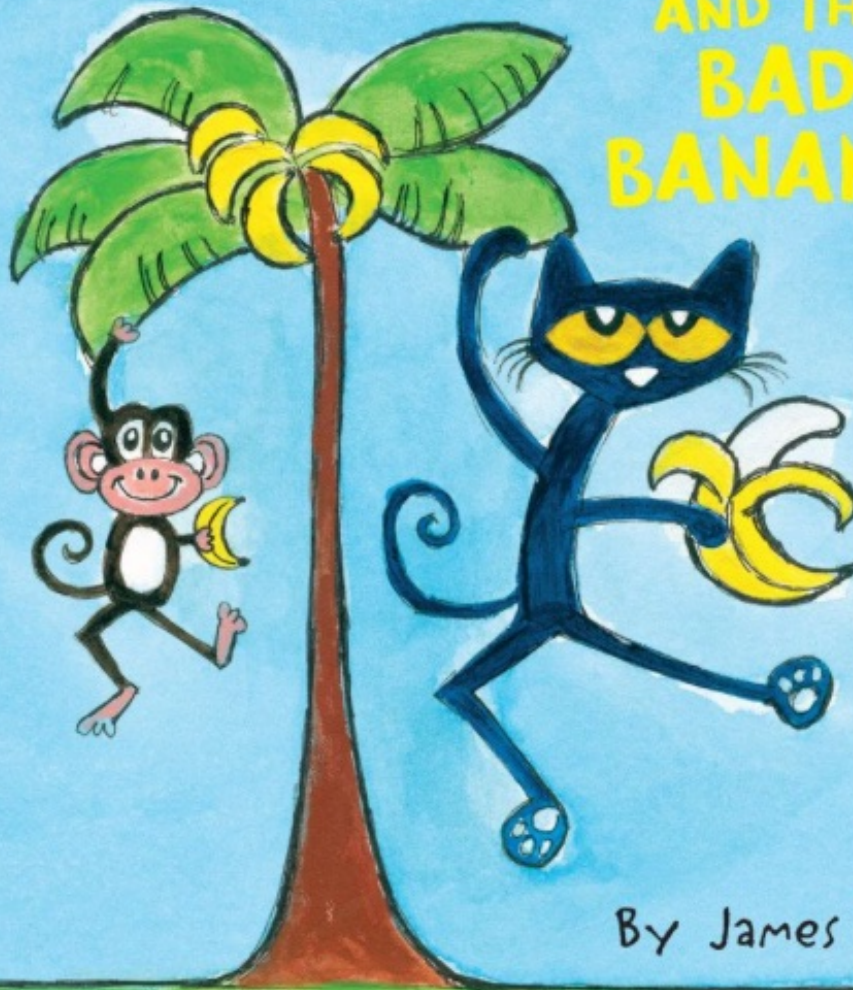


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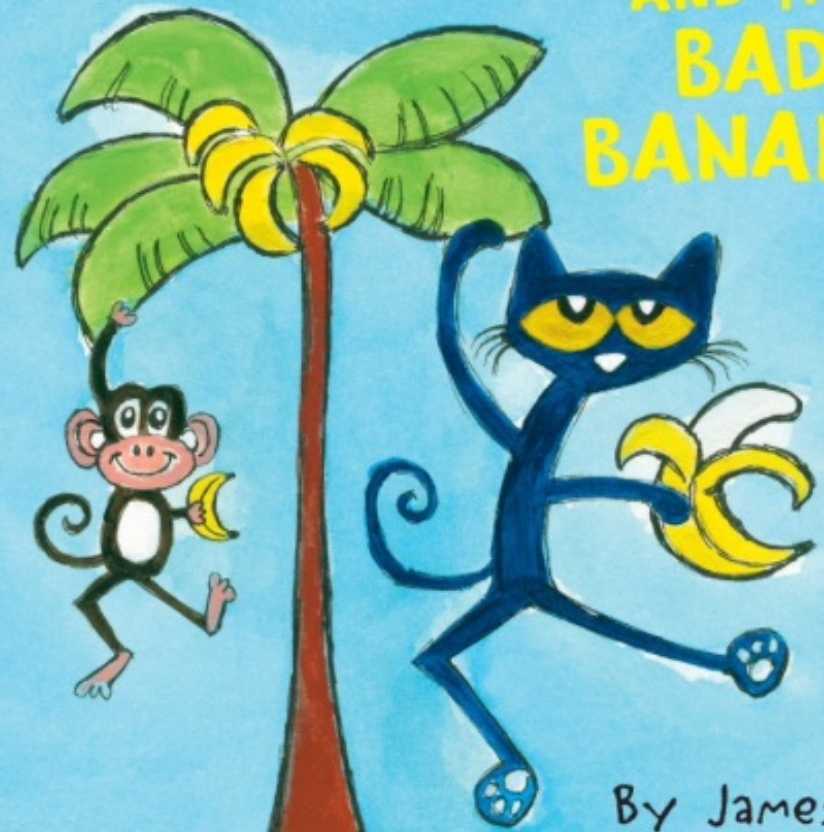
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Pete the Cat is eating
a banana.

Pete loves bananas.



They are sweet and tasty
and easy to peel.





Every morning, Pete puts
a banana in his cereal.



Sometimes Pete puts
a banana on his
peanut butter sandwich.

But one day,
Pete eats a bad banana.



The banana is gross.
The banana is mushy.
The banana is yucky.



Pete's tummy hurts.
"I will not eat bananas again,"
Pete tells his mom.



Pete's mom tries to help.
She bakes Pete's favorite:
banana bread.



Pete will not touch it.



She makes Pete
a banana cream pie.



Pete will not eat it.



She gets Pete
a big banana split.

“No thanks,” Pete says.



Instead, Pete tries a lemon.
It is yellow like a banana.
Pete tastes it.



“Yuck!” says Pete.
The lemon is sour.



Pete tries a pickle.
It is long like a banana.
Pete tastes it.

“Better,” Pete says,
“but not as good as a banana.”

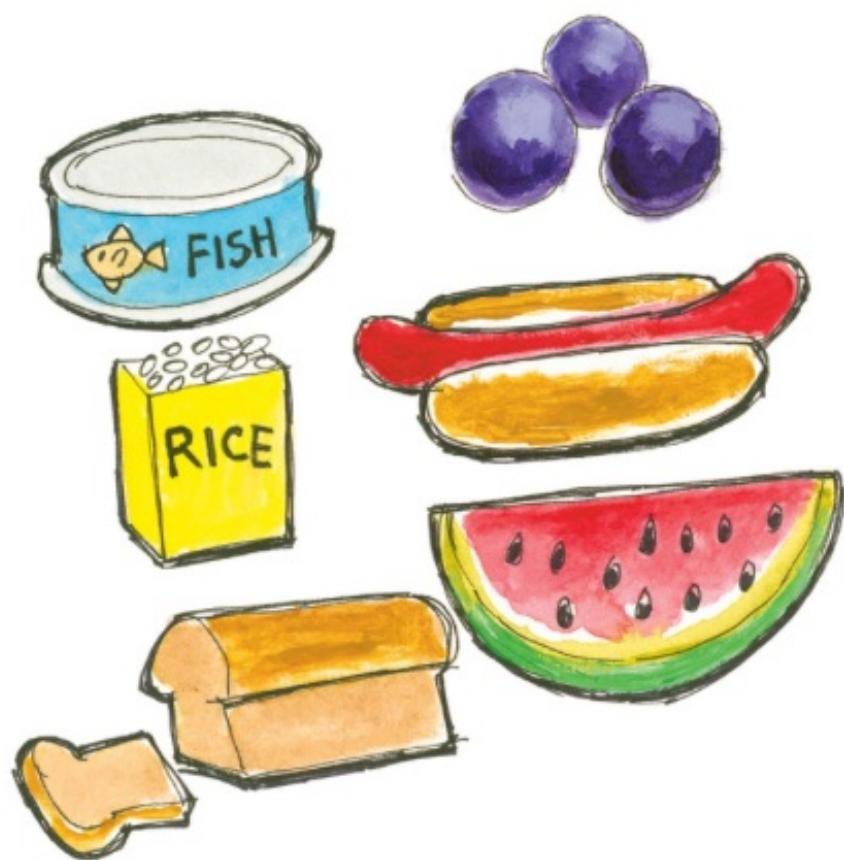


Pete tries an orange.
It has to be peeled
like a banana.

The orange is sweet,
but it is too juicy.
It makes Pete's paws sticky.



Pete tries fish, plums, rice,
hot dogs, watermelon,
and his mom's nut bread.



Pete eats them all!
He is not hungry
for bananas anymore.



Then comes the big race.
What should Pete have
for breakfast?



A pickle?
No, Pete doesn't eat
pickles for breakfast!



A hot dog?

No, Pete just had a hot dog
for dinner last night.



A lemon?

No. That's just silly.



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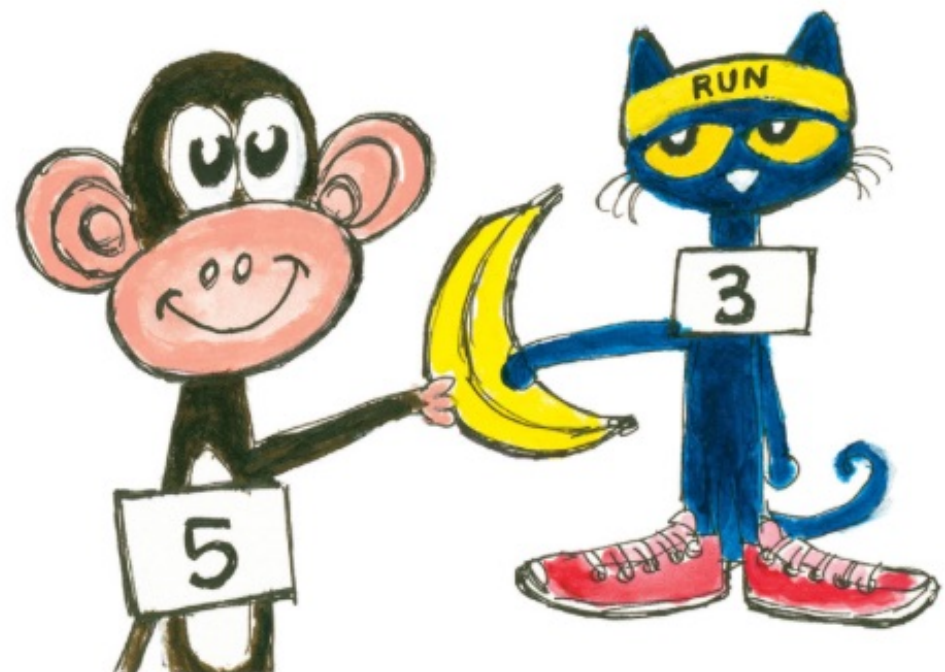
Pete wants a banana.
They're yummy and healthy.
Bananas are the best!

"Do you have another banana?"

Pete asks.

"Of course," says Greg the Monkey.

START



Pete peels the banana slowly.

It is not brown.

It is not mushy.



Pete takes a teeny, tiny bite.

It is a yummy banana.

It is the best banana ever!



Thanks to Greg and his banana,
Pete wins the race.
Pete is bananas for bananas!



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