This little pink pig is granted six thrilling wishes! But will the wishes make her happy?

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Once upon a time, there lived a little pink pig. Her name was Kim.

Phonics Fact
The letter *i* is a vowel. A vowel can make a short sound. The short-\(i\) sound is found in words such as *pink*, *pig*, and *Kim*. What other short-\(i\) words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!
Kim did not like being little or pink. And she really did not like the dimple in her chin.
One day, Kim met a fairy named Jill.

“I will give you six wishes,” said Fairy Jill.
“Yippee!” said Kim.
She slipped a wish list from her purse.
“My first wish is to be big like a hippo,” said Kim. Zippity zip! Fairy Jill did it!
“My second wish is to have green skin like a lizard,” said Kim.
Zippity zip! Fairy Jill did it!
“My third wish is to have thick feathers like a chicken,” said Kim.
Zippity zip! Fairy Jill did it!
“My fourth wish is to have a swishy tail like a fish,” said Kim.
Zippity zip! Fairy Jill did it!
“My fifth wish is to have a cute chin like a chimp,” said Kim.

Zippity zip! Fairy Jill did it!
Kim looked in the silver mirror.
“Ick! I’m so mixed up,” cried Kim. “I think I miss the old me!”
Then Kim remembered! She still had one wish left to fix her mistake.
“My sixth wish is to be me again,” said Kim with a grin.
Zippity zip! Fairy Jill did it!
Kim was so thrilled to be a little pink pig with a dimple in her chin that she did a big jig! And Kim never wished to be different again.
Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right short-i word from the box.

**Word Box**

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1. This animal says, “Oink, oink!”
2. It means the opposite of *little*.
3. This bird lives on a farm and lays eggs.
4. Many pigs are this color.
5. This is another word for *monkey*.
6. You look in one to comb your hair.
7. This animal has fins and a tail.
8. This word means almost the same thing as *smile*.
9. A leprechaun does this kind of dance.
10. A fairy grants this with her magic wand.

**Answers:** 1. pig 2. big 3. chicken 4. pink 5. chimp 6. mirror 7. fish 8. grin 9. jig 10. wish
Hooray for short *i*, the best sound around!
Let’s holler short-*i* words all over town!
There’s **pig** and **trip** and **wish** and **miss**.
There’s **lip** and **fish** and **drink** and **dish**.
There’s **skip** and **milk** and **six** and **big**.
There’s **pink** and **chimp** and **dish** and **wig**.
Short *i*, short *i*, give a great cheer,
For the most **interesting** sound you ever **will** hear!

Make a list of other short-*i* words. Then use them in your cheer.