**Pete’s Journey**

Pete is on a journey. He needs to flee the heat of the streets and see green leaves and trees. Even under the trees, Pete feels the heat of the sun. He is thrilled to see a creek. Pete slips into the creek and is pleased to be in the sweet, clean sweep of the cool water. Pete feels a snail under his heel just as a breeze sweeps past his cheek. His hair begins to stand on end at the feel of the sleek snail and the cool air.

Pete cannot breathe. He hears wildlife a few feet away. Pete hears feet: big feet! “Please let it not be a real beast,” pleads Pete.

The steps come near. It is Pete’s big brother Steve!

“Get out of that creek before you begin to sneeze,” teased Steve.

**Mom and Eve Plant Seeds**

Mom likes natural food. She will teach Eve to plant seeds. “Let’s plant some salad greens and beets,” exclaims Mom. Eve hops to her feet.

“Can we plant snap peas, too?” asks Eve.

“Yes,” says Mom. “But first, we need to clean up and pick weeds. Then we will plant the seeds.” Eve and her mom plant three neat rows of seeds with ease.

They leave to take a rest and drink tea. They are pleased with the garden. Mom says, “After we pick the plants, we will have a feast at a park. We will eat greens, beets, lean meat, and snap peas. Then we will have peaches and cream. It will be a treat fit for a queen!”

**Activity** Make a list of words from the stories above that have a long e sound.