A Reader's Guide to

The Pie Contest: A Story with a Recipe

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Reading ***The Pie Contest*** to your child is just one way to use this book. It can also serve as a launching pad for discussions. Here are some suggestions to get you started:

- ★ Maria and her mother are walking to the Farmers Market. Ask your child to name places where you walk.
- ★ Ask which foods at the Farmers Market your child can name.
- ★ Ask your child to name their favorite kind of dessert.
- ★ Maria usually helps pick out the food at the market. Ask how they like to help.
- ★ Maria helps at home in the kitchen. Ask your child how they would like to help.
- ★ Ask your child to predict if Maria is going to win the pie contest.
- ★ In the story they keep track of who likes each pie best by putting beans in jars. Ask your child how else they might figure out who won. Ask which pie they would have picked. Talk about how many beans might be in each jar and which of those numbers are larger or smaller.
- ★ Maria cooks with love. Talk with your child about how your family shows love.
- ★ After you have read the book a few times have them "read" the story by using their own words and the pictures.

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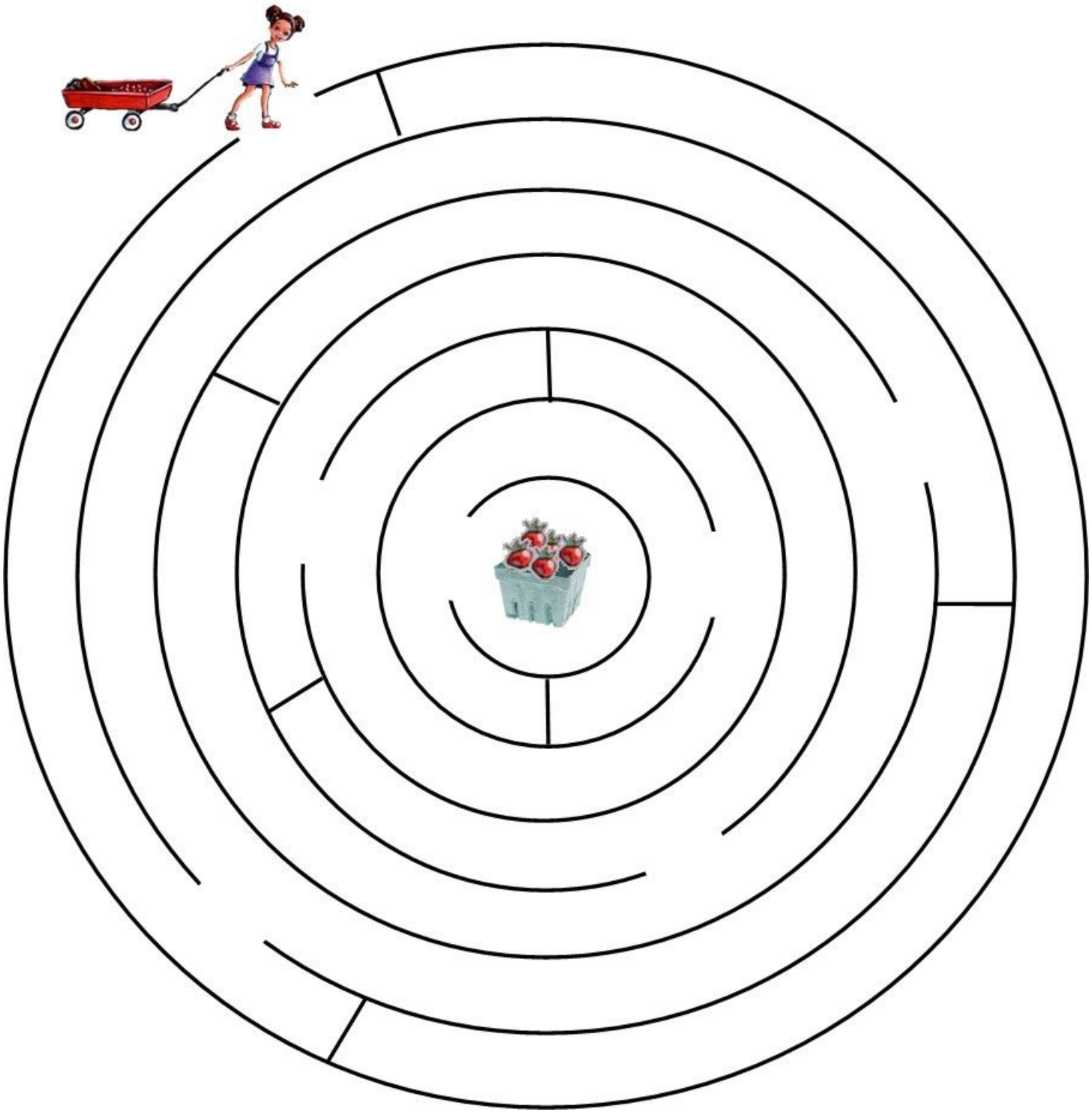
Help Sophie Find Her Way to the Strawberries!



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Sophie's Unscramble Challenge

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CONTEST	LOVE	MARKET	PIE	SECRET	STRAWBERRY
AMOR	CONCURSO	FRESA	MERCADO	PASTEL	SECRETO

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Sophie's Word Matching

Draw a line between the English and Spanish words that mean the same thing.

Mom	tomate
grandma	Mamá
Dad	comida
eat	secreto
pie	mercado
jar	arándano
bean	amor
tomato	comer
secret	tarro
peach	frijol
blueberry	abuelita
market	Papá
love	melocotón
food	pastel

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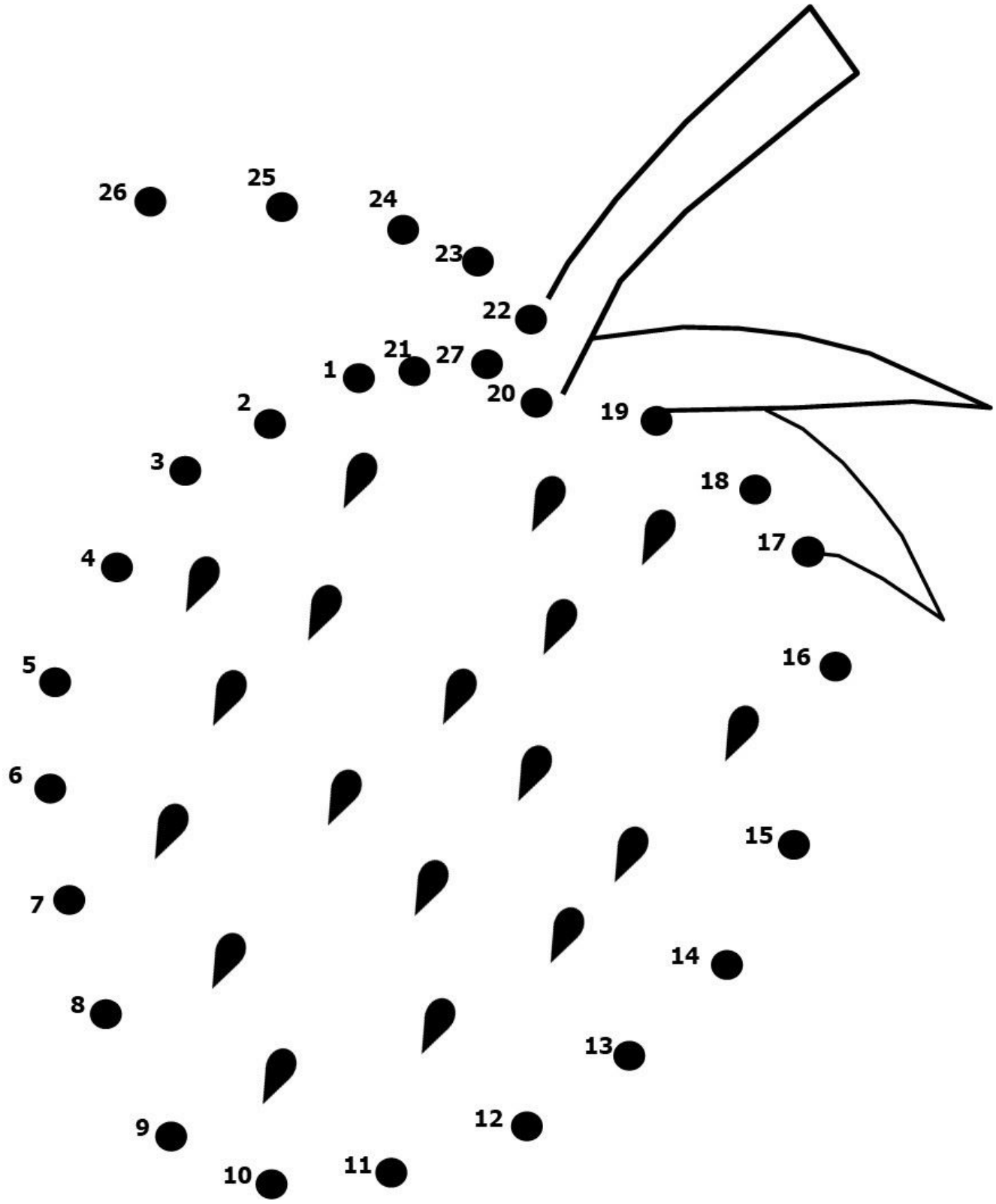

Start at dot#1 and draw a line to dot#2, then dot#3 and up through all the numbers ending at dot#27. Once you are done, color the mystery fruit.