





Characters

The book cover for 'Grandma's Ripe Bananas' features an illustration of a young girl in a red shirt and tan vest standing next to a large woven basket filled with yellow bananas. An elderly woman in a purple sari and red headscarf stands next to the basket, gesturing towards it. The title 'Grandma's Ripe Bananas' is written in blue and yellow text. The background shows a lush green landscape with trees.

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A group of diverse children in various outfits are standing in a line. One child is holding a sign that says 'I love to Read!'. To the right of the children is a large blue and black ostrich.

Vowel Syllable Pattern Chart

Open	Closed			Magic e		Long Vowel Digraph Vowel Team			Bossy R
be	visit	hen	best	likes	ate	Deepa	leaves	say	turn
so	asks	secret	tub	like	faced	speak	peace	day	later
secret	filled	with	tell	ripe	take	green	steals	lay	hurting
me	told	runs	next	five	mistake	near	hear	waiting	under
my	yet	market	tells	quite	those	please	weep	explains	first
go	leg	stick	big	time	home	eat	speeds	gained	after
she	top	smells	under	pile	whole	leave	sneaks	knows	never
later	thinks	plan	past	make	rude	ease	leaf	know	farm
by	pick	after	munch	gazes	huge	peeks	pleads	moans	market
sorry	until	sell	mistake	made		sneak	sweet	yellow	for
	mom	dad	upset	pace		reaching		fruit	more
	help	mad	glad	place		needed			sorry



Deepa likes to visit Grandma at her banana farm. Bananas are the fruit Deepa and her hen like best. Grandma knows how to make the bananas turn ripe and sweet.

Deepa asks Grandma, "What do you do to make the bananas so sweet?"

Grandma says, "I will not speak of it. It is my secret."



Deepa gazes at a huge tub filled with green bananas. Grandma holds a huge green leaf near the tub of bananas. There is a whole pile of huge green leaves.

Deepa asks, "What are you doing with those leaves, Grandma?"

Grandma replies, "It is a secret."



Mom and Dad say, "You can make amends by helping your Grandma pick more bananas to sell at the market." So, Deepa and the hen help Grandma pick more bananas.

Grandma is not mad. With Deepa's help, she will have more bananas to sell. Grandma is glad that Deepa knows the secret of the ripe bananas because she faced her mistake and gained a lesson.



Grandma tells Deepa's Mom and Dad that Deepa ate the bananas she needed to sell at the market.

Mom, Dad, and Grandma are very upset.

Deepa says, "I am very sorry I ate the bananas. What can I do to make it up to you, Grandma? I will never take what does not belong to me again."



Deepa pleads, "Grandma, please tell me your secret."

Grandma replies again, "Do not be rude. I told you it was my secret. Now it is time for you to go home."

Deepa runs home. She does not want Grandma to see her weep.



The next day, Deepa asks Grandma if she can have some of the bananas to eat. Grandma explains, "The bananas are not quite sweet yet. I am waiting to take them to market."

Deepa asks, "But Grandma, how do you make the bananas sweet?"

Grandma tells Deepa, "I told you that it is my secret. Leave me in peace."



Later, Deepa and the hen go to the market. They realize Grandma needs more bananas to sell at the market.

Deepa does not know what to do. She realizes she made a mistake.



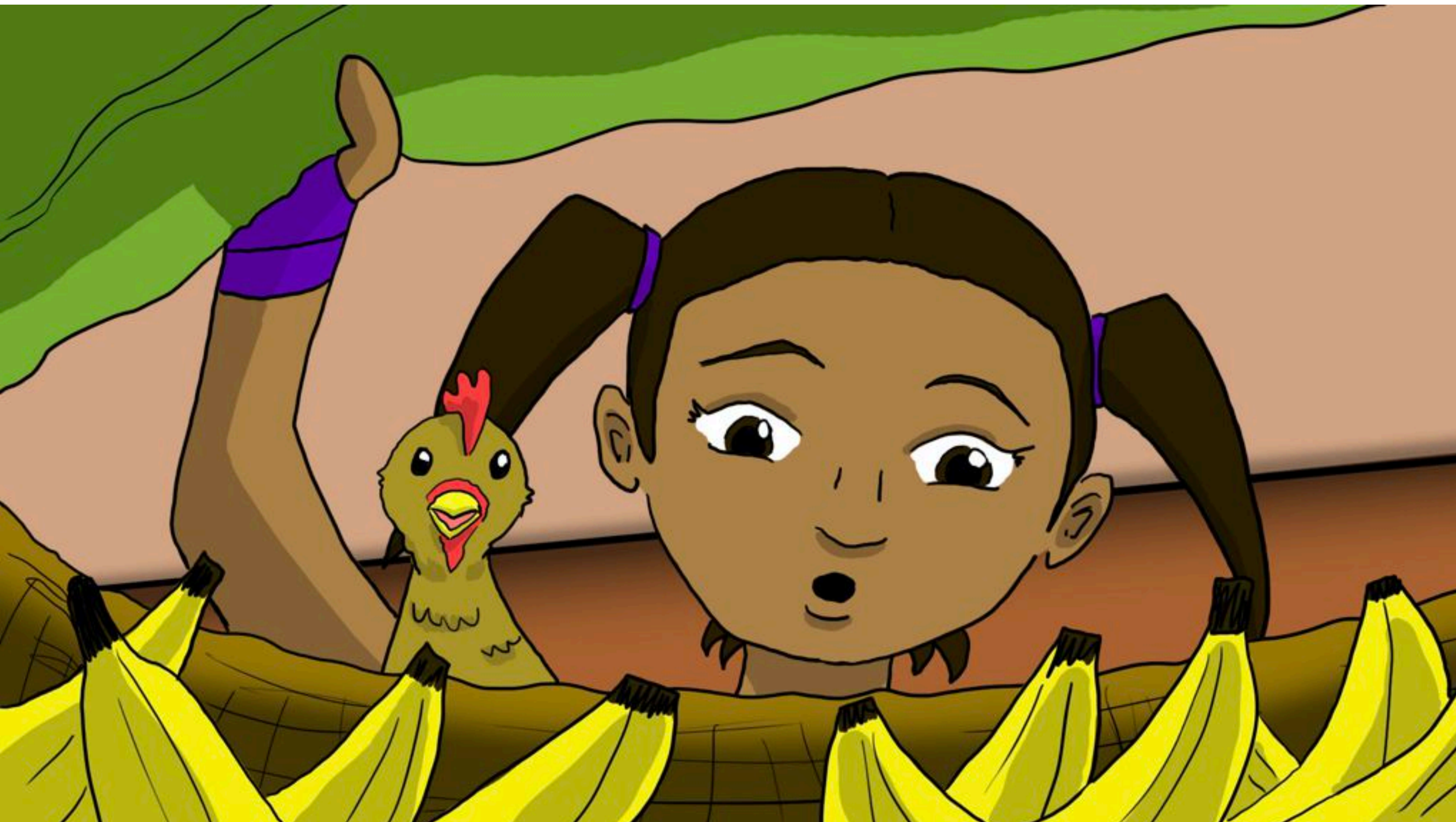
After that, Deepa and the hen find a place to hide to eat the ripe bananas.

They munch the sweet bananas until they are all gone.



Later, Grandma moans, "My leg is hurting me. Deepa, please go find my walking stick so I can walk with more ease."

The stick is next to the big banana tub. The huge green leaves lay on top of the tub.



Deepa smells the sweet bananas. The smell comes from the huge tub with the leaves on top.

She peeks under the leaves and sees the bananas. They are ripe and yellow. Deepa thinks of a plan to sneak a few of them to eat.



First, she steals five of the ripe bananas from the huge tub. Then, she sneaks past Grandma who is reaching to pick more green bananas.

Grandma does not hear or see Deepa as she speeds by at a fast pace.