When Mole goes to Toad’s home, she rolls over his roses and his big toe. Oh, no! Can Toad forgive his old pal, Mole?

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Phonics Fact
This book is full of long-o words. Many times this sound is made by a silent e. The vowel o is followed by a consonant, which is then followed by a silent e, as in mole and hole. What other long-o words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

Mole lives in a hole. Her friend Toad lives down the road.
One day, Toad phones Mole.
Won’t you come over for toast and cocoa,” asks Toad.
“Okay!” says Mole.
Mole wants to show Toad her new yellow skates. So she puts them on and rolls down the road.
Mole rolls down a slope. She rolls over a hose. Then Mole rolls over the roses Toad grows.
Mole rolls into Toad's home. She rolls into a table and knocks over the cocoa and toast.
Mole rolls into a shelf. She knocks over Toad’s snow globes. She spills the bowl that holds Mole’s goldfish, Joe.
Mole even rolls right over Toad’s toe! Toad moans and groans. He scolds Mole, “No more rolling! Mole, you must go!”
Mole rolls home, feeling low.
The next day, Mole phones Toad.
“I am so, so, so, so, so, so sorry,” says Mole.
“That is okay,” says Toad. “I know you did not mean to roll over everything. I know you did not mean to hurt Joe or my toe.”
Toad invites Mole over for oatmeal cookies and cold milk. How will Mole go down the road to Toad’s? Will Mole roll?
Stroll, stroll, stroll along.
Stroll right down the road.
I’m a mole who likes to stroll.
I’m off to visit Toad!

No! This time, Mole will stroll!
Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right long-o word from the box.

Word Box

toad  toes  phone  cold  go
road  mole  toast  rose  snow

1. This is white and falls from the sky.
2. This small, furry animal lives in a hole.
3. It is the opposite of stop.
4. It means the same as street.
5. This tastes good with butter on it.
6. You have five of these on each foot.
7. It is a kind of flower.
8. You use it to talk to someone.
9. This animal is a lot like a frog.
10. It is the opposite of hot.

Hooray for long o, the best sound around!
Let’s holler long-o words all over town!
There’s **mole** and **hole** and **phone** and **rose**.
There’s **toad** and **road** and **home** and **hose**.
There’s **snow** and **grow** and **no** and **go**.
There’s **cold** and **gold** and **hoe** and **toe**.
Long o, long o, give a great cheer,
For the **boldest** sound you ever will hear!

**Make a list of other long-o words. Then use them in your cheer.**