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Penny and Her Doll

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Penny is out in the garden with her mother smelling the roses when the mailman arrives with a package. He announces that the package is for Penny. Hooray! Penny opens the package, and with mama, reads the note inside. The package is from Gram! Penny opens the beautiful paper up to find a sweet doll with pink cheeks. Penny is faced with a big decision; what will she name her new doll? She thinks about it, and even asks her parents, but she cannot seem to find a name! Papa assures her that she will think of a fitting name very soon. Penny decides to take her doll on a tour of her home. While in the garden, Penny decides on the perfect name for her new doll.

This book could be a useful introduction to chapters for primary readers. It is sectioned into three chapters and includes simple vocabulary, similar to other Penny books written by Kevin Henkes. The book is positive and smoothly transitions through a problem solving situation. The adorable illustrations include every member of Penny’s family, making it fun to see what Penny’s life is like. Henkes does it again with great, relatable read!