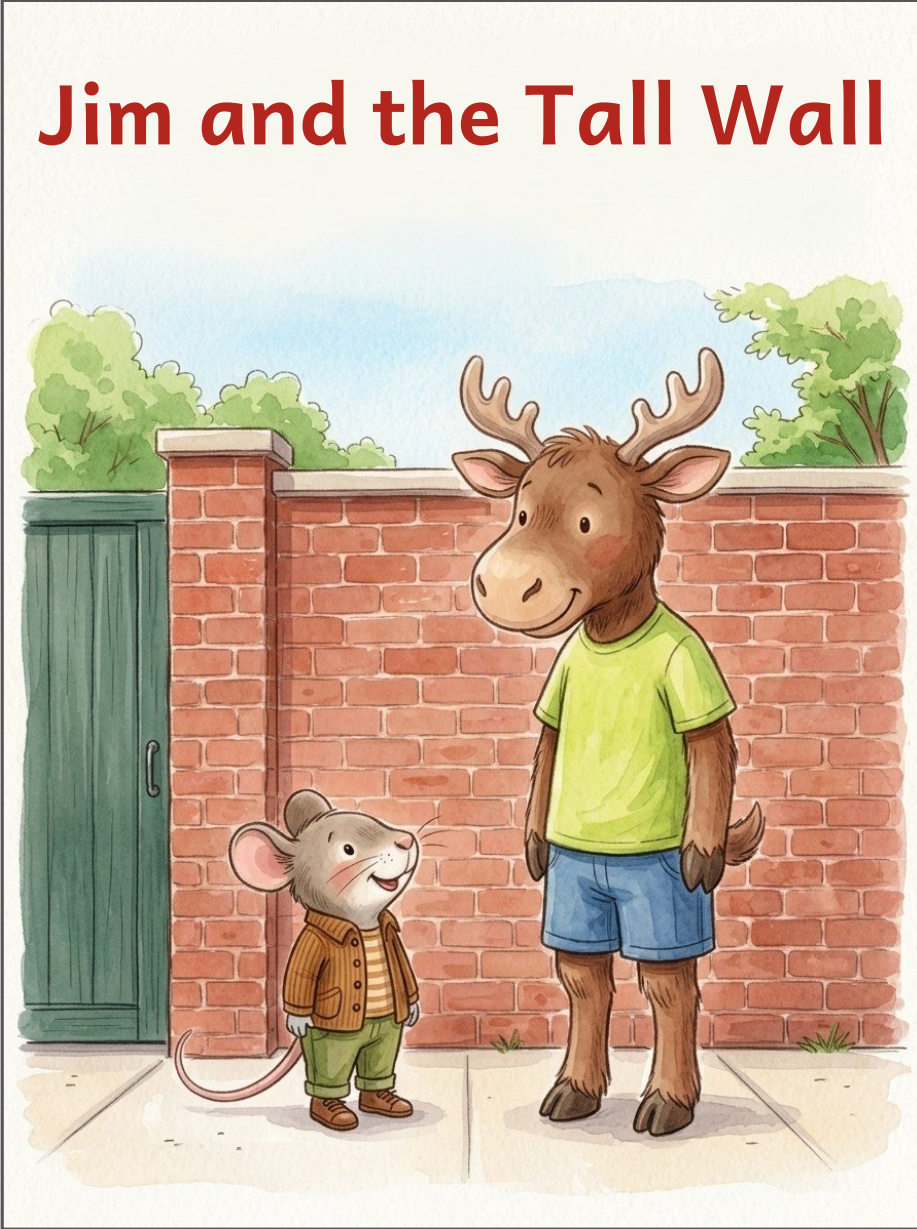


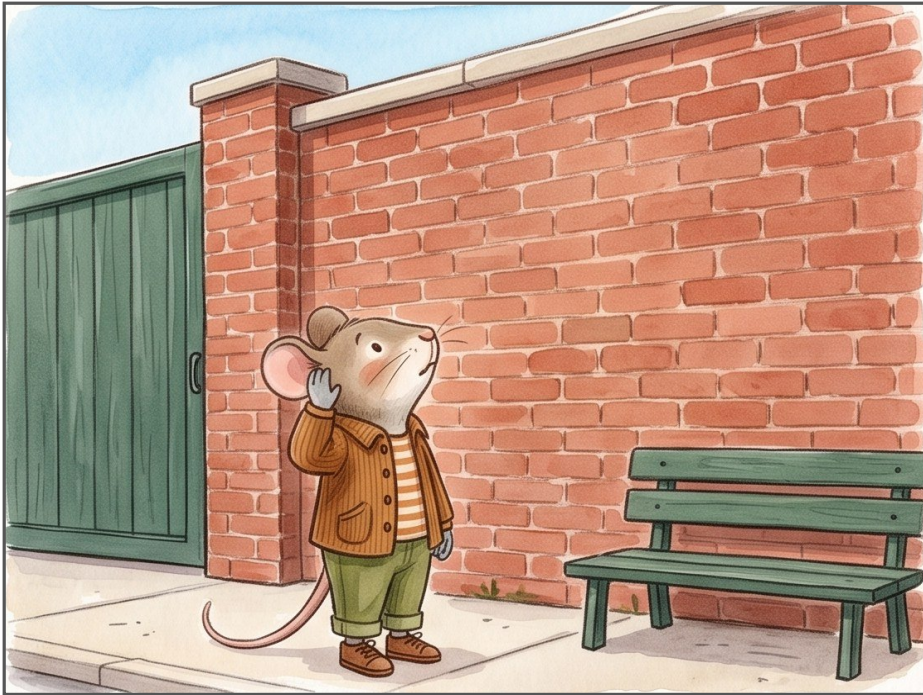
Jim and the Tall Wall



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Jim walked down the sidewalk as fast as he could. The baseball game was about to start, and he wanted to watch it.



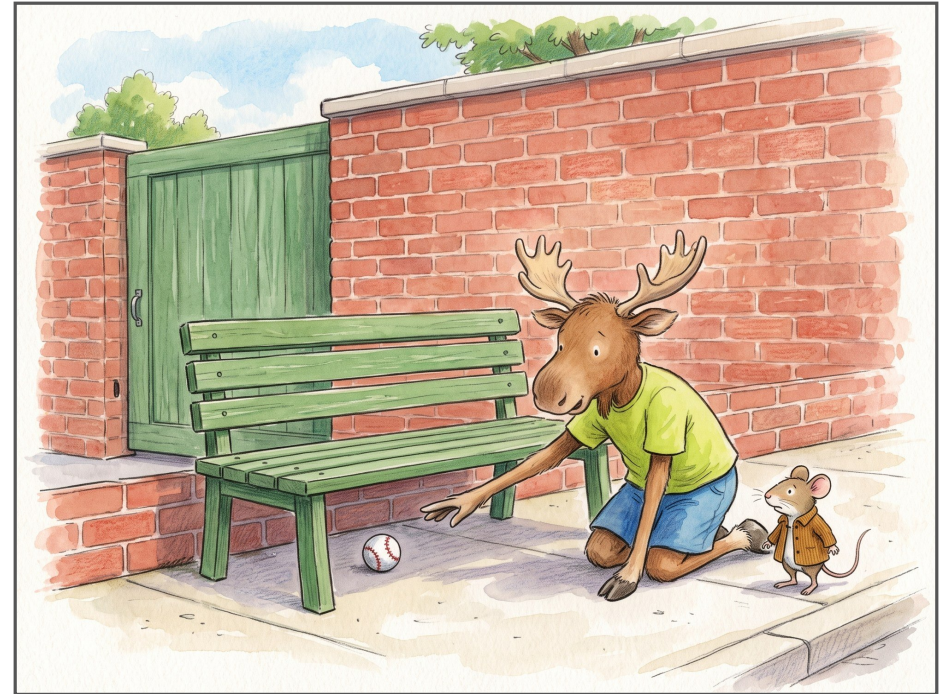
But a tall wall stood in his way.
Jim was much too small to see
over it. "I can hear the game,"
said Jim.



"I wish I could see it." Just
then, Max walked up. Max was
so tall that he could see over
the wall.



"Hop up on my back," said Max.
"We can watch together." Jim
hopped up and held on. Now he
could see the whole game! Then
a bat went crack!



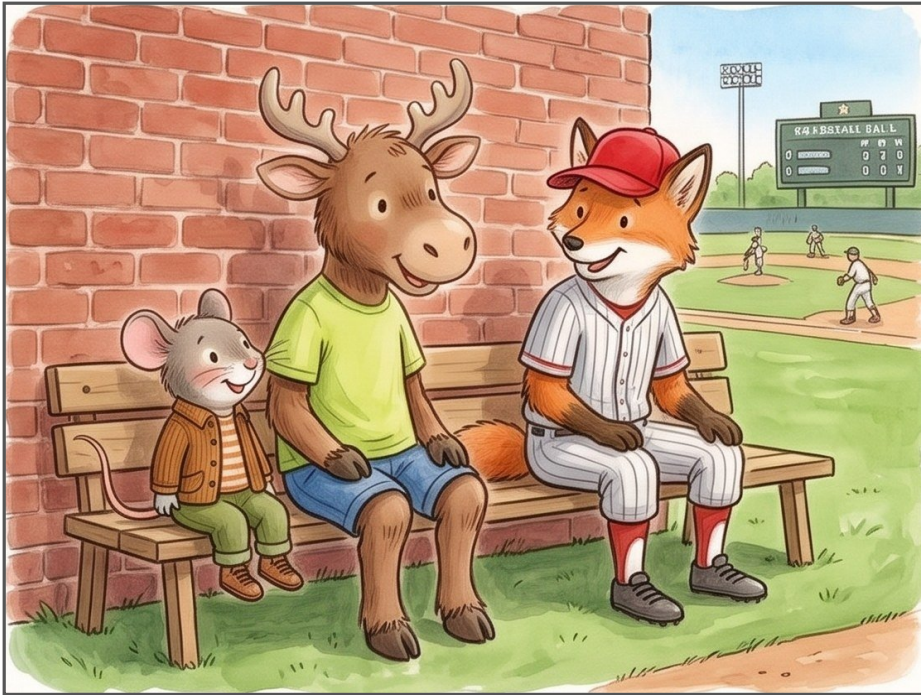
A ball came over the wall. It fell
on the sidewalk and went under
a bench. Max bent down, but he
was too big to get it.



"Let me try," said Jim. He was small, so he ran right under the bench and pushed the ball out.



Then he hopped on Max's back and tossed it over the wall. The gate slid open, and a man in a red cap looked out.



"Thank you both!" he called.
 "Come in and sit with us." So
 Jim and Max walked in and
 watched the game from the best
 bench of all.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

A says /aw/ in -all and -alk, and /o/ after w (ball, walk, wash)

Sounds of A — ALL, ALK, WA words

walked, sidewalk, baseball, wanted, tall, wall, small,
 ball, called, watched, all

High-frequency words

the, he, was, to, and, it, a, said

Other story words

Jim, down, as, fast, could, game, about, start, watch,
 but, stood, in, his, way, much, too, see, over, I, can,
 hear, wish, just, then, Max, up, so, that, hop, on, my,
 back, we, together, hopped, held, now, whole, bat,
 went, crack, came, fell, under, bench, bent, big, get,
 let, me, try, ran, right, pushed, out, tossed, gate, slid,
 open, man, red, cap, looked, thank, you, both, come,
 sit, with, us, from, best, of

Talk About It

1. What did Jim want to watch?
2. Why couldn't Max get the ball under the bench?
3. Where did Jim and Max watch the game at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the
 Sounds of A — ALL, ALK, WA list. How many can you
 find?