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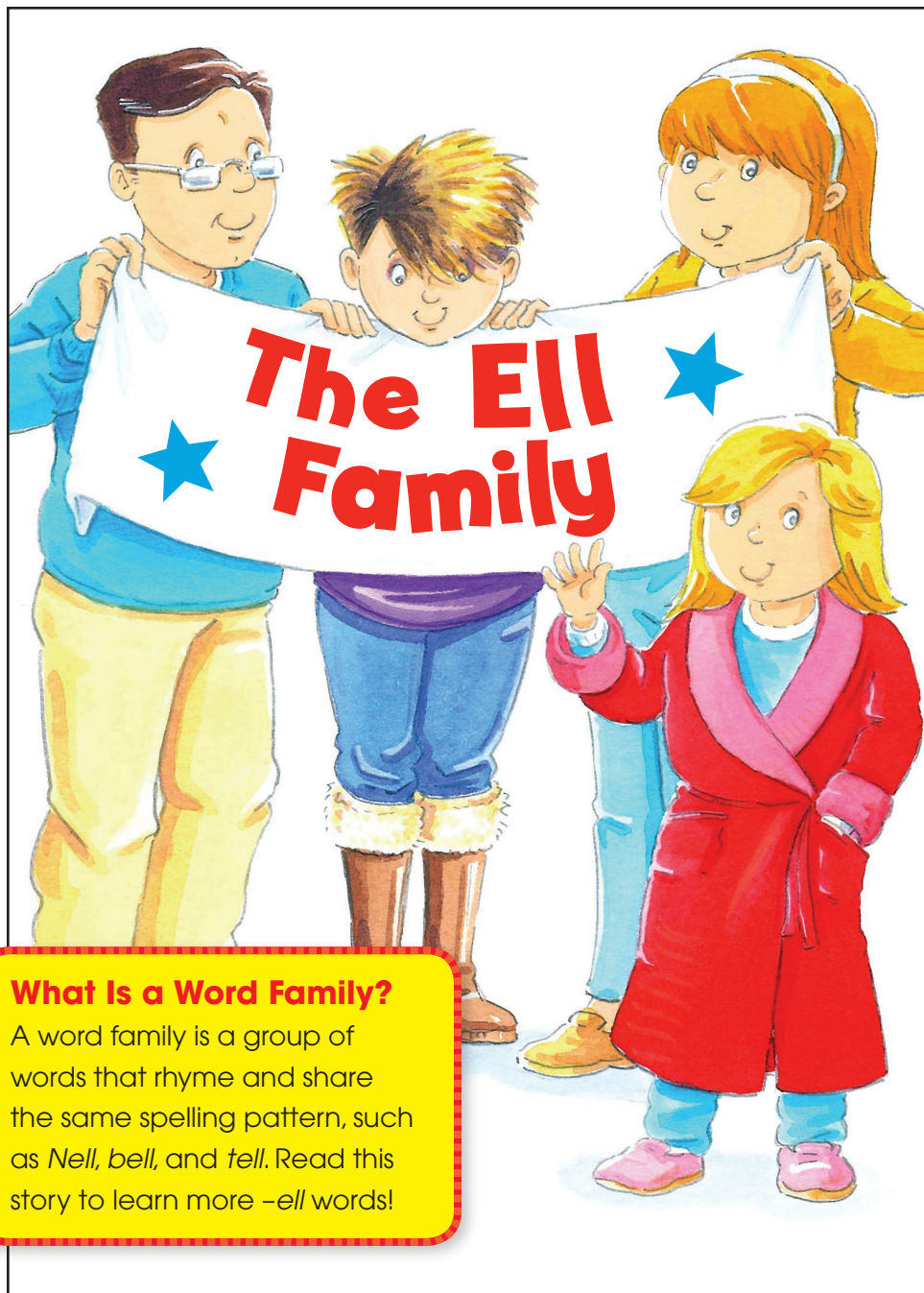
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What Is a Word Family?

A word family is a group of words that rhyme and share the same spelling pattern, such as *Nell*, *bell*, and *tell*. Read this story to learn more -*ell* words!

Meet **Nell**.

Nell is a member of the **Ell** family.



One day, Mrs. **Ell** could **tell**
Nell was not **well**.
So she sent **Nell** to bed.



"Ring this **bell** if you need me,"
said Mrs. **Ell**.

"**Swell!**" said **Nell**.



Ding-a-ling!
Nell rang the **bell**.



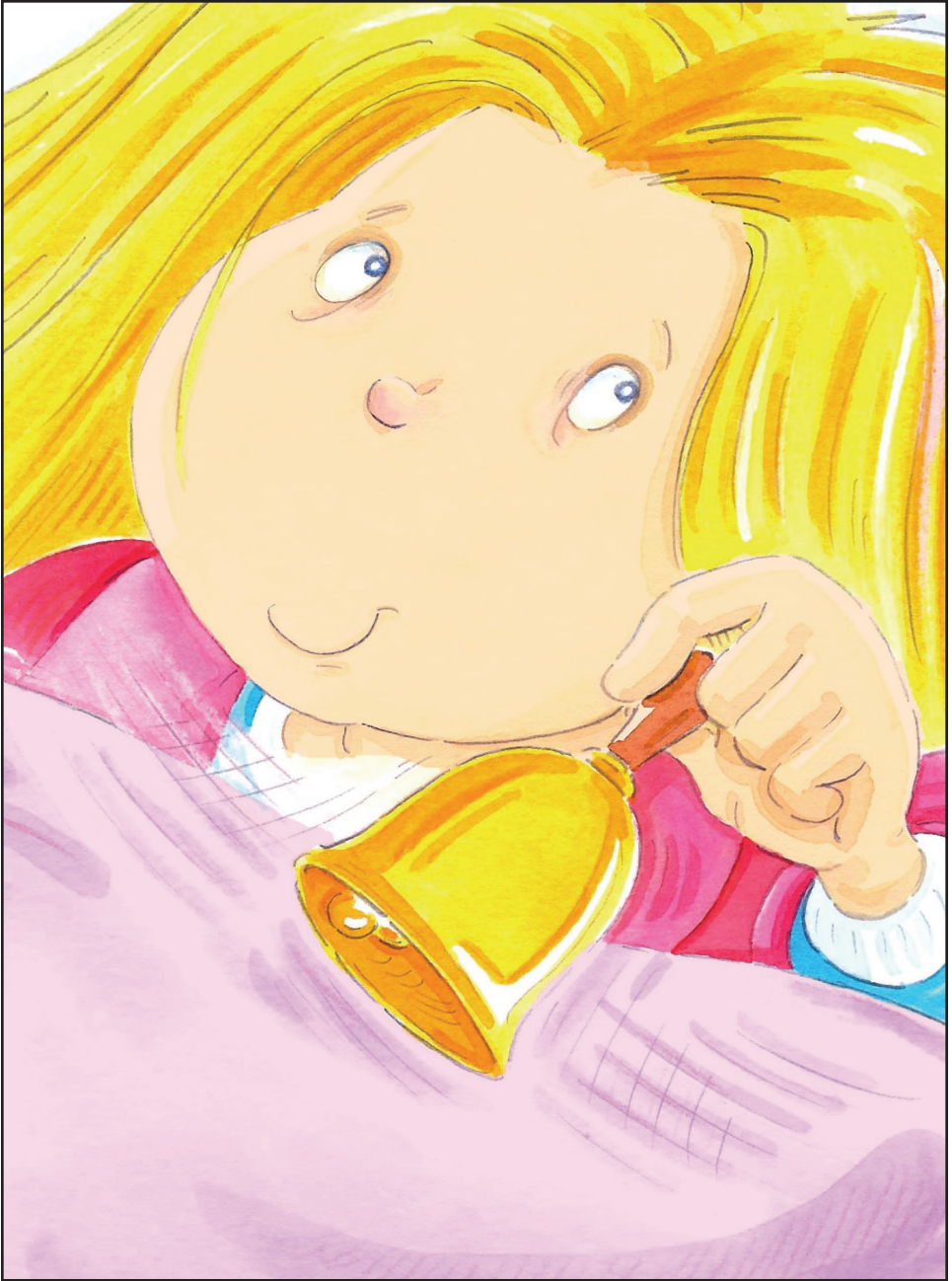
"My bear **fell**.
Can you get it?" said **Nell**.
"Very **well**," said Mrs. **Ell**.



Ding-a-ling!
Nell rang the **bell**.



"More soup, please.
I love the **smell!**" said **Nell**.
"Very **well,**" said Mrs. **Ell**.

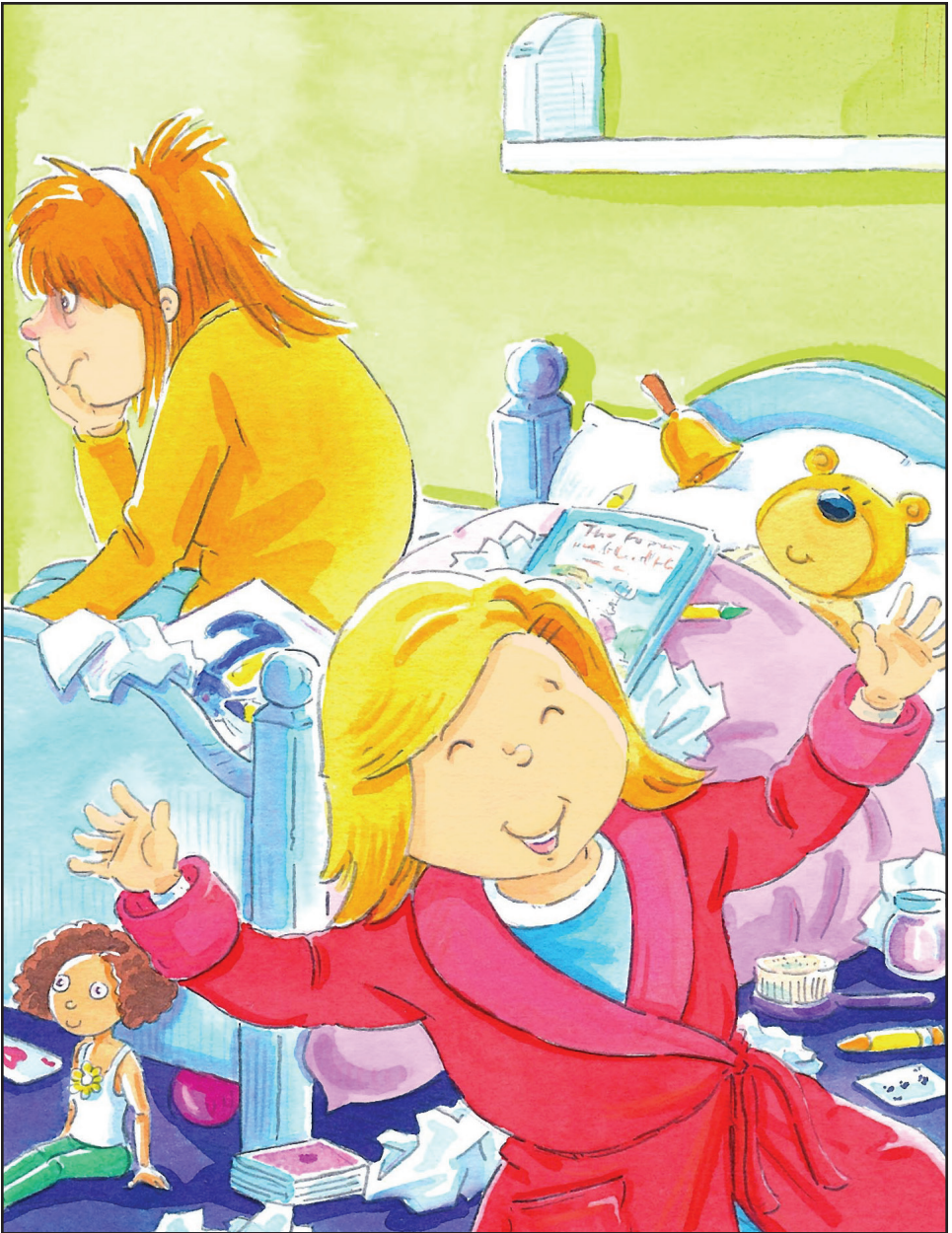


Ding-a-ling!
Nell rang the **bell**.



"Can I have my book and **shell** and brush and ball?" said **Nell**.

"Very **well**," said Mrs. **Ell**.



After a lot of **bell**-ringing,
Nell felt better.
But now Mrs. **Ell** did not feel **well**.



So **Nell** sent Mrs. **Ell** to bed.
“Ring this **bell**
if you need me,” said **Nell**.



“**Swell!**” said Mrs. **Eil**.
Ding-a-ling!

Word Family Review

Point to the -ell word in each room and read it aloud.

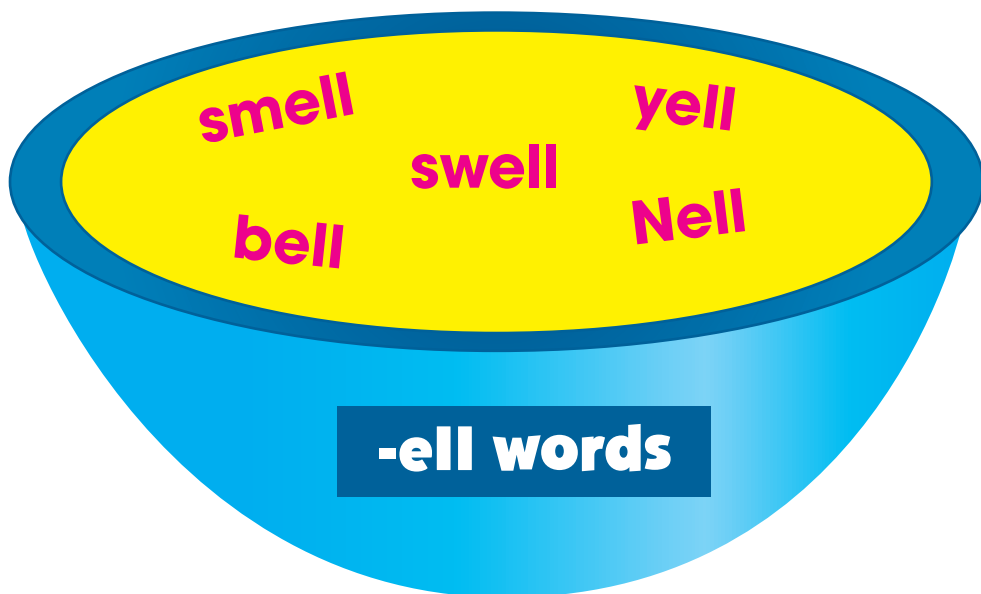


Word Family Match

Read each definition. Then go to the bowl and put your finger on the right *-ell* word.

Definitions

- 1 something you ring
- 2 to scream
- 3 odor
- 4 great
- 5 a girl's name



Answers: 1. bell, 2. yell, 3. smell, 4. swell, 5. Nell

Word Family Bingo



Which words belong to the *-ell* family?
Cover them with buttons or pennies.
Get four in a row to win!

bell	plate	yell	tail
luck	prank	trick	shell
smell	fell	well	tell
nail	spell	duck	late

Answers: Bingo is the third row across: smell, fell, well, tell.

Poor **Nell** is not **well**. Will she ever feel **swell** again? Find out in this rib-tickling tale that teaches lots and lots of **-ell** words.



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