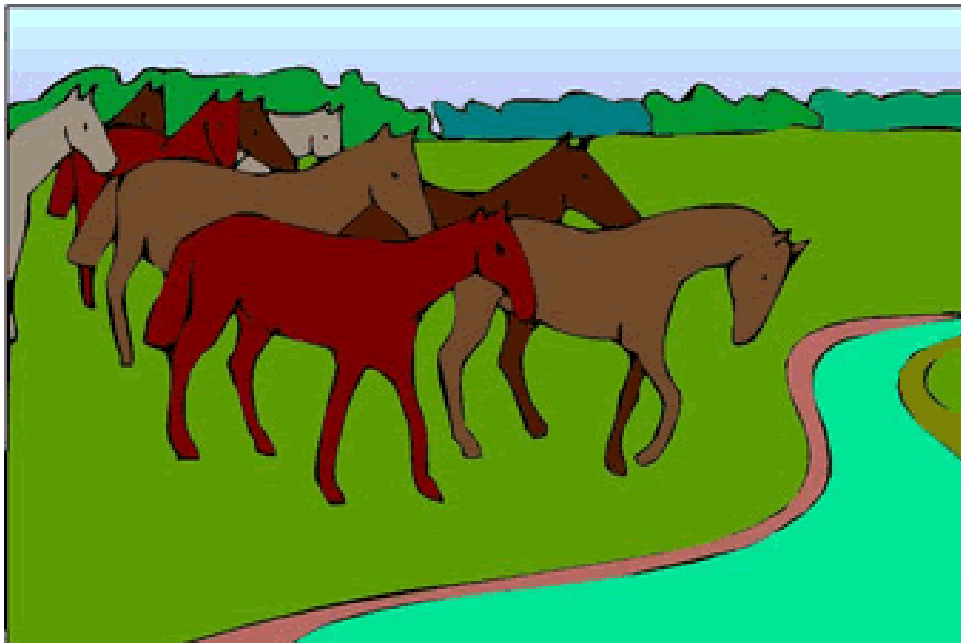


Harry



Larry

Mary, Harry, Larry and their mother lived with a herd of horses.



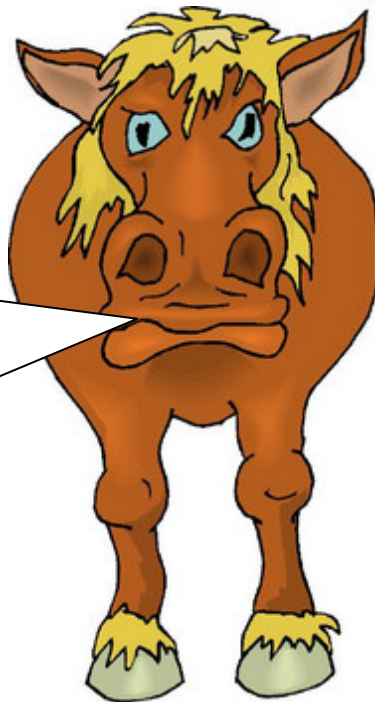
“This is unacceptable,” said their mother. “It’s time you had a home of your own.”

The trouble was that none of the horses in the herd were capable of building houses.

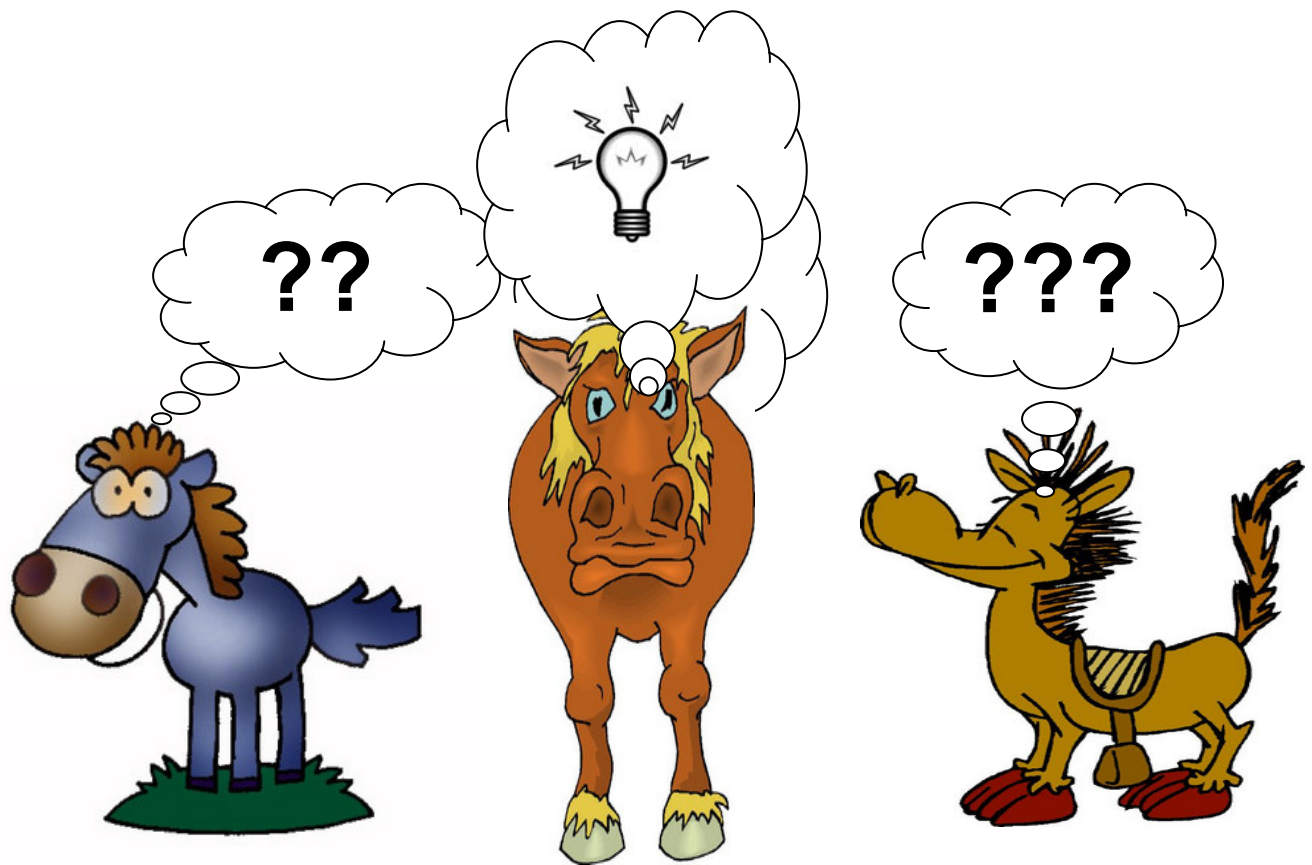
“Who can build us an acceptable house?” asked Mary.



“Let’s hire a carpenter!” said Harry.

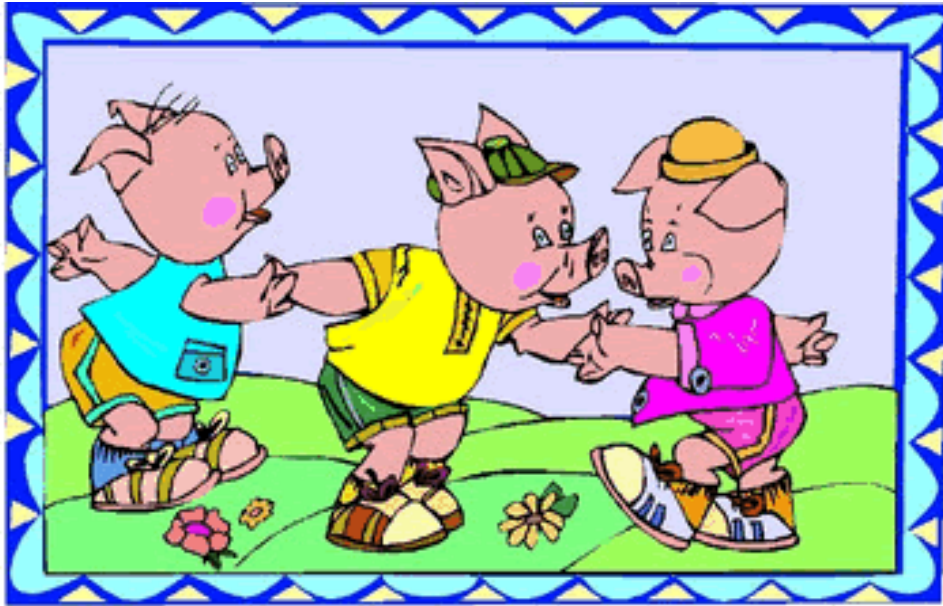


Their mother thought hiring a carpenter was a good idea. “Who do we know that is **able** to build a house?” she asked.



Mary, Harry, and Larry thought and thought.

Harry had an idea. “Let’s use **3-P Inc.** They build unbelievable houses!”



“I don’t know,” said Mary,
“Didn’t they have trouble with
some of their buildings?”

“Don’t be silly, Mary,” said Larry, “You’ve been reading too many fairy tales.”

Mary, Larry and Harry ran off to visit 3-P Inc.

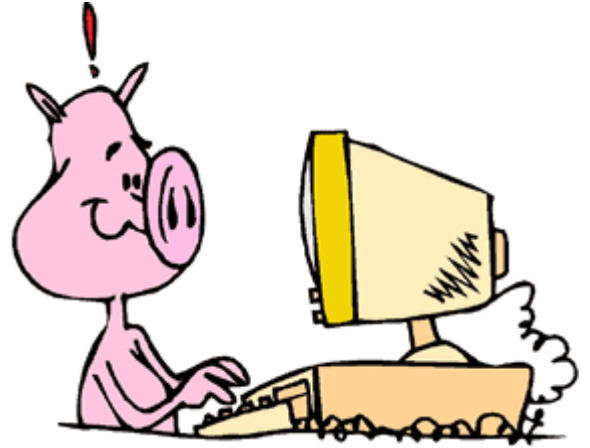
“Hello, hello, hello!” babbled the youngest pig brother, “What can we do for you today?”

“We need a home of our own,” said Harry.

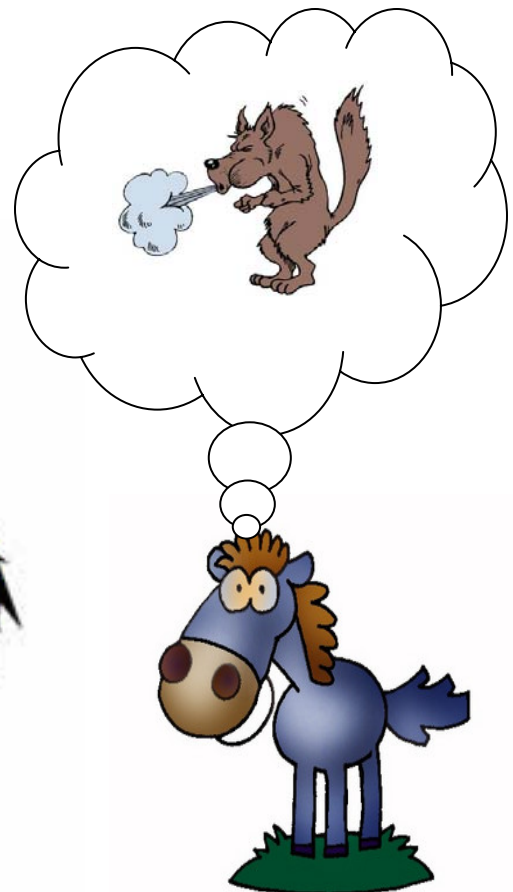
“You’ve come to the right place,” said Percy, “We’ve got some great designs. Come inside and take a look!”



Soon Harry, Mary, Larry and the 3 pig brothers were huddled around the computer.



“Here’s our straw model,” said Peter, “It’s easy to build and it doesn’t cost much!”



“I don’t think that’s the one,”
said Mary, “Horses **eat** hay.
Besides, it doesn’t look very
stable to me.”

“Okay, how about our wood
model? It is easy to build and
doesn’t cost much,” said Percy.



“I don’t think that’s the one,” said Mary, “It doesn’t look **capable** of standing up to high winds!”

“Okay, how about our brick model? It takes longer to build, but it has been tested in strong winds. It is as strong as a **castle**,” said Percy.



“I think that’s the one!” said Mary. Larry and Harry agreed.

3-Pigs Inc. got to work and soon the house was built. From that day on, Mary, Larry, and Harry lived happily in a home of their own.

