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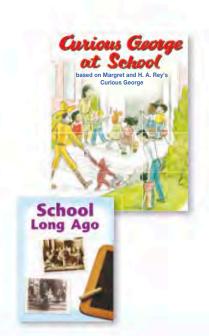


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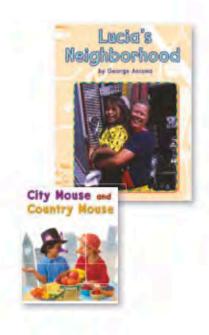






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### **TOPIC: At the Zoo**



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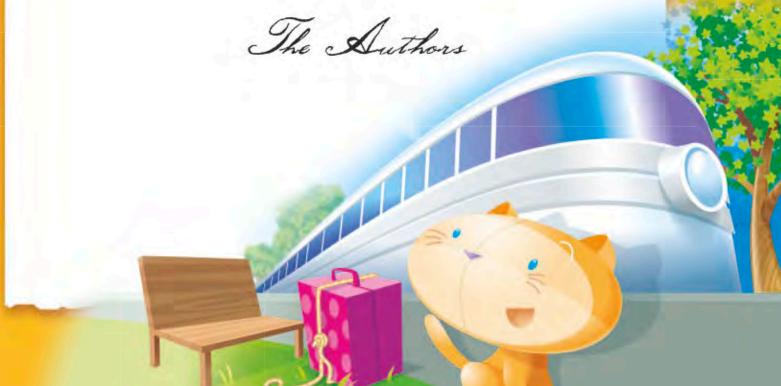




This year you will read many wonderful stories. In this first book, you will meet lots of pals, a special grandpa, and a curious monkey who gets into trouble. You will read about neighborhood helpers and a cat who takes a ride on a train. Your reading will get stronger each day!

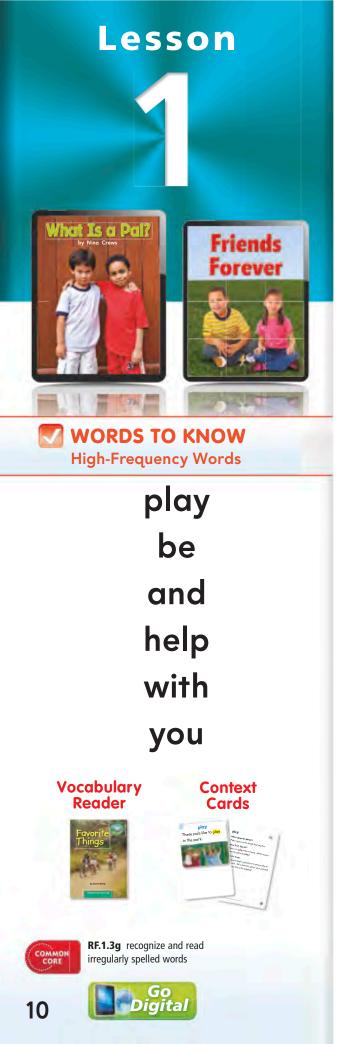
Are you ready to begin your reading journey? Just turn the page!

Sincerely,





# 



# Words to Know



- Read each Context Card.
- Make up a sentence that uses a blue word.





### and and

The children share the paper and paint.



### help

These pals help each other wash the dog.



### with

The boy was in a show with his pals.



### 6 you

I like when you play this game with me.





# Read and Comprehend

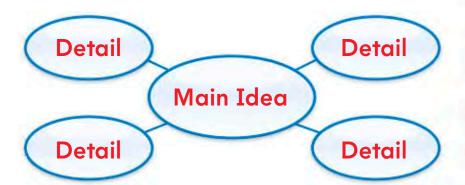






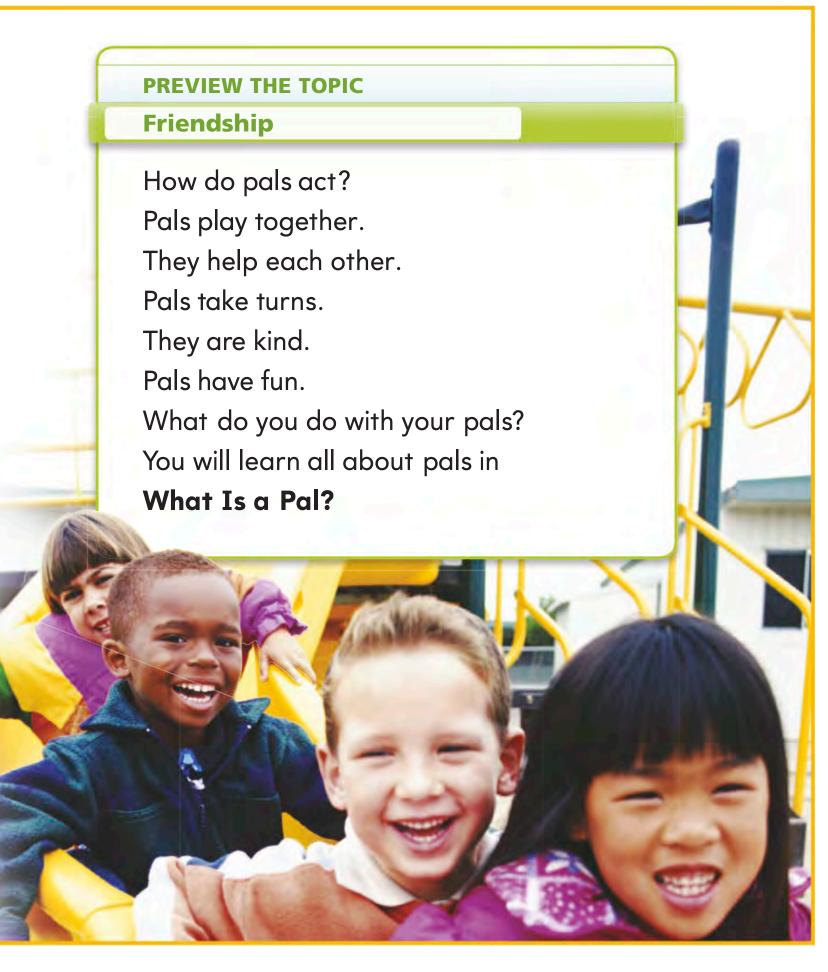
### TARGET SKILL

Main Idea As you read, look for one big idea that the selection is about. This is the topic. The main idea is the most important idea about the topic. Details are bits of information that tell more about the main idea. You can list the main idea and details about a topic on a web like this.



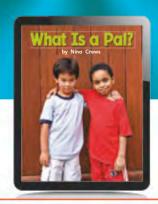
### **TARGET STRATEGY**

**Summarize** Stop to tell important ideas as you read.



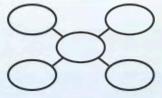
### Lesson 1

# ANCHOR TEXT





**Main Idea** Tell the important idea about the topic.



### **GENRE**

# Informational text tells about things that are real. Look for:

- words that tell information
- photographs that show details about the real world



**RI.1.2** identify the main topic and retell key details; **RI.1.10** read informational texts

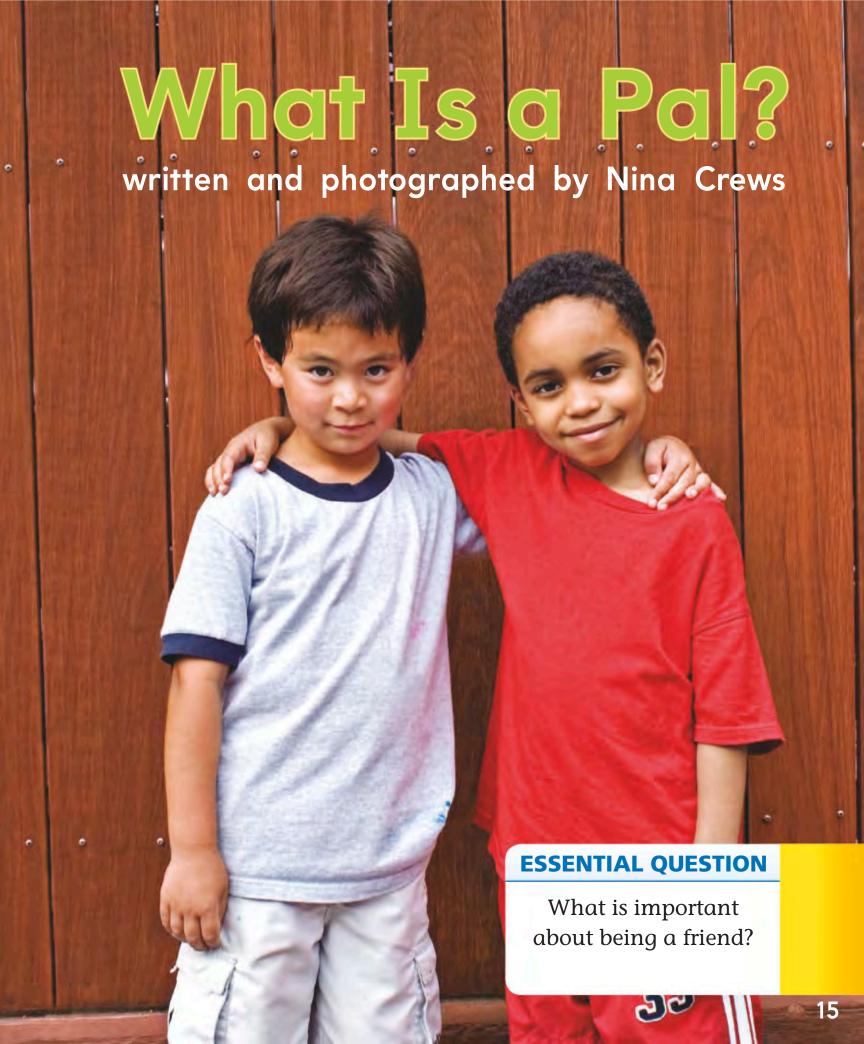


Meet the Author and Photographer

### **Nina Crews**

Nina Crews comes from a very creative family. Her parents, Donald Crews and Ann Jonas, are both well-known artists. For her own artwork, Ms. Crews likes to make collages out of photos.







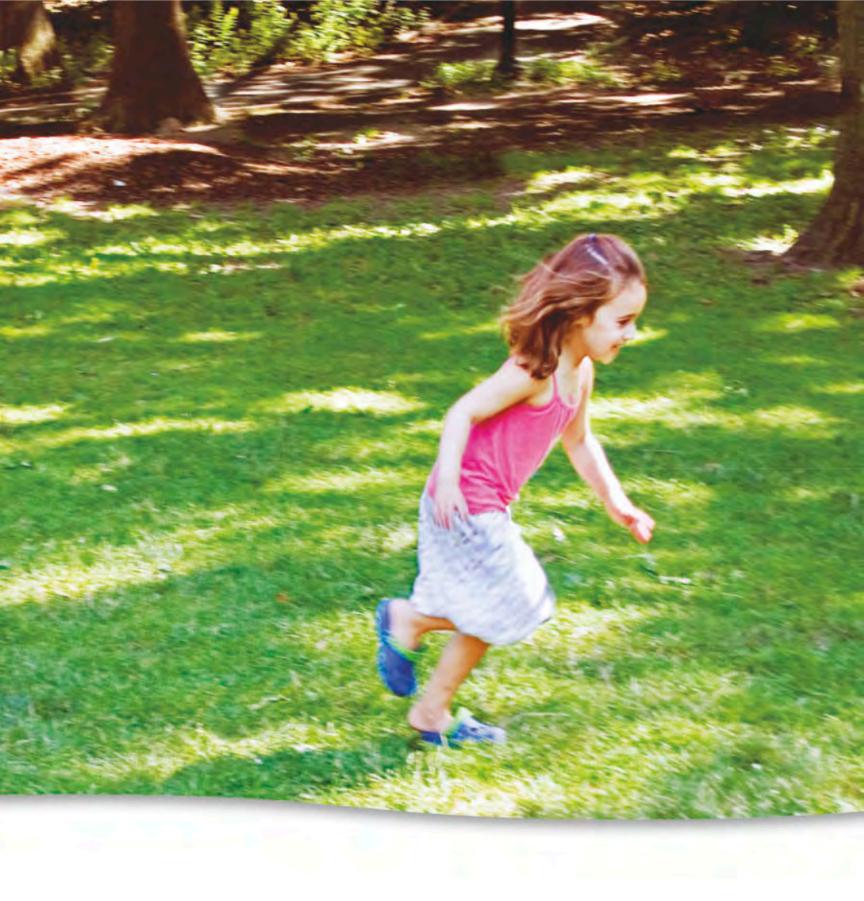
A pal can help you.



Sam and Nat can help Dan.



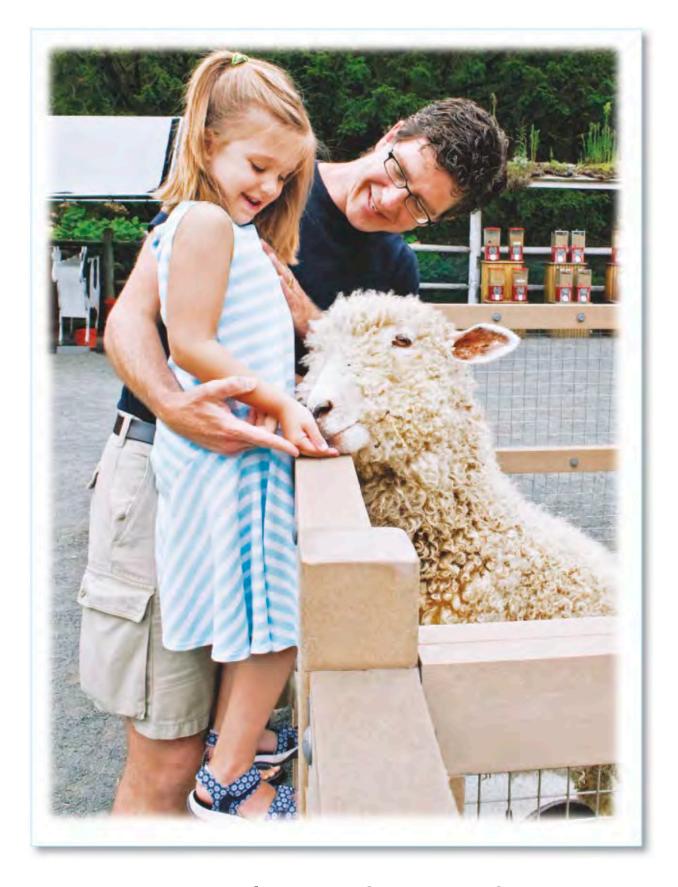
A pal can play with you.



Tad, Cam, and Nan can play.



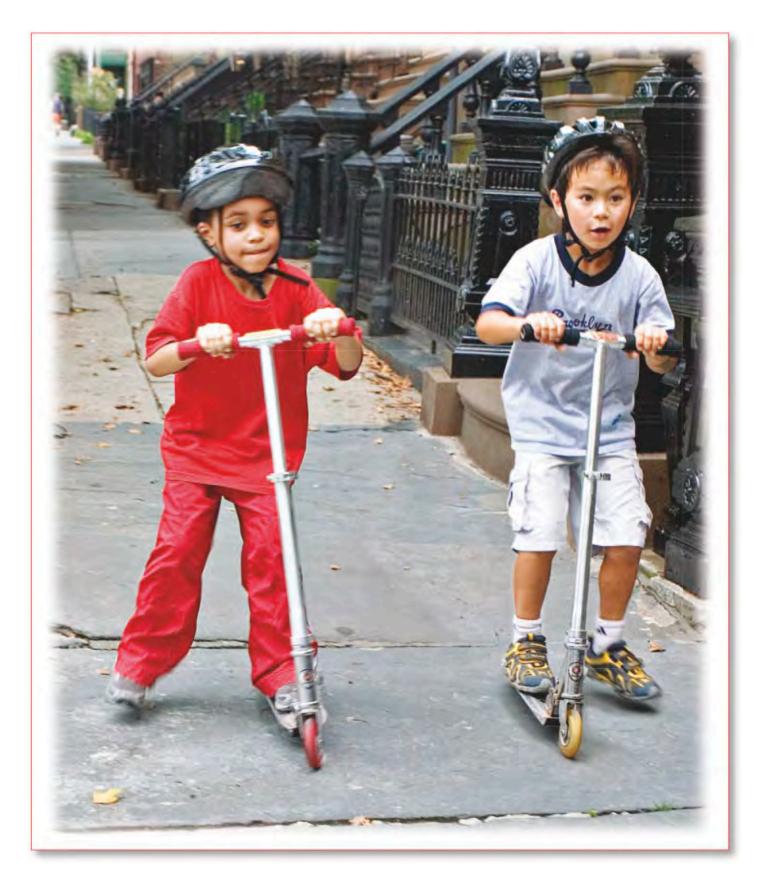
A pal can be a pet.



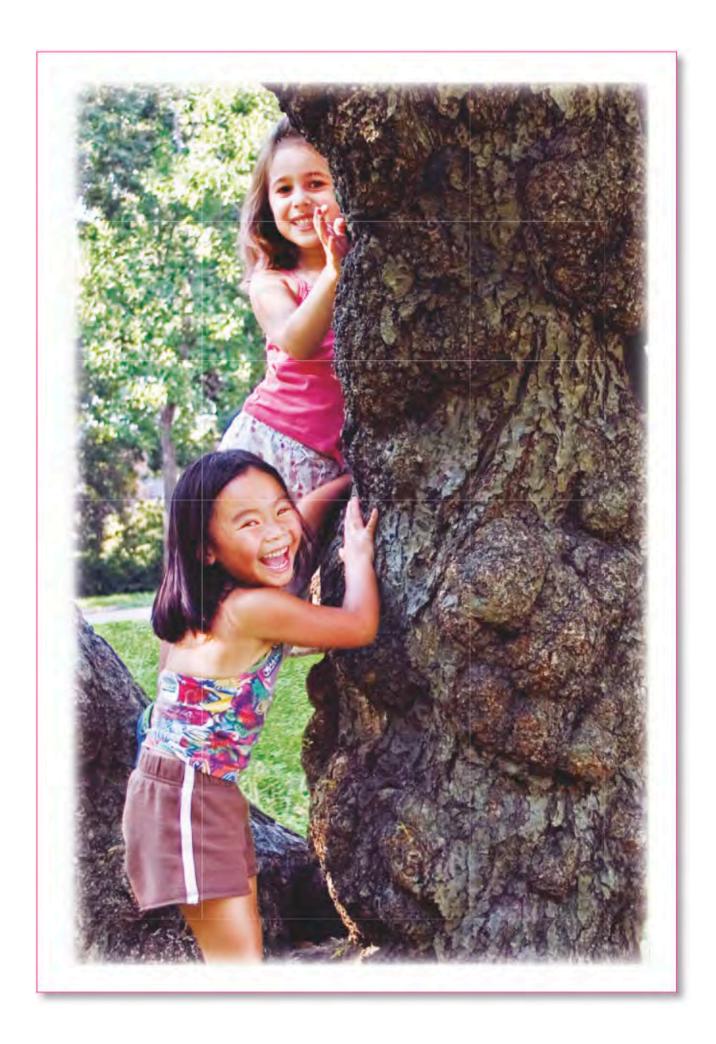
A pal can be Dad.

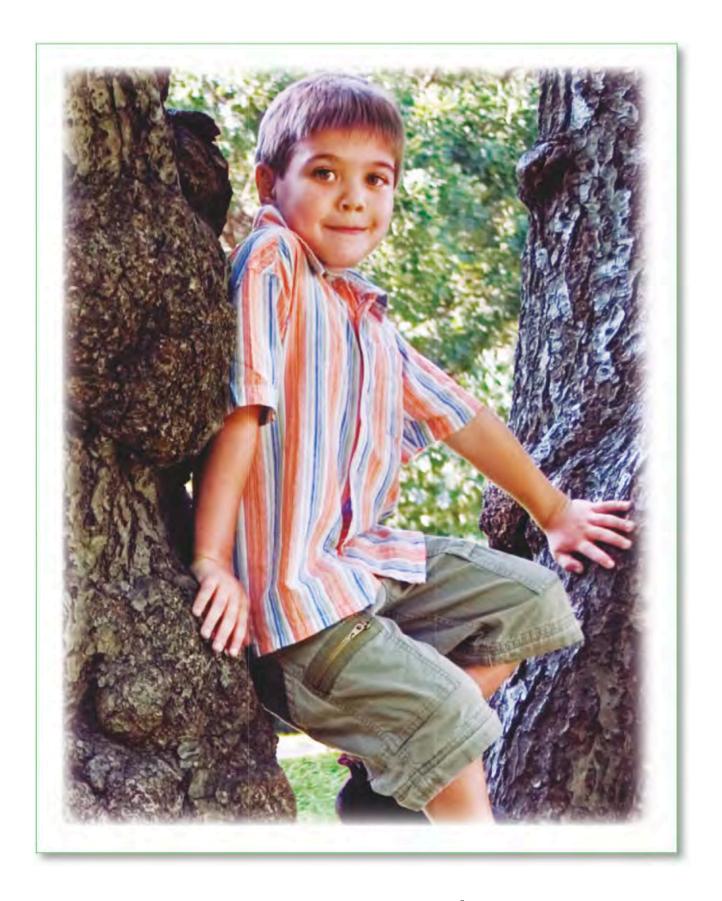


A pal can be with you.



A pal is fun to be with!





Are you a pal?

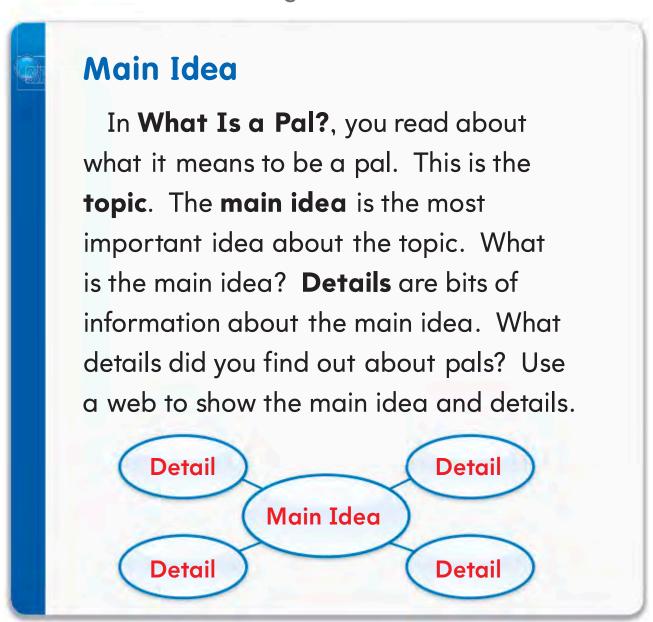


# Dig Deeper



### How to Analyze the Text

Use these pages to learn about Main Idea and Informational Text. Then read **What** Is a Pal? again.





RI.1.2 identify the main topic and retell key details; RI.1.10 read informational texts



### **Genre: Informational Text**

What Is a Pal? has details that are facts. Facts are true information. What facts do you learn from the words?

The pictures show real kids who are pals. What information do you learn from the pictures?





# Your Turn



### **RETURN TO THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION**



What is important about being a friend? What details

does the selection tell about being a pal? What else do you know about being a pal? Tell your partner. Speak in complete sentences.



### **Classroom Conversation**

Talk about these questions with your class.

- Who could be a pal?
- What things from What Is a Pal? have you done with friends?
- What words tell about being a good pal?

### WRITE ABOUT READING

Response Read the last page of the selection again. Write a sentence to answer the question. Draw a picture to go with your answer.





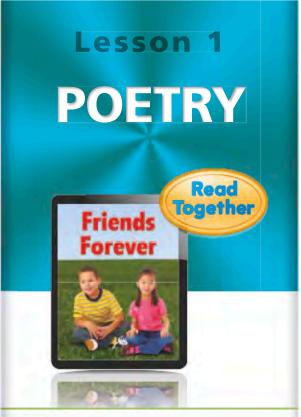


Read your answer. Add details to give information. Begin your sentence with a capital letter.





**RI.1.2** identify the main topic and retell key details; **W.1.5** focus on a topic, respond to questions/suggestions from peers, and add details to strengthen writing; **SL.1.6** produce complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation



### **GENRE**

**Poetry** uses words in interesting ways to show pictures and feelings.

### **TEXT FOCUS**

When words **rhyme**, they end with the same sound, like blue and two. Clap when you hear words that rhyme at the end of the lines.



**RL.1.10** read prose and poetry; **L.1.6** use words and phrases acquired through conversations, reading and being read to, and

responding to texts

### Go Digital

# Friends Forever

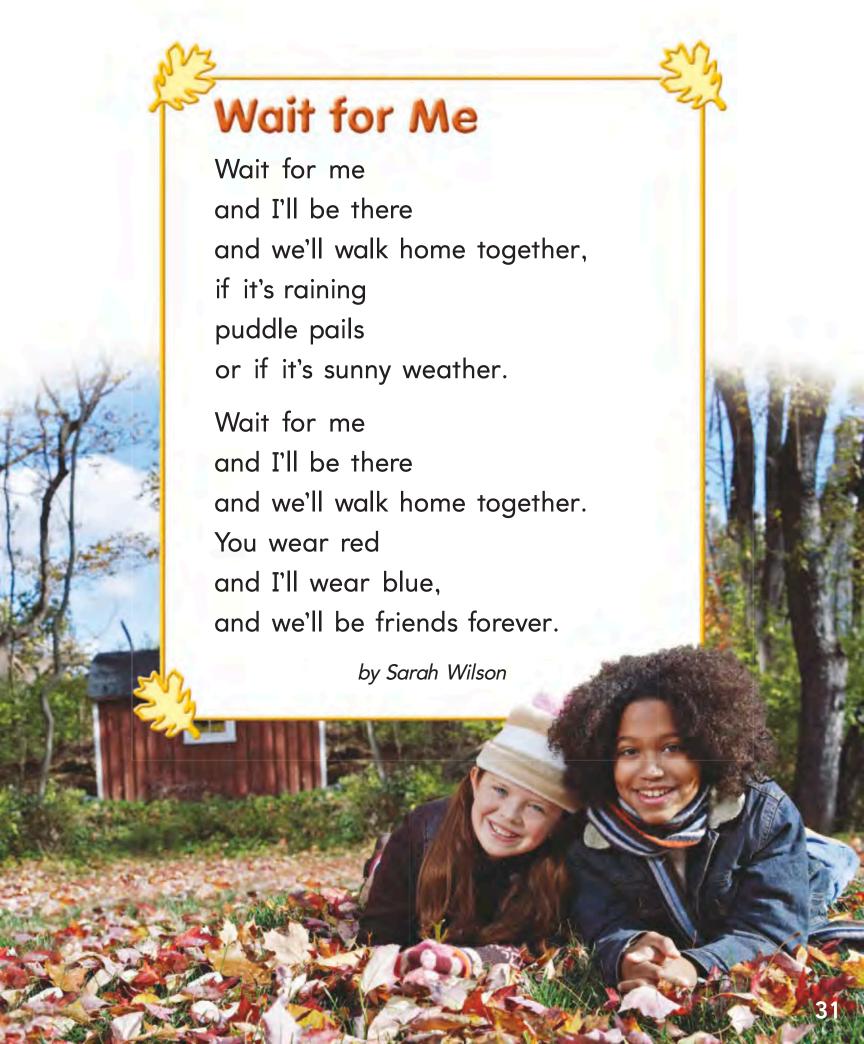
How can you be a good friend? You can play with your friends. You can share with friends and help them.

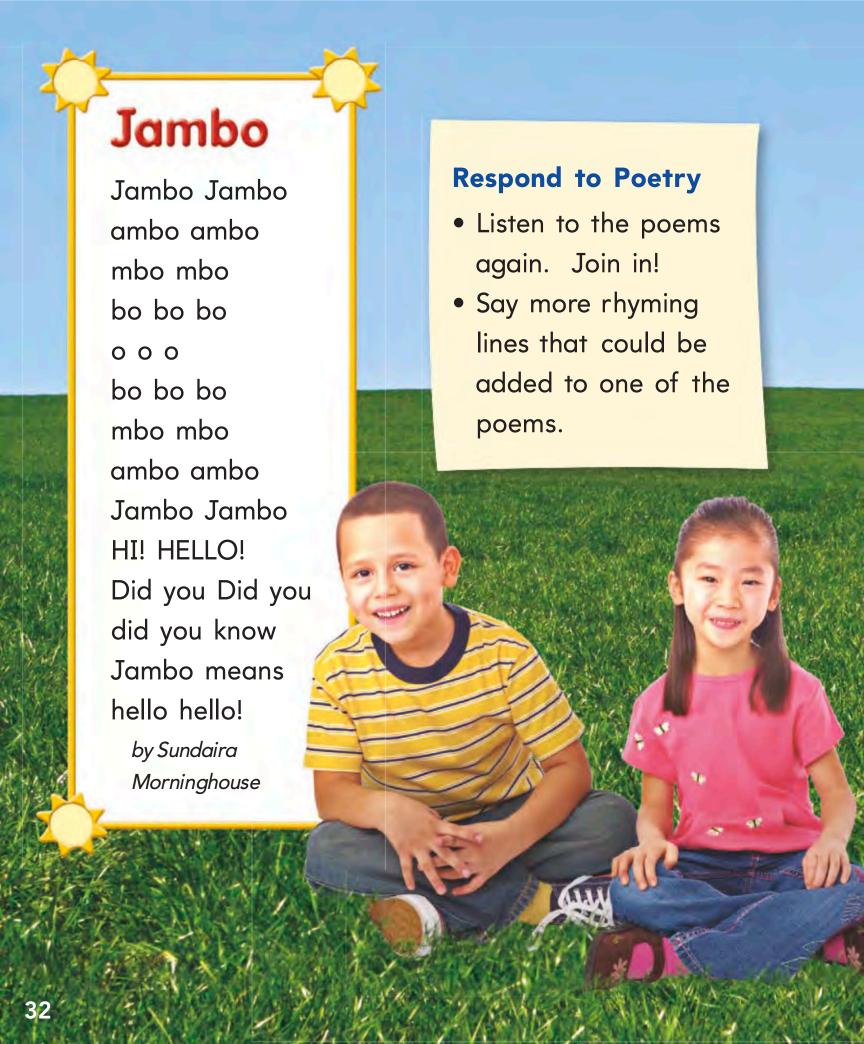
### **Damon & Blue**

Damon & Blue
Just us two
Cruising up the avenue.

You strut, you glide
But mark our stride
Can't beat us when we're
side by side.

by Nikki Grimes









# **Compare Texts**



### **TEXT TO TEXT**

**Compare Friends** How are the friends in the poems like the pals in the selection? How are they different? Make a chart.



### **TEXT TO SELF**

Write Sentences Write sentences to tell your classmates about favorite things you do with your pals.



### **TEXT TO WORLD**

Describing Words Read the poems again. Find words that tell what the friends look like. Find words that tell what they see in their world and help show how they feel.





**RL.1.4** identify words and phrases that suggest feelings or appeal to senses; **RI.1.9** identify similarities in and differences between texts on the same topic

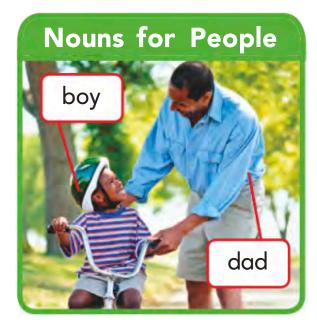


## Grammar





**Nouns** Some words name people or animals. Some words name places or things. Words that name people, animals, places, or things are called **nouns**.



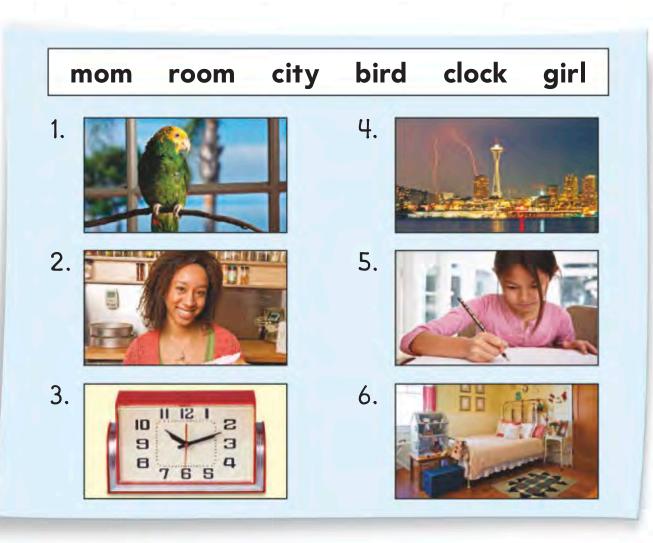








Talk about each picture with a partner. Name the nouns you see. Then write a noun from the box to name each picture. Use another sheet of paper.



### **Grammar in Writing**

Share your writing with a partner. Talk about the nouns you used.



# Narrative Writing

Ideas Dan drew and wrote about his pals and what they do. Then he thought about what details to add. He added a picture of a ball and a label.







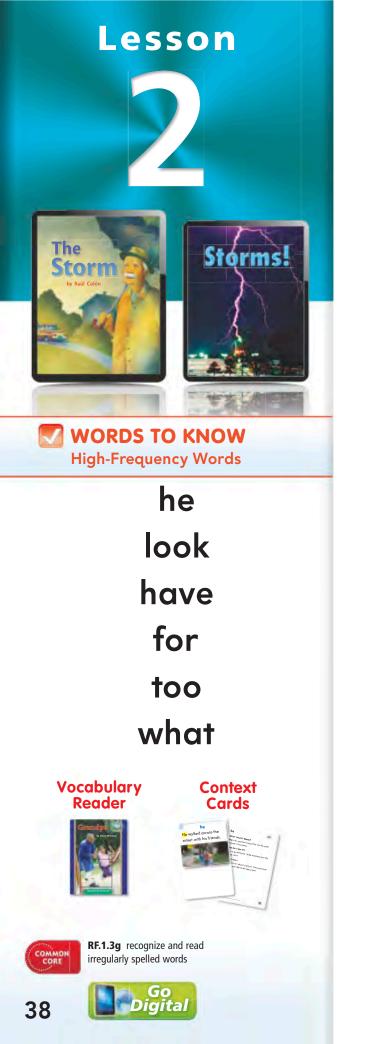




### **Writing Traits Checklist**

- Ideas Does my writing have interesting details about my pals?
- ☑ Did I use nouns in my labels?
- Did I write letters neatly and correctly?





## Words to Know



- Read each Context Card.
- Choose two blue words.Use them in sentences.





## have

We have fun seeing the fast fire truck.



for
The doctor had a kind smile for Ann.



## too

They took hats and the sunblock, too.



## 6 what

What do people do to help you feel safe?





## Read and Comprehend







#### **TARGET SKILL**

Understanding Characters The people and animals in a story are the characters.

Think about who the characters are and what they do. Use story clues, called text evidence, to figure out how characters feel and why they act as they do. You can write text evidence in a chart like this.

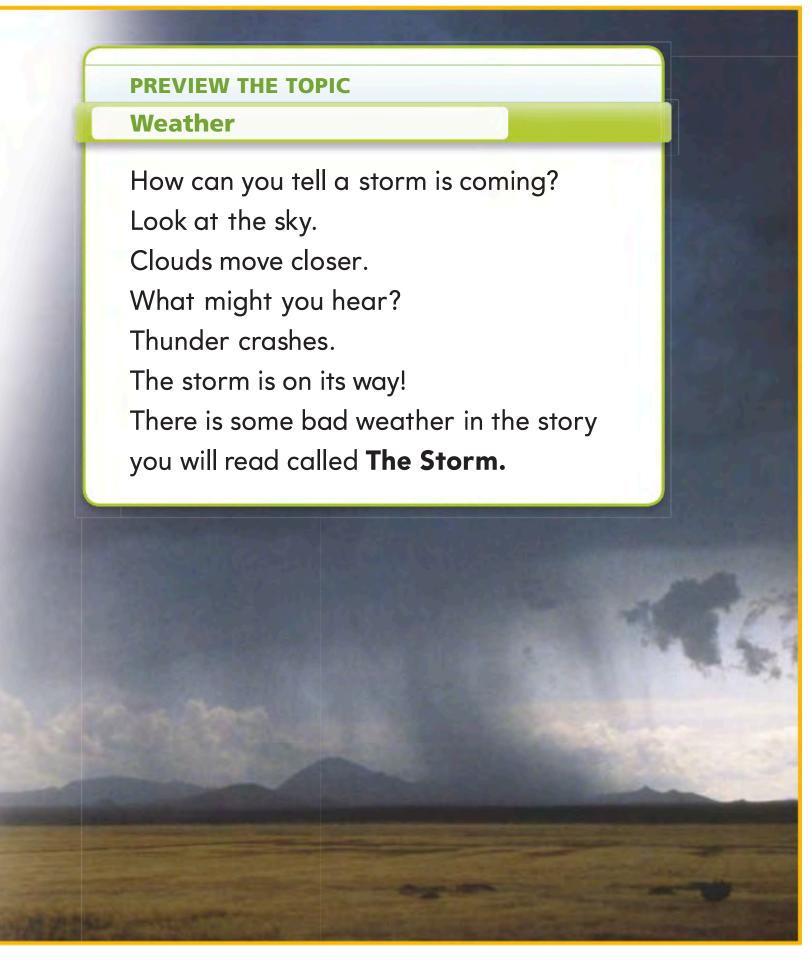
Characters	Actions

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### **TARGET STRATEGY**

**Infer/Predict** Use text evidence to figure out more about the story and to think of what might happen next.



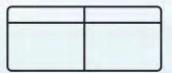


# Lesson 2 ANCHOR TEXT



## **TARGET SKILL**

Understanding
Characters Tell about characters' actions.



## **GENRE**

**Realistic fiction** is a made-up story that could happen in real life. Look for:

- things that could really happen
- people who act like people in real life

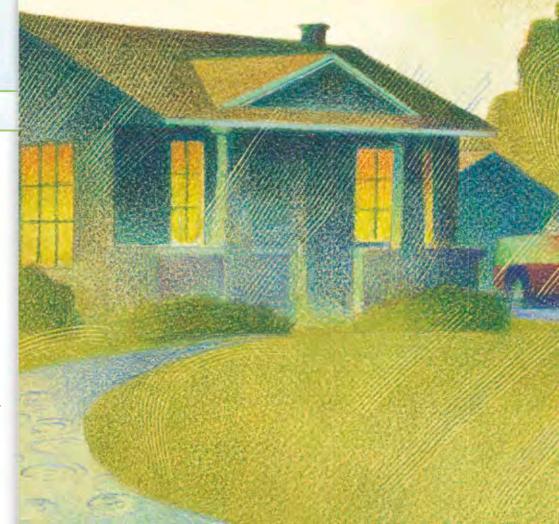


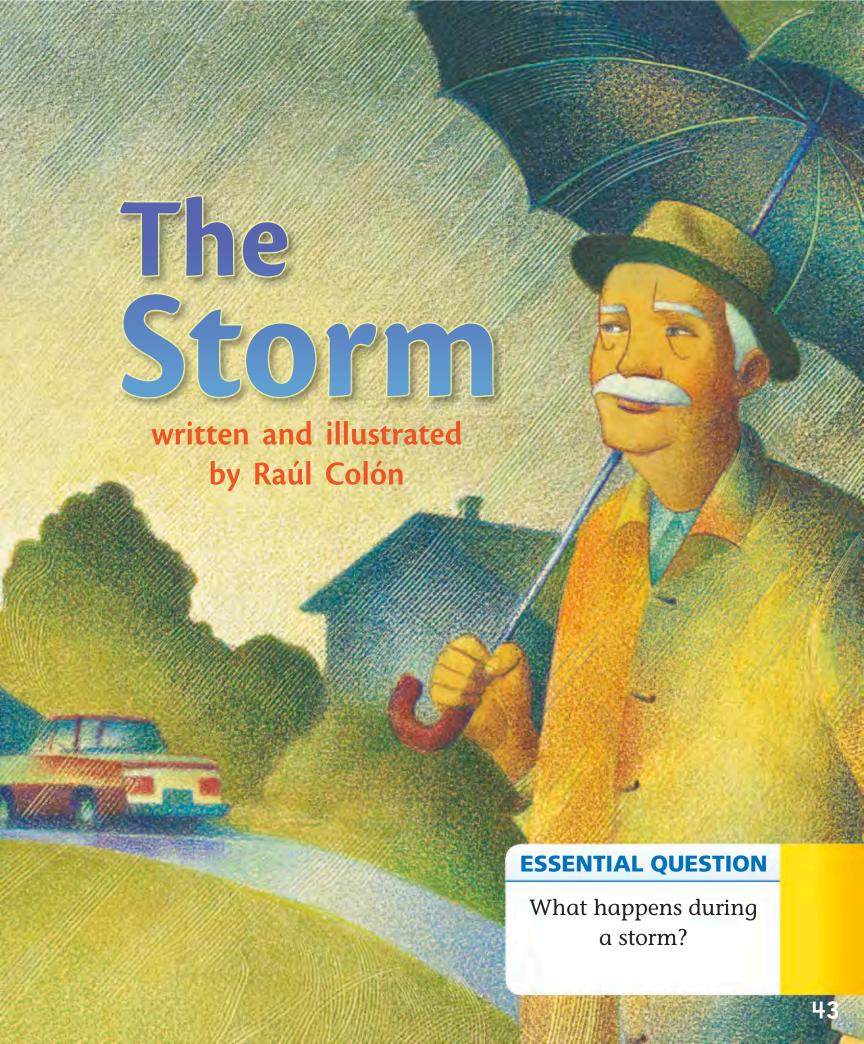
RL.1.3 describe characters, settings, and major events; RL.1.7 use illustrations and details to describe characters, setting, or events; RL.1.10 read prose and poetry Meet the Author and Illustrator

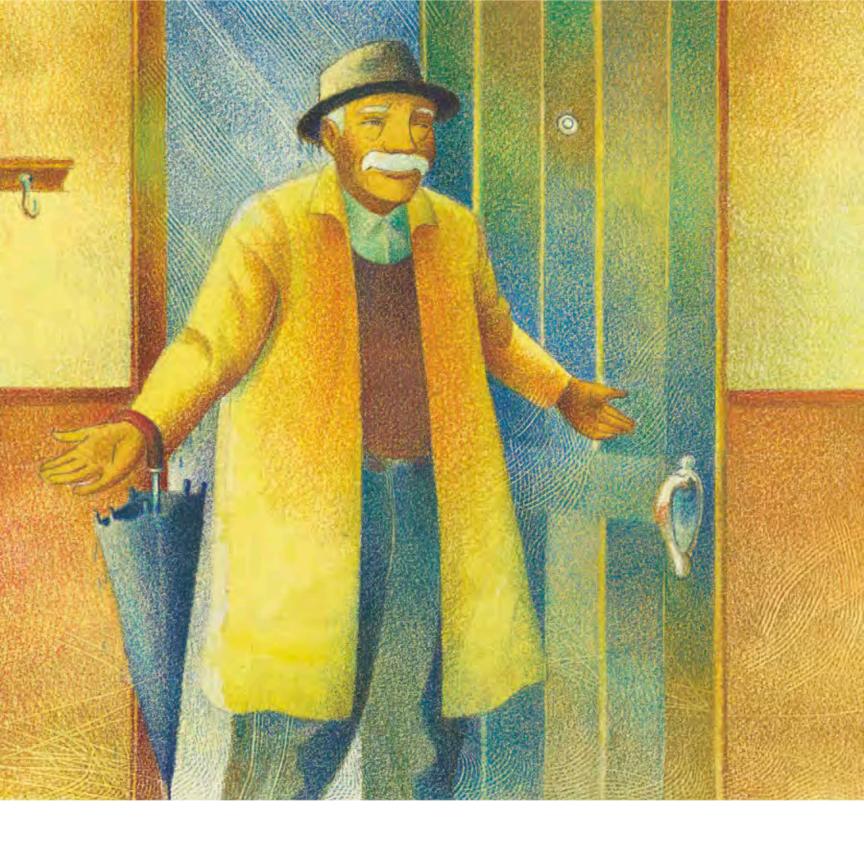
Raúl Colón

As a little boy in Puerto Rico, Raúl Colón was often very sick. He spent a lot of time inside, drawing. He even made his own comic books. Today, Mr. Colón lives in New York and works

as an artist and a writer.

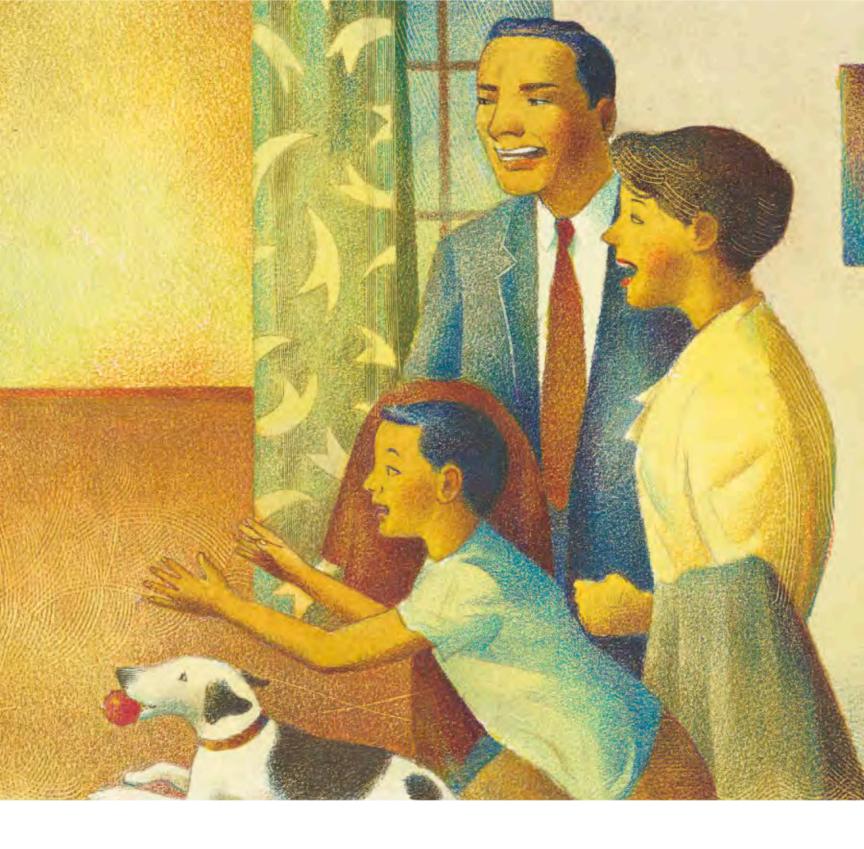




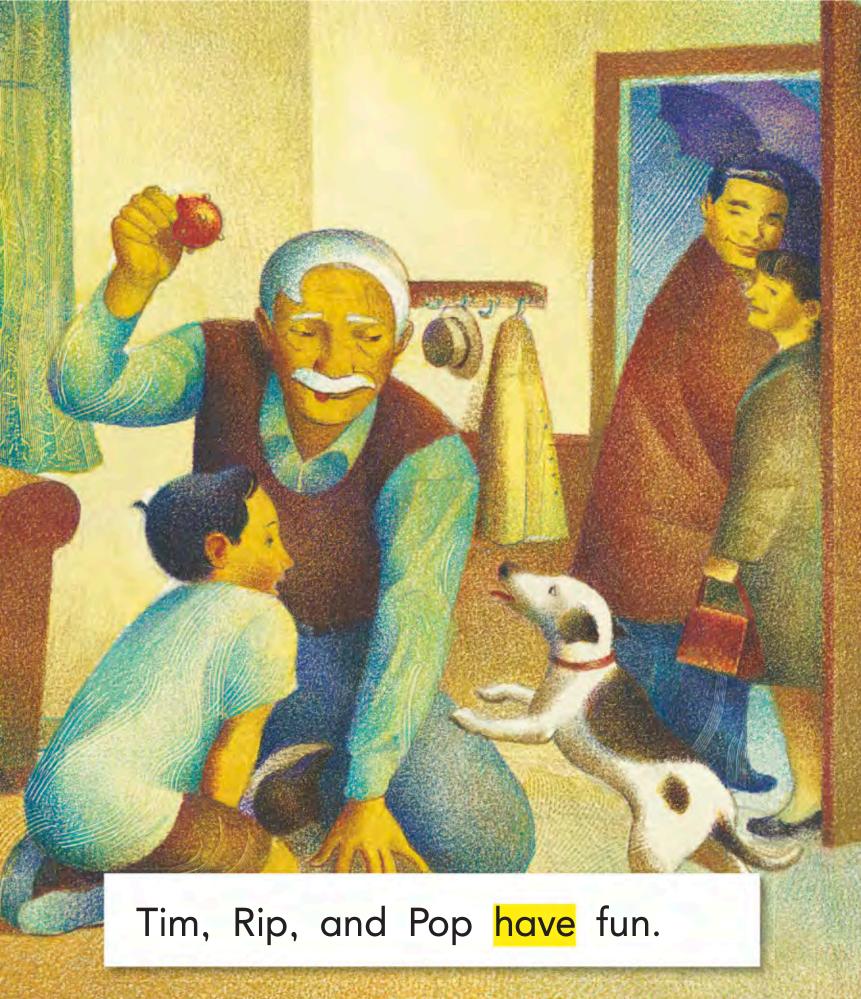


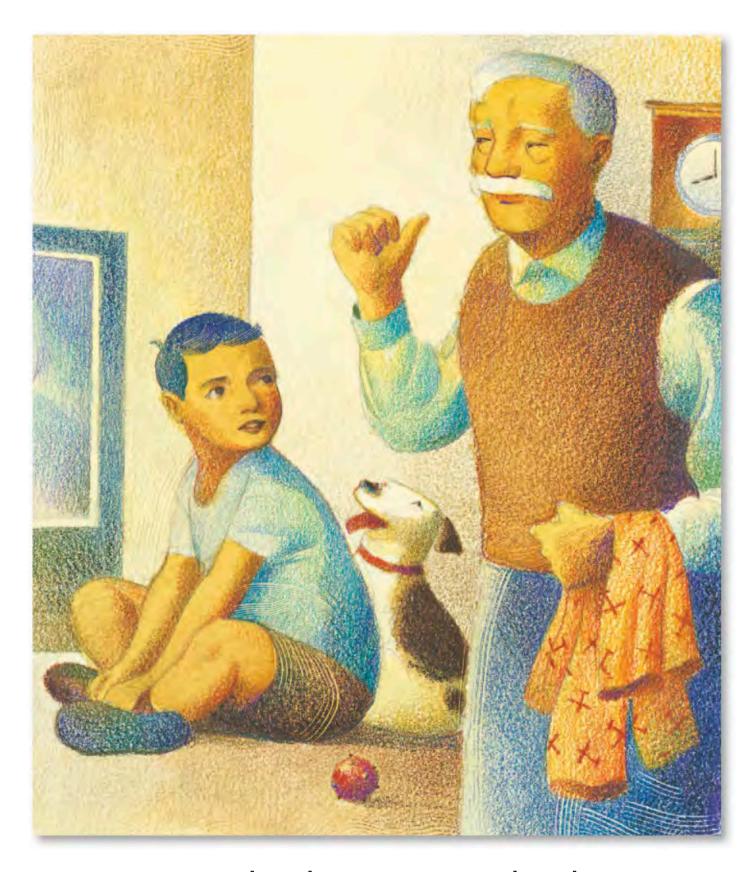
Pop has come in.

Look! He is wet.

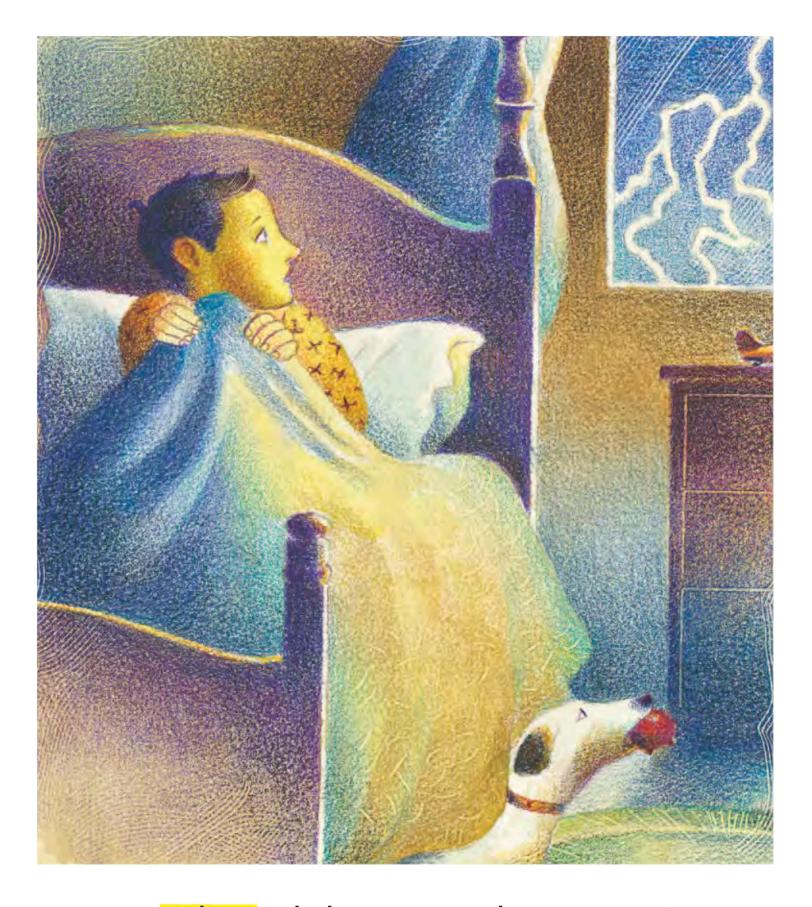


Tim and Rip ran to him.



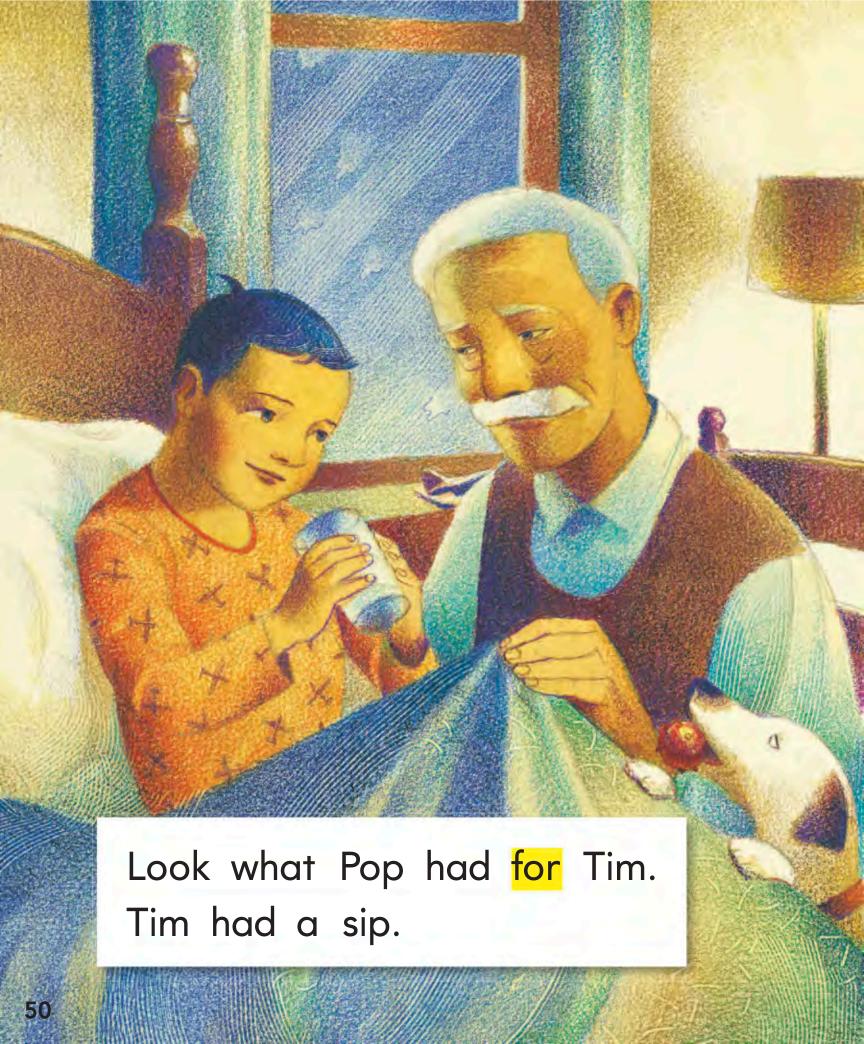


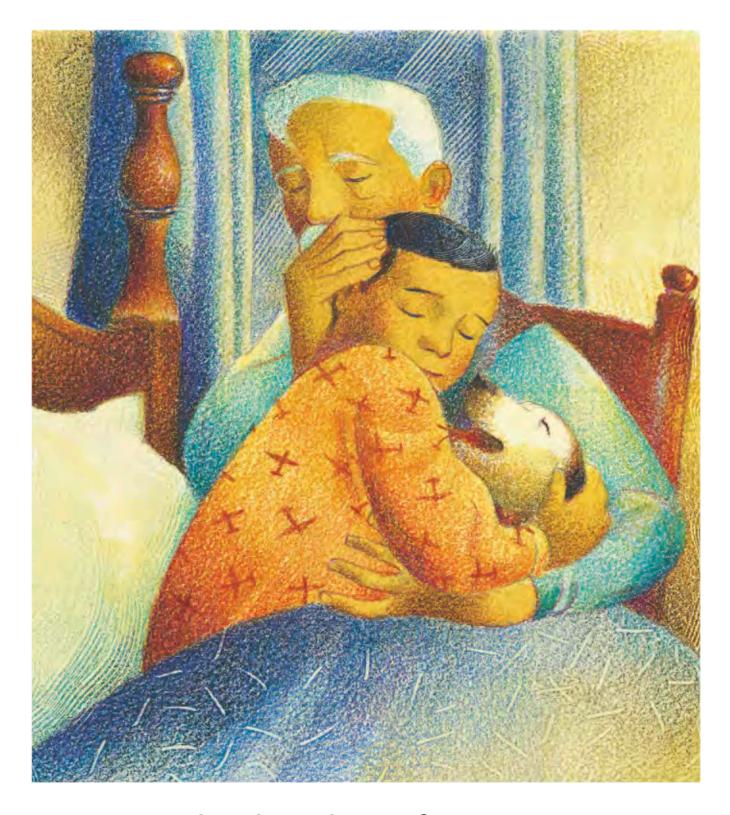
Tim had to go to bed.



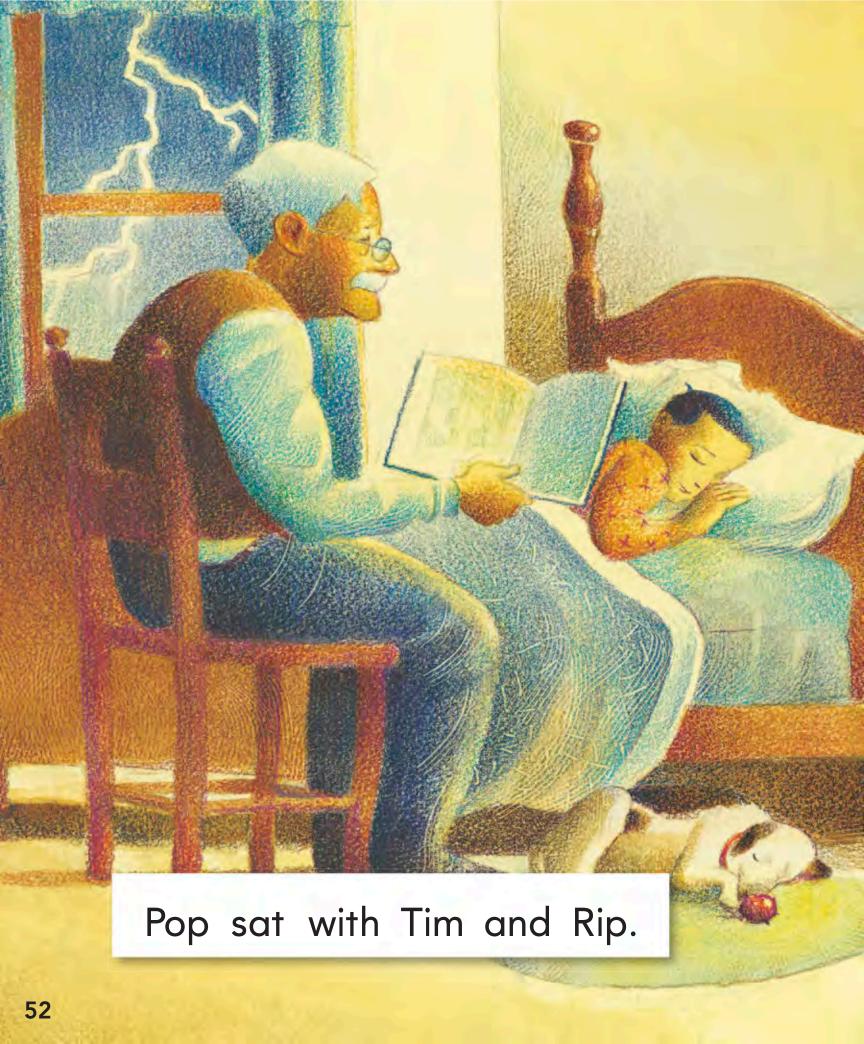
What did Tim and Rip see?







Pop had a hug for Tim. He had a hug for Rip, too.







## Dig Deeper



## How to Analyze the Text

Use these pages to learn more about Understanding Characters and Realistic Fiction. Then read **The Storm** again.

## **Understanding Characters**

In **The Storm**, you read about different **characters.** What important things do the characters do? What does this text evidence tell you about what they are like? Use a chart to list the characters and their actions to help you understand them better.

Characters	Actions



RL.1.3 describe characters, settings, and major events; RL.1.7 use illustrations and details to describe characters, setting, or events



## **Genre: Realistic Fiction**

**The Storm** is a story with a beginning, middle, and end. It is a made-up story, but it could happen in real life.

In **realistic fiction**, characters act like real people. The events could really happen. Think about what happens in **The Storm.** Could it happen to you?





## Your Turn



#### **RETURN TO THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION**



## What happens during a storm?

Talk about what

happens during different parts in **The Storm** and how it makes Tim feel. Use words and actions to act out his feelings in a group.



## **Classroom Conversation**

Talk about these questions with your class.

- How does Tim show his feelings?
- 2 How does Pop help Tim?
- What does Tim see and hear during the storm?

## WRITE ABOUT READING

Response Look at pages 48–49. Write words to tell how Tim feels. Look for text evidence. Use the pictures and the words on the pages to help you.





## **Writing Tip**

Read your answer.

Add words that give information.





**RL.1.4** identify words and phrases that suggest feelings or appeal to senses; **RL.1.7** use illustrations and details to describe characters, setting, or events; **L.1.5d** distinguish shades of meaning among verbs and adjectives

## Lesson 2

## INFORMATIONAL TEXT



## **GENRE**

#### Informational text

gives facts on a topic.
It can be from a textbook, article, or website. Look for storm facts as you read.

## **TEXT FOCUS**

**Photographs** show pictures of real things with important details. Use these photographs to find out information about storms.



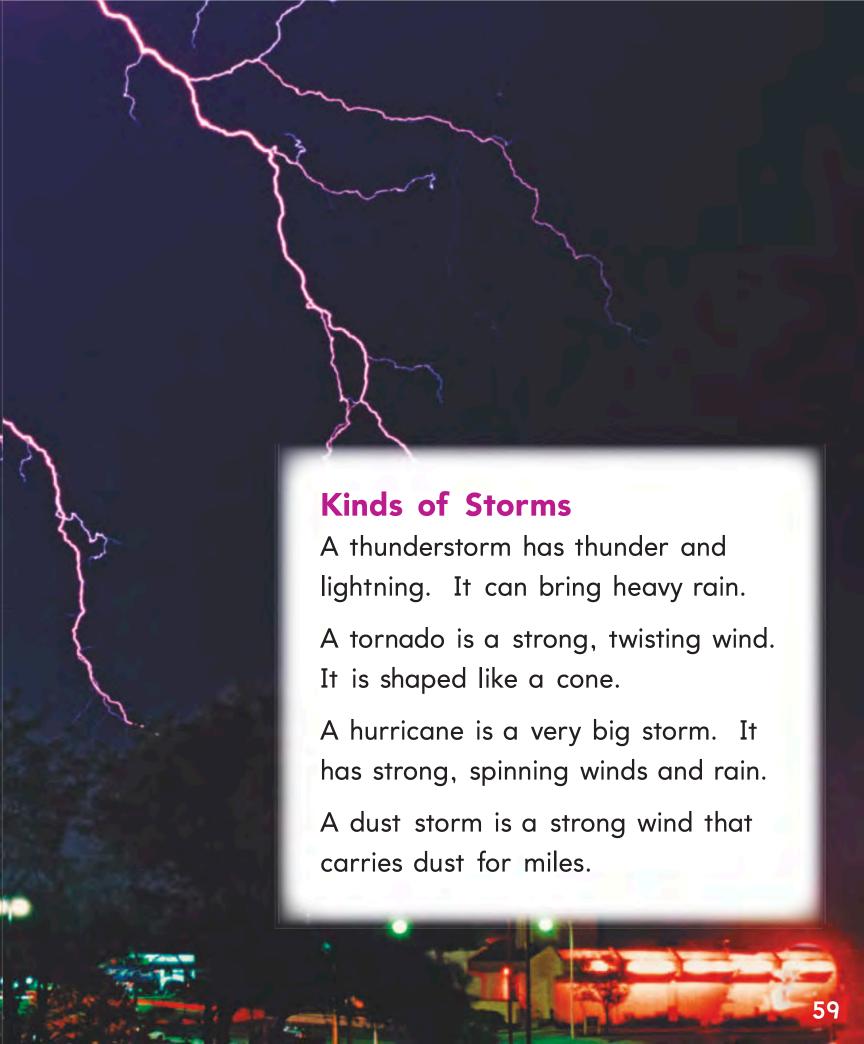
**RI.1.6** distinguish between information provided by pictures and words; **RI.1.10** read informational texts



## Storms!

A storm is a strong wind with rain or snow. It may have hail or sleet. Warm, light air goes up quickly. It mixes with high, cold air. Look! It's a storm.

This is a lightning storm in Pampa, Texas.









## **Compare Texts**



## **TEXT TO TEXT**

Compare Storms Look again at the selection Storms! Talk about each kind of storm. Which kind of storm did Tim and Rip see? Speak one at a time, and listen to everyone's ideas.



#### **TEXT TO SELF**

Write Sentences Write about a time you saw a storm. How did the weather change?



## **TEXT TO WORLD**

Connect to Social Studies How can neighbors help each other in a storm?

Draw a picture. Tell a partner about it.







**R1.1.9** identify similarities in and differences between texts on the same topic; **W.1.8** recall information from experiences or gather information from sources to answer a question; **SL.1.1a** follow rules for discussions; **SL.1.5** add drawings or visual displays to descriptions to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings



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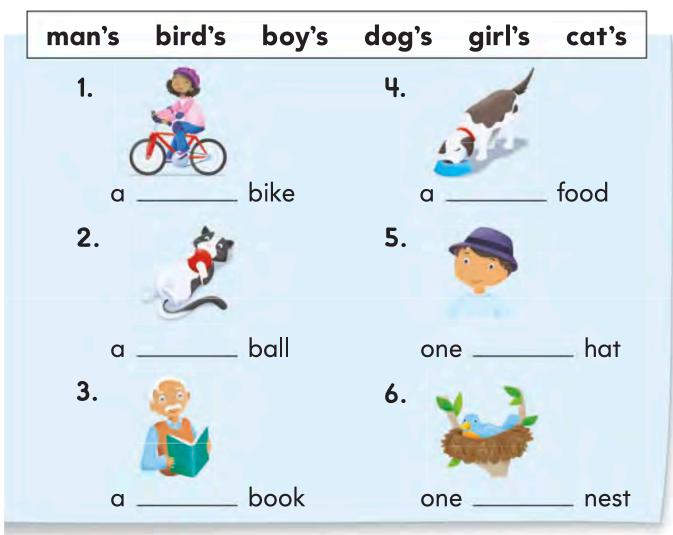
Possessive Nouns Some nouns show that one person or one animal owns or has something. These nouns are called possessive nouns. They end in 's.







Talk about each picture with a partner. Tell who has or owns something. Then write a possessive noun from the box to go with each picture. Use another sheet of paper.





## **Grammar in Writing**

Share your writing with a partner. Say a sentence with each possessive noun you used.



## Narrative Writing

Videas What did Kit's family do at the beach? Kit drew and wrote about her trip. Then she thought of new details. She added a **caption** to explain her picture.









## **Writing Traits Checklist**

- Ideas Does my writing have interesting details about my family trip?
- Do my captions explain the pictures?
- ☑ Did I use nouns to name places or things?

Look for nouns in Kit's final copy.
Then revise your own writing.
Use the Checklist.



## **Final Copy**

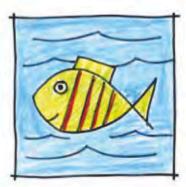
## Our Trip to the Beach



my family



a castle we made



We saw a fish.



We found shells.



## Words to Know



- Read each Context Card.
- Ask a question that uses one of the blue words.





## 3 they

They like to work together in class.



find
The librarian helps
children find books.



## funny

The art teacher drew a funny animal.



## 6 no

No, you cannot cross until the cars are gone.





## Read and Comprehend

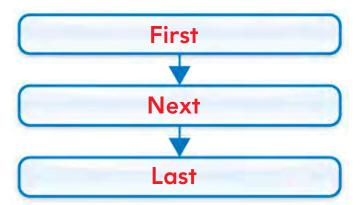






#### **TARGET SKILL**

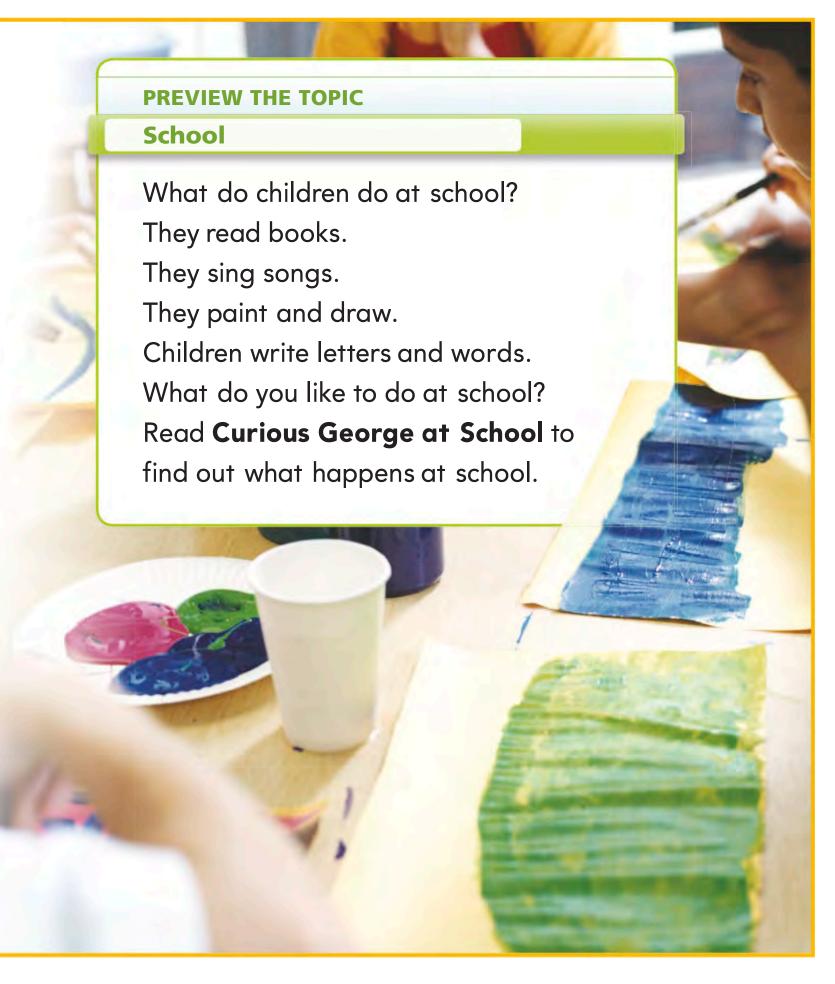
Sequence of Events Many stories tell about events in the order in which they happen. This order is called the sequence of events. The sequence of events is what happens first, next, and last in a story. You can use a flow chart like this to write about the events in a story.



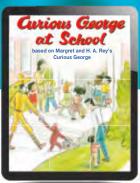
#### **TARGET STRATEGY**

Monitor/Clarify If part of a story doesn't make sense, read that part again.



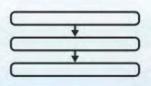


# Lesson 3 ANCHOR TEXT



### **TARGET SKILL**

Sequence of Events
Tell the order in which things happen.



### **GENRE**

A **fantasy** is a story that could not happen in real life. As you read, look for:

- events that could not really happen
- animals that act like people



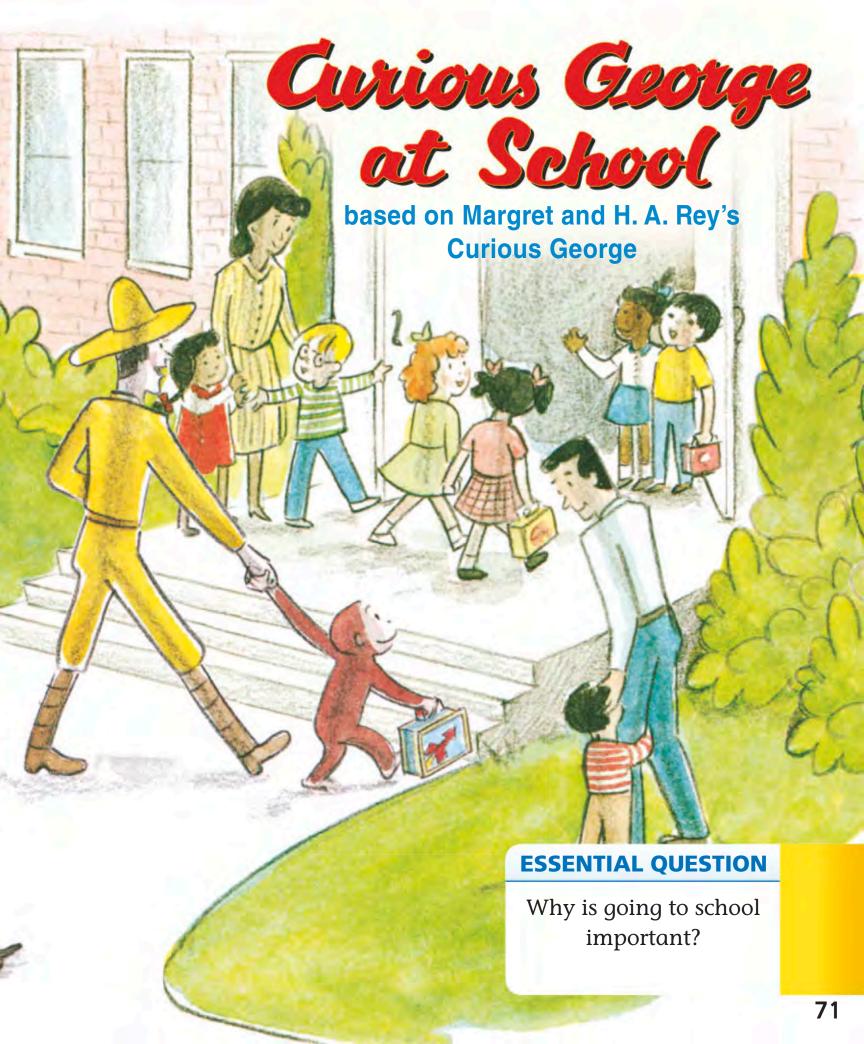
**RL.1.3** describe characters, settings, and major events; **RL.1.10** read prose and poetry

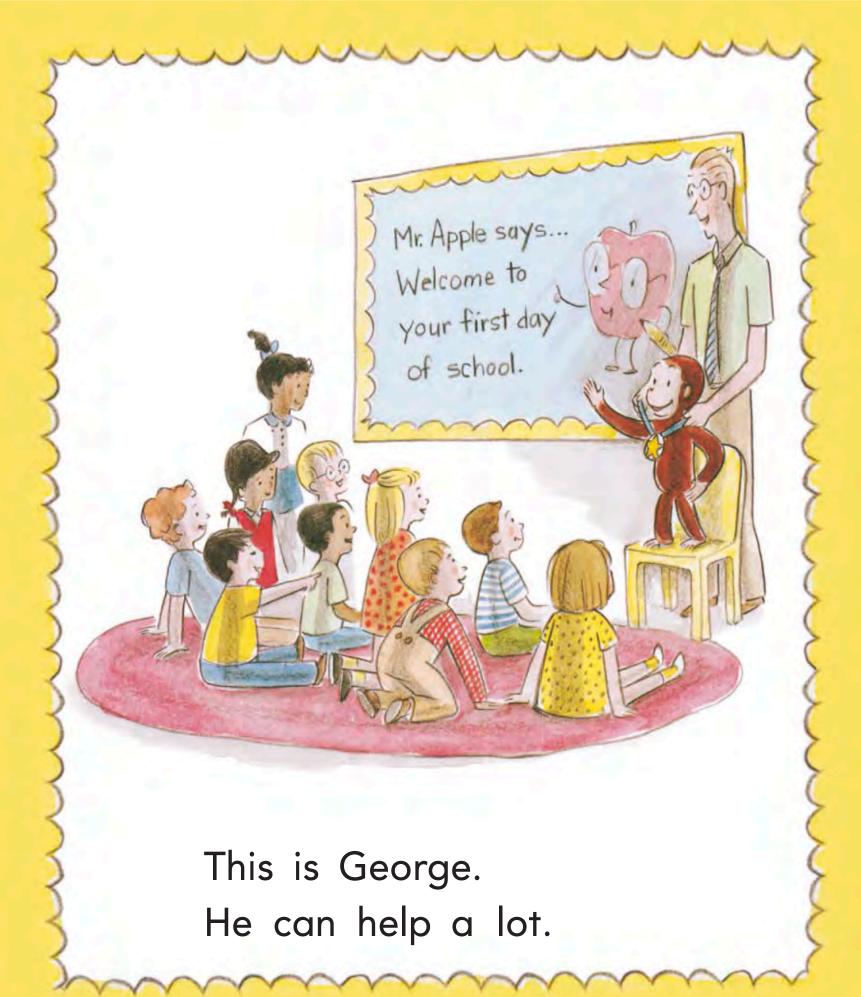
#### **Meet the Creators**

## Margret and H. A. Rey

Children all over the world love Curious George! The Reys' books have been published in Spanish, French, Swedish, Japanese, and many other languages. Since the Reys wrote their first book about the curious little monkey, George has starred in more than 40 books, a TV show, and a movie.





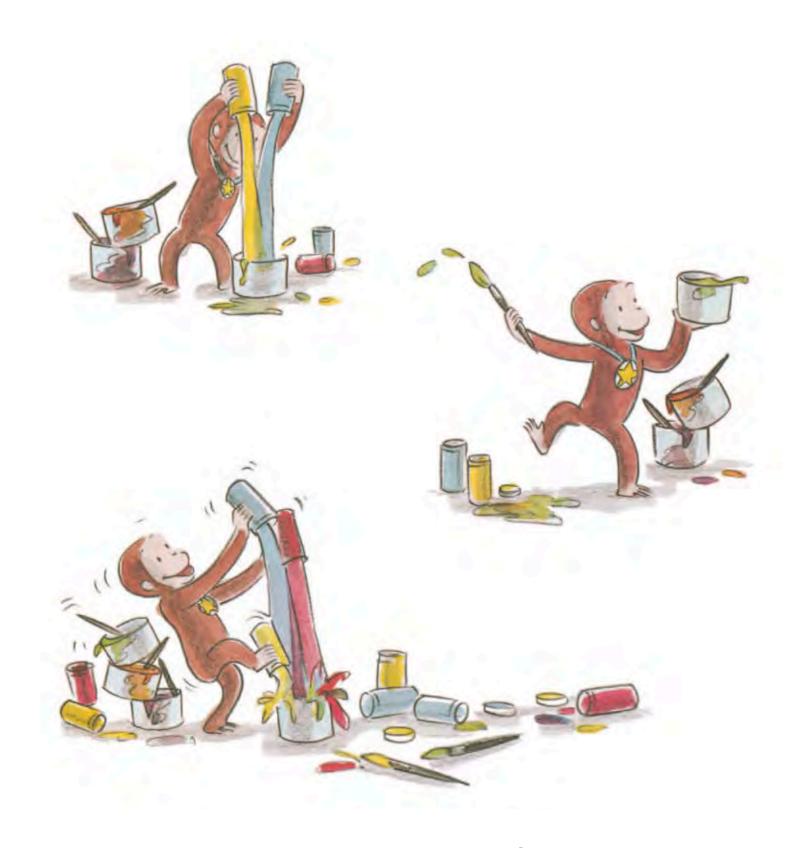




George can sing. He is funny.



He can see the paints.

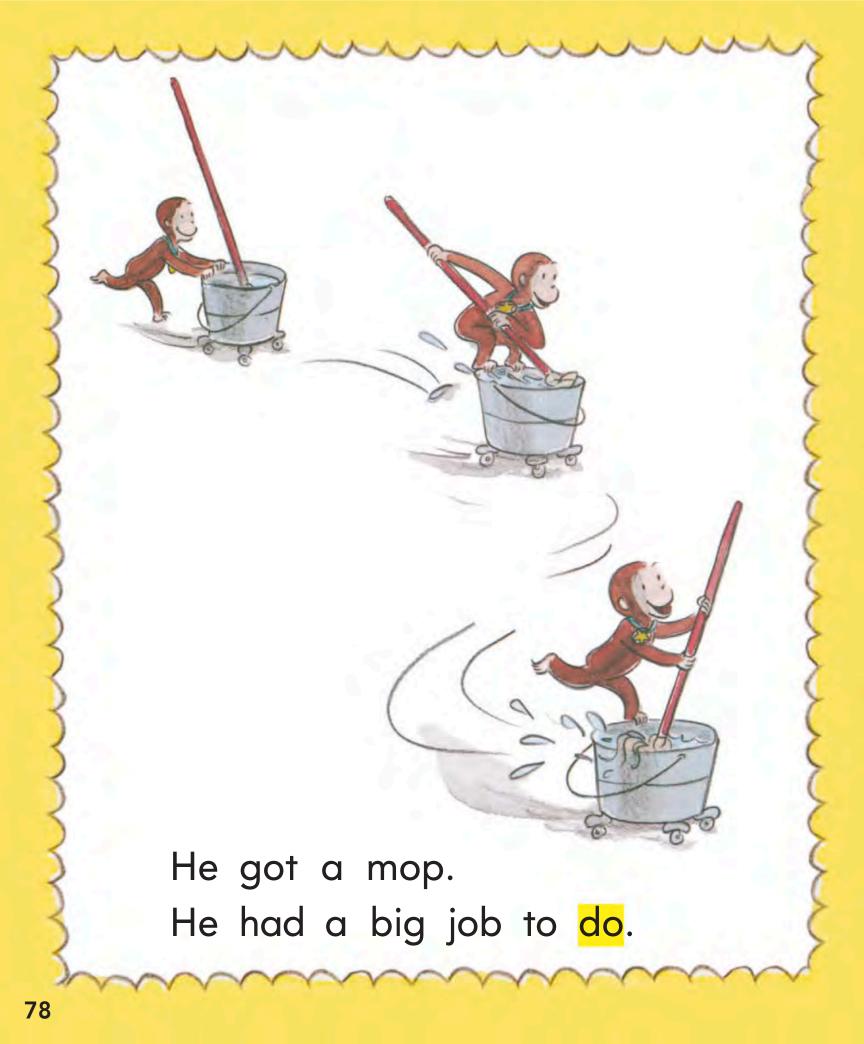


Mix, mix, mix a bit. Mix, mix, mix a lot!



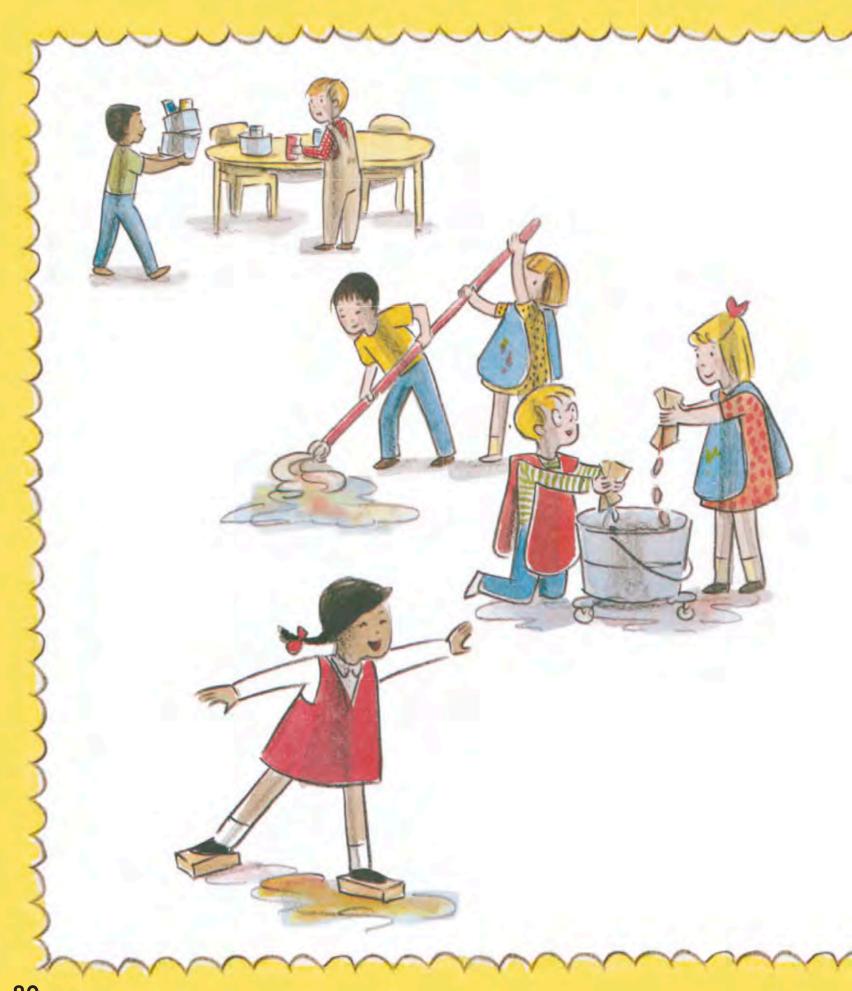


George ran. What did he find?





No, no! It is a big, BIG mess! George is sad, sad, sad.

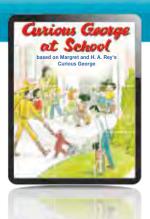




Kids help him do a big job.

They can help him a lot.

He is not sad!



# Dig Deeper



# How to Analyze the Text

Use these pages to learn more about Sequence of Events and Author's Word Choice. Then read **Curious George at School** again.

# **Sequence of Events**

In Curious George at School, you read about what happens to George at school. Authors write what happens in a certain order. Think about what happens first, next, and last as you read. You can use a flow chart to show the order of important events in the story.





**RL.1.3** describe characters, settings, and major events



# **Author's Word Choice**

Writers choose the words they use carefully. Some words help readers picture events. Some words tell more about a character.

The story says that George is funny.
What other words does the author use to describe George and the mess he makes?





# Your Turn



### **RETURN TO THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION**



Why is going to school important? Find text evidence that tells what

George learns at school. Tell your partner what happens to him first, next, and last. What do you do at school that is important?



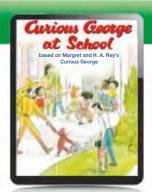
# **Classroom Conversation**

Talk about these questions with your class.

- 1 How does George try to help?
- 2 How do the children help George?
- How is George's school like your school?

# WRITE ABOUT READING

Response Write sentences to describe George. Tell what you think he is like. Use text evidence to give reasons why you think so.





Writing Tip

Use the word **because** when you write reasons for your ideas.





**RL.1.2** retell stories and demonstrate understanding of the message or lesson; **RL.1.3** describe characters, settings, and major events; **RL.1.7** use illustrations and details to describe characters, setting, or events; **W.1.1** write opinion pieces; **SL.1.4** describe people, places, things, and events with details/express ideas and feelings clearly

# Lesson 3 INFORMATIONAL TEXT School Long Ago Long Ago

# **GENRE**

Informational text gives facts about a topic. This is a social studies article. Read to find out what the topic is.

### **TEXT FOCUS**

A **chart** is a drawing that lists information in a clear way. What can you learn from the chart on page 88?



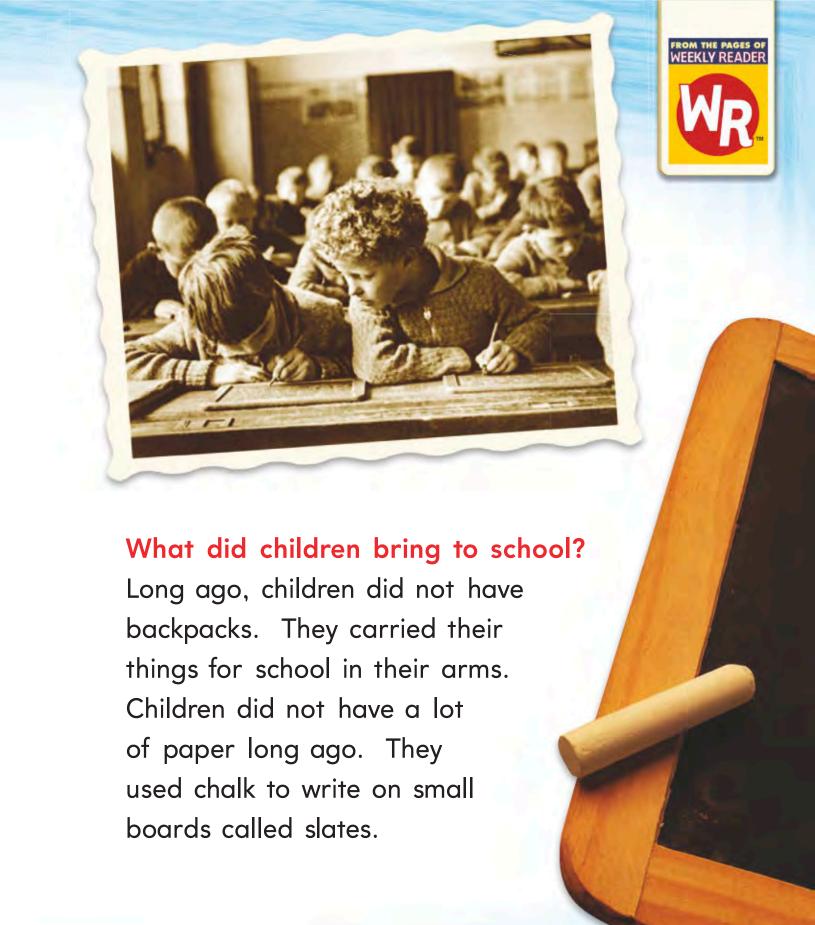
RI.1.5 know and use text features to locate facts or information; RI.1.10 read informational texts

# School Long Ago

# How did children get to school?

Was going to school long ago different from going to school today? Let's find out! There were no school buses long ago. Some children had to walk far to get to school.





# What did children learn?

Long ago, children learned reading, writing, and math. Some teachers taught children funny songs to sing. What do children learn in school today?







# **Compare Texts**



# **TEXT TO TEXT**

Compare Genres Is the story about Curious George real or make-believe? How do you know? Tell how you know School Long Ago is true.



### **TEXT TO SELF**

**Connect to Experiences** Think of something Curious George did that you have also done. Write about it.



### **TEXT TO WORLD**

**Draw a Map** Draw a map of your classroom. Show where you sit.

Describe your classroom to a partner.







**RL.1.5** explain major differences between story books and informational books; **W.1.8** recall information from experiences or gather information from sources to answer a question



# Grammar





Action Verbs Some words tell what people and animals do. These action words are called **verbs**.



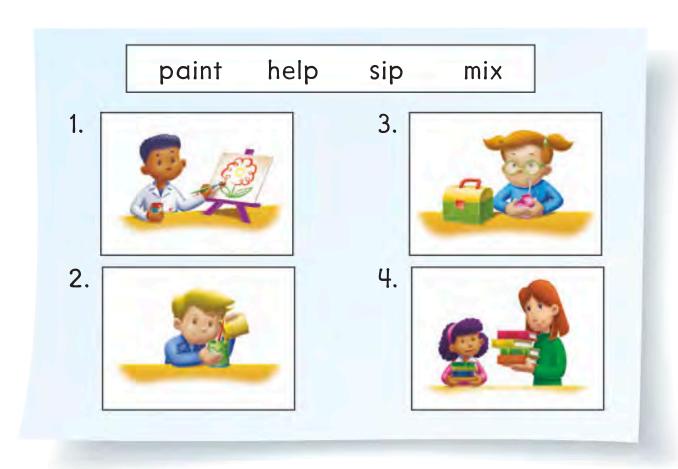








Write a verb from the box to name the action in each picture. Use another sheet of paper. Then act out one of the verbs. Have a partner guess the verb.





# **Grammar in Writing**

When you revise your writing, use action verbs to tell about things you do.



# **Narrative Writing**

Word Choice Writers use exact nouns to help give readers a clear picture. What things did Leah's class do? Leah wrote about the activities. Later, she changed things to a noun that is exact.







# **Revised Draft**

books We all read things.



# **Writing Traits Checklist**



Did I use nouns that are exact?

- Did I use action verbs to tell what we did?
- Did I write letters neatly and correctly?
- Did I write an ending sentence?

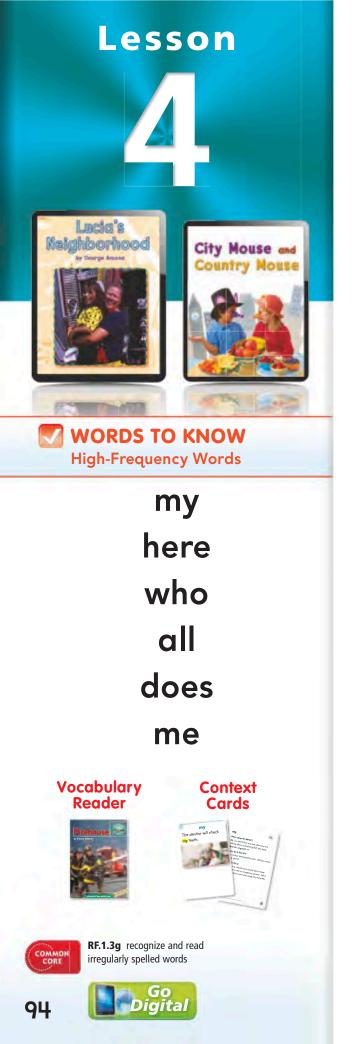
Find nouns and verbs in Leah's final copy. Then revise your writing. Use the Checklist.



Final Copy

# **Fun at School**

We all read books.
We wrote stories.
Then we sang songs.
Today was a lot of fun!



# Words to Know



- Read each Context Card.
- Tell about a picture, using the blue word.





# who

Who brings the mail to your house?



all

The baker made all of these rolls.



does

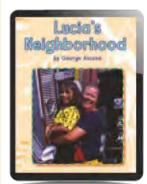
Does this vet take care of dogs?



me

The zookeeper let me pet the koala.





# Read and Comprehend







### **TARGET SKILL**

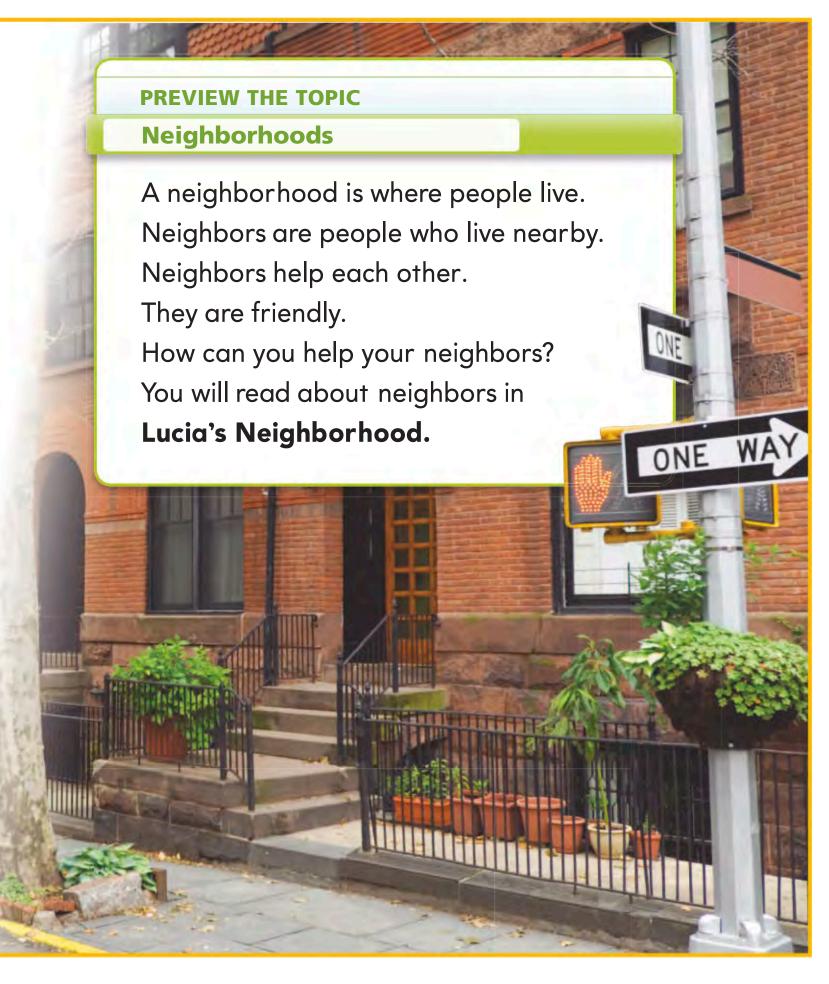
Text and Graphic Features Authors may use special features like photos, maps, and drawings to explain a topic. Labels and captions can give more information about photos. Use special features to help you get information. You can list the features and the information you learn on a chart.

Feature	Purpose

### **TARGET STRATEGY**

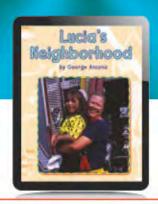
Question Ask yourself questions as you read. Look for text evidence to help you answer them.





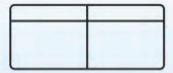
# Lesson 4

# **ANCHOR** TEXT



# **TARGET SKILL**

**Text and Graphic** Features Tell how the words and photos give information.



# **GENRE**

# Informational text gives facts about a topic. Look for:

- words that tell information
- photographs that show details about the real world



**RI.1.4** ask and answer questions to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases; RI.1.5 know and use text features to locate facts or information: RI.1.10 read informational texts

# Meet the Author and Photographer George Ancona

What do you like to do for fun? George Ancona enjoys dancing, listening to salsa music, and spending time with his grandchildren. He does not like to watch TV or send e-mail. Mr. Ancona has written many books, including Mi Música/My Music.

# Lucia's Neighborhood

written and photographed by George Ancona





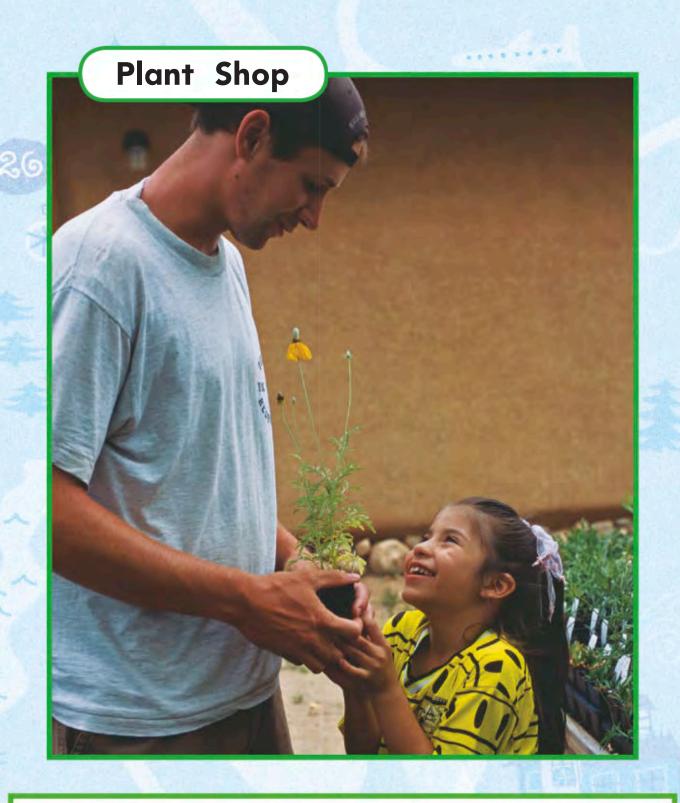




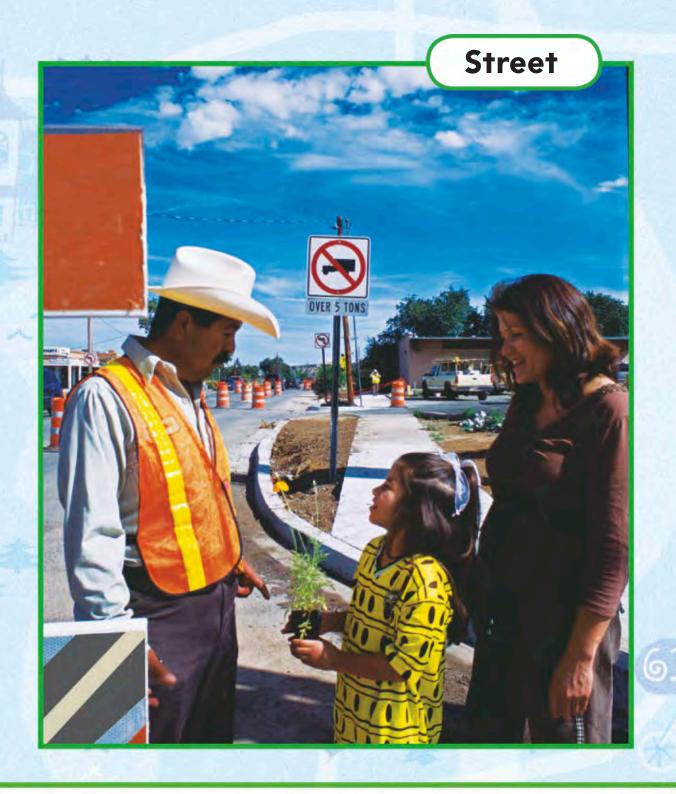
What can Mom and I do? Look what we get here.



I can look at pets here. It is fun.

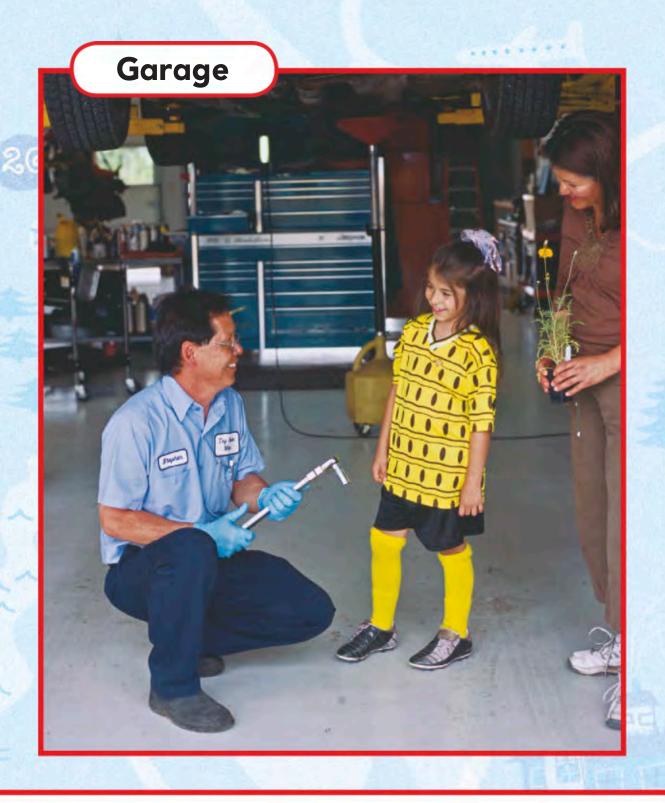


Mom let me get a plant here. It is not big yet.



Who can fix the street?

Here is the man who can fix it.



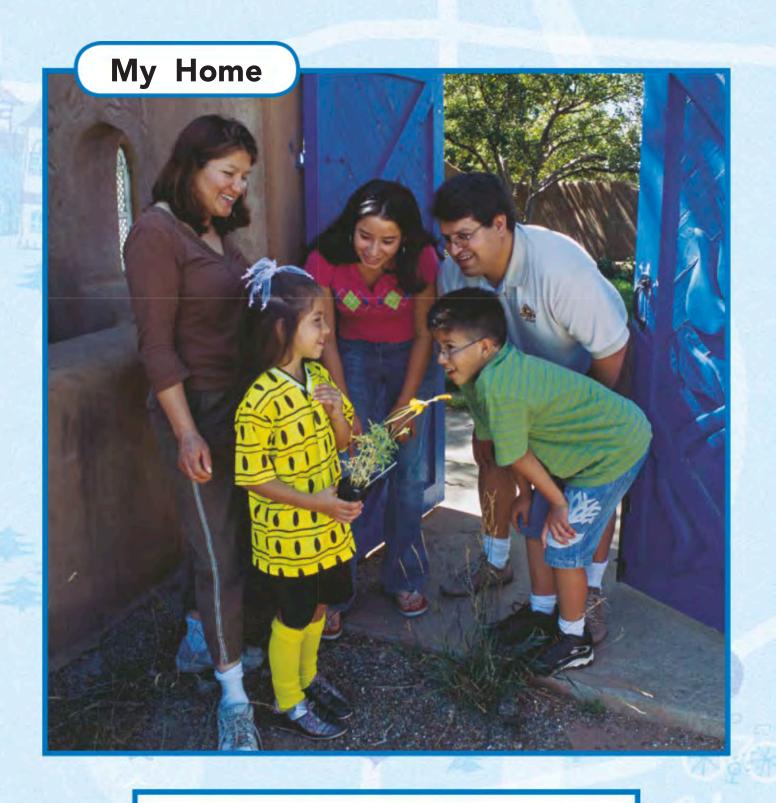
Who can fix a car?
Here is the man who can fix it.



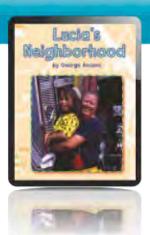
Who has on firefighter's pants?
They are too big to fit me yet!



Does the librarian help me?
Yes!
We sit and look at my book.



Is it fun to be home? You bet it is!



# Dig Deeper



# How to Analyze the Text

Learn about Text and Graphic Features and Author's Word Choice. Then read **Lucia's Neighborhood** again.

# **Text and Graphic Features**

In Lucia's Neighborhood, the author uses special features to tell more about the neighborhood. What information do the photos show? How does each label help you find and understand the information? Use a chart to tell about the special features and the information they give.

Feature	Purpose



RI.1.4 ask and answer questions to determine or clarify the meaning of words and phrases; RI.1.5 know and use text features to locate facts or information



# **Author's Word Choice**

An author thinks about what words he or she will use. Choosing certain words or phrases makes the selection fun and interesting to read. Phrases like **on the ball** or **right as rain** are fun ways to say **perfect!** 

As you read, ask yourself why the author uses the words he does. Think about what the words really mean.





# Your Turn



### **RETURN TO THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION**



Who can you meet in a neighborhood? Find text evidence in Lucia's

**Neighborhood** to answer. Then draw a picture of a person from your neighborhood. Add a label. Describe the picture to your partner.



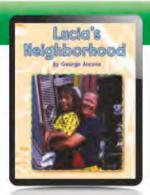
# **Classroom Conversation**

Talk about these questions with your class.

- What words can you use to tell what Lucia's neighbors are like?
- 2 How is Lucia's neighborhood like yours?
- What would you like to ask Lucia about her neighborhood?

# WRITE ABOUT READING

Response Choose one place that Lucia visits. Write sentences that tell what the place is like. Use text evidence, such as the photo and the words on the page, to help you describe the place.







Begin each sentence with a capital letter. End it with a period.





**RI.1.7** use illustrations and details to describe key ideas; **SL.1.5** add drawings or visual displays to descriptions to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings

# Lesson 4 FABLE Read Together City Mouse and Country Mouse

### **GENRE**

A **fable** is a short story in which a character learns a lesson. The characters in a fable are often animals.

### **TEXT FOCUS**

Fables usually end with a **story lesson**. The lesson is sometimes called a **moral**. Read this fable to find out what lesson the characters learn.



**RL.1.2** retell stories and demonstrate understanding of the message or lesson; **RL.1.10** read prose and poetry



# City Mouse and Country Mouse

retold by Debbie O'Brien





Once upon a time, there were two mice.



I love my country home. Come eat with me.



I like city food better.





Come with me to the city. We will eat like kings.



I will come.



Here is my home.



Look at all this yummy food!





Meow, meow. I will have mice for lunch!



Who is that?

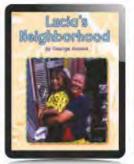


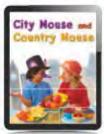
It's Cat! Run and hide.



City Mouse, my home does not have fine food, but it is safe. I'm going back to the country.







# **Compare Texts**



# **TEXT TO TEXT**

Compare Feelings How do Lucia and the mice feel about their neighborhoods? How do you know?



### **TEXT TO SELF**

Respond to the Story What lesson does Country Mouse learn? Has anything like this ever happened to you? Write sentences about it.



# **TEXT TO WORLD**

**Discuss Neighborhoods** Who or what makes your neighborhood special? Describe to a partner. Use details.







**RL.1.2** retell stories and demonstrate understanding of the message or lesson; **RL.1.9** compare and contrast adventures and experiences of characters; **Rl.1.9** identify similarities in and differences between texts on the same topic; **W.1.8** recall information from experiences or gather information from sources to answer a question; **SL.1.4** describe people, places, things, and events with details/express ideas and feelings clearly



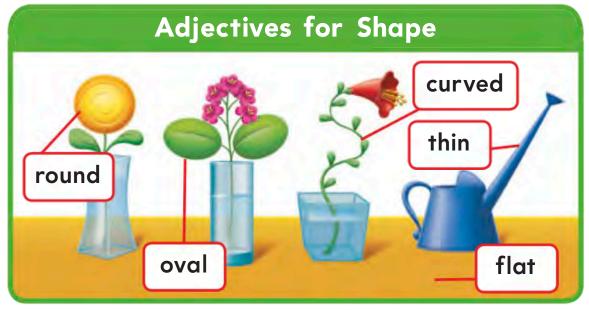
# Grammar





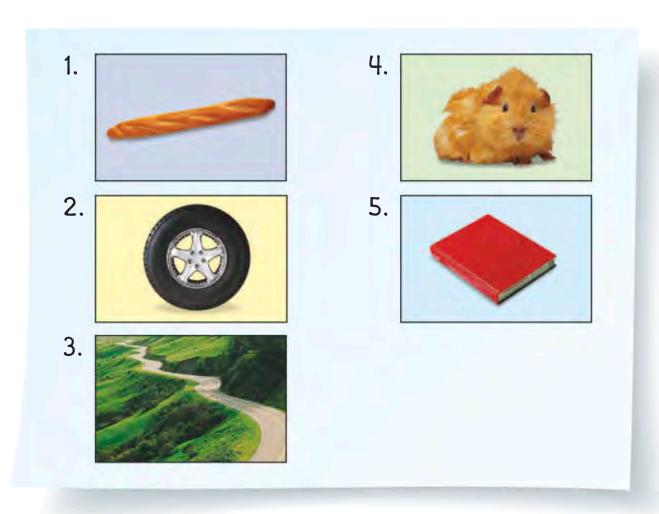
Adjectives Some words describe people, animals, places, or things. These describing words are called **adjectives**. Adjectives can describe by telling size or shape.







Think of an adjective for size or shape to describe each picture. Write the word on another sheet of paper. Use the adjective in a sentence.





# **Grammar in Writing**

When you revise your class story, look for places to add adjectives to tell what things look like.



**Reading-Writing Workshop: Revise** 

# Narrative Writing

Word Choice When you write a class story, choose interesting words that are just right!





Ms. Soto's class wrote about their town. Later, they changed **big** to a clearer word.



# **Revised Draft**

Our town has a big parade.

tall

Funny clowns wear big hats.



# **Revising Checklist**

- **☑** Does our story have interesting details?
- Did we use nouns that are exact?
- Did we use adjectives to tell about size or shape?
- ☑ Did we write a sentence to end the story?

Read our class story. Find adjectives. Find words that tell order. Now help revise your class story. Use the Checklist.



**Final Copy** 

# **Our Town Parade**

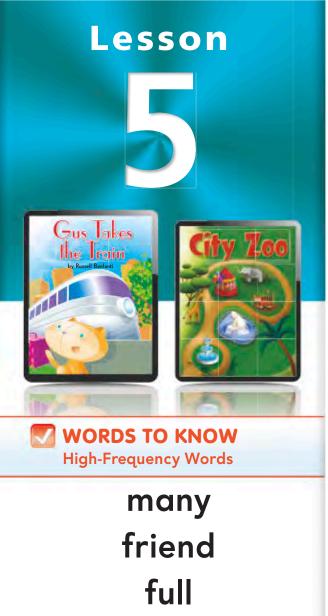
Our town has a big parade.

Funny clowns wear tall hats.

A fire truck blasts its horn.

Horses prance down wide streets.

At the end, a loud band marches by.



many friend full pull hold good





**RF.1.3g** recognize and read irregularly spelled words



# Words to Know



- Read each Context Card.
- Use a blue word to tell about something you did.





# <sup>3</sup> full

This train is always full of people.



Pull
He can pull his pet in the wagon.



5 hold

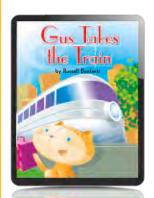
She can hold her phone in her hand.



6 good

The ferry is a good way to see the city.





# Read and Comprehend







### **TARGET SKILL**

Story Structure A story has different parts. The **characters** are the people and animals in a story. The **setting** is when and where it takes place. The **plot** is the story events. It is the problem the characters have and how they solve it. You can use a story map to tell who is in a story, where they are, and what they do.

Characters Setting

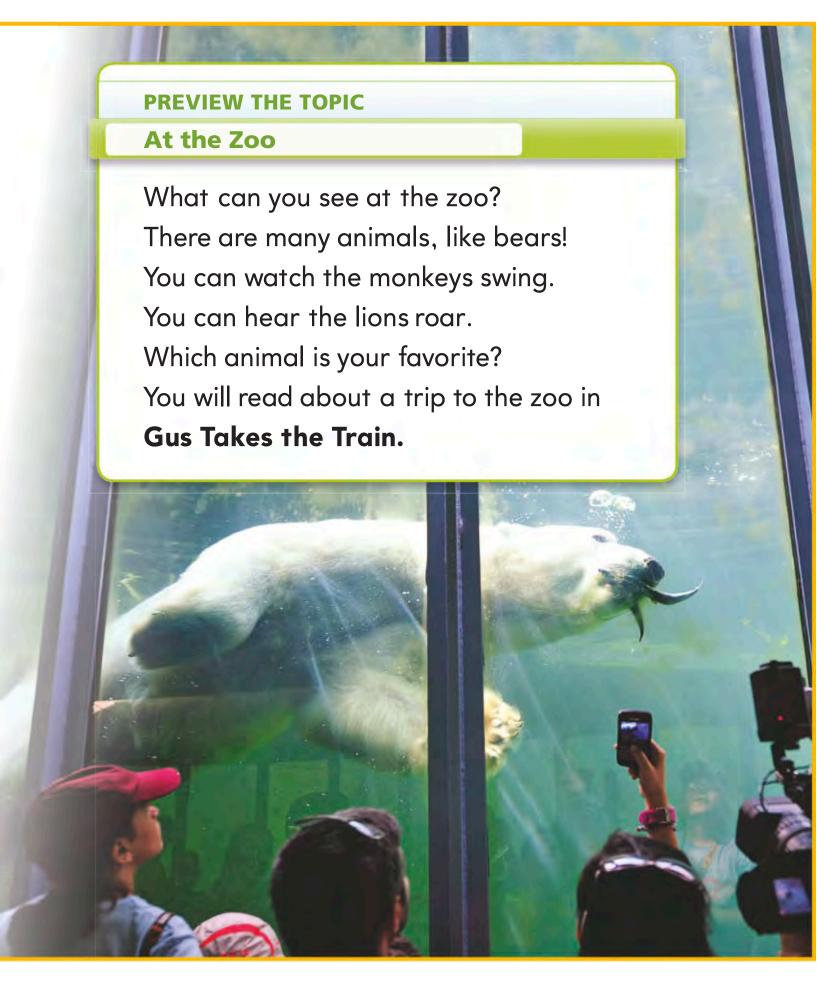
Plot



### TARGET STRATEGY

**Analyze/Evaluate** Tell what you think of the story. Give text evidence to tell why.

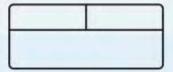




# Lesson 5 ANCHOR IEXT Gus Takes The Indian The Property of the Indian The Indian Control of the Indian Control of the Indian The Indian Control of the Indian Contro

### **TARGET SKILL**

**Story Structure** Tell about the setting, characters, and events in a story.



## **GENRE**

A **fantasy** is a story that could not happen in real life. As you read, look for:

- events that could not really happen
- animal characters who act like people



RL.1.3 describe characters, settings, and major events; RL.1.7 use illustrations and details to describe characters, setting, or events; RL.1.10 read prose and poetry

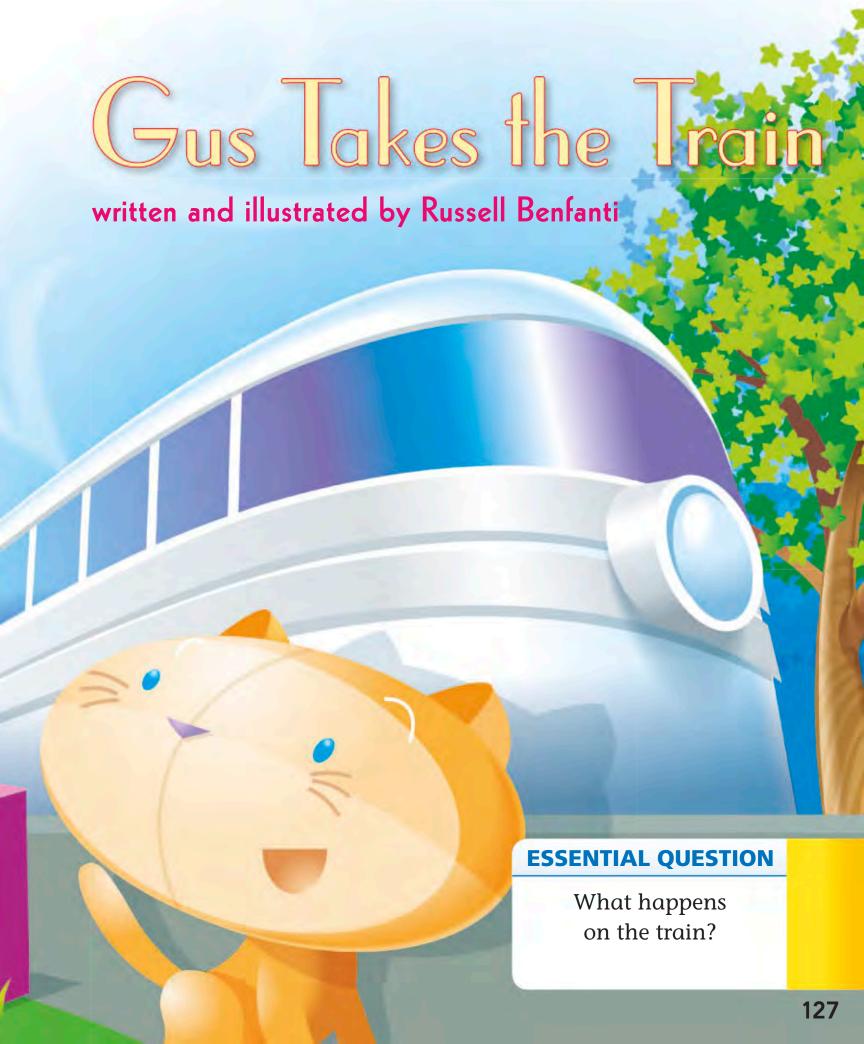
# Meet the Author and Illustrator

# Russell Benfanti



If you like Russell Benfanti's colorful artwork, then visit a toy store. There you will find board games, toy packages, and computer games that Mr. Benfanti designed.
"I love what I do!" he says.







Gus has to run to get the train. He has a big bag to pull.



Run, Gus, run!



Gus cannot pull up his bag. The conductor can help him.



The train is full.

Gus can see many kids.



Gus sat. His big bag can go up here.



Gus met a friend!
Peg and Gus sing and play.



Peg can hold the cups for Gus. They are too full!



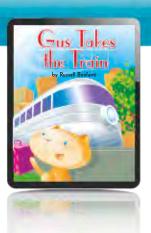
Peg and Gus have a sip. It is good!



Gus can see a lot.

A funny bug is on the window!





# Dig Deeper



# How to Analyze the Text

Use these pages to learn more about Story Structure and Fantasy. Then read **Gus Takes the Train** again.

# **Story Structure**

Gus Takes the Train has characters, settings, and a plot. All of these work together to tell the story. Who are the characters? Where are they in different parts of the story? Write text evidence on a story map to tell who is in the story, where they are, and what they do.





RL.1.3 describe characters, settings, and major events; RL.1.7 use illustrations and details to describe characters, setting, or events



# **Genre: Fantasy**

This story is a **fantasy**. That means it is make-believe and could not happen in real life. In the story, Gus sings. Can cats sing a song in real life?

Look again at the pictures in the story. Do they look like real life? What text evidence tells you that this story is a fantasy?





# Your Turn



### **RETURN TO THE ESSENTIAL QUESTION**



# What happens on the train?

Tell what Gus does first, next, and last. Then draw a picture of something Gus will see at the zoo. Describe it. Show your picture as you talk to help explain your ideas.



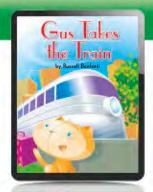
# Classroom Conversation

Talk about these questions with your class.

- Why does Gus take the train?
- 2 How does Peg help Gus?
- Think about the end of the story. What will Gus do next?

# WRITE ABOUT READING

Response Write the story the way
Peg would tell it. Write sentences
to tell what happens at the
beginning, middle, and end of
the story.





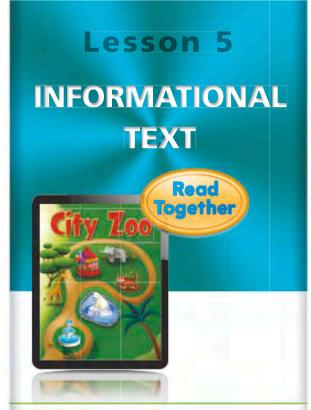
# Writing Tip

Add words like **first**, **next**, and **last** to tell when things happen.





**RL.1.3** describe characters, settings, and major events; **W.1.3** write narratives; **SL.1.5** add drawings or visual displays to descriptions to clarify ideas, thoughts, and feelings



## **GENRE**

Informational text gives facts about a topic. It can be from a magazine, brochure, or website. What is the topic of this selection?

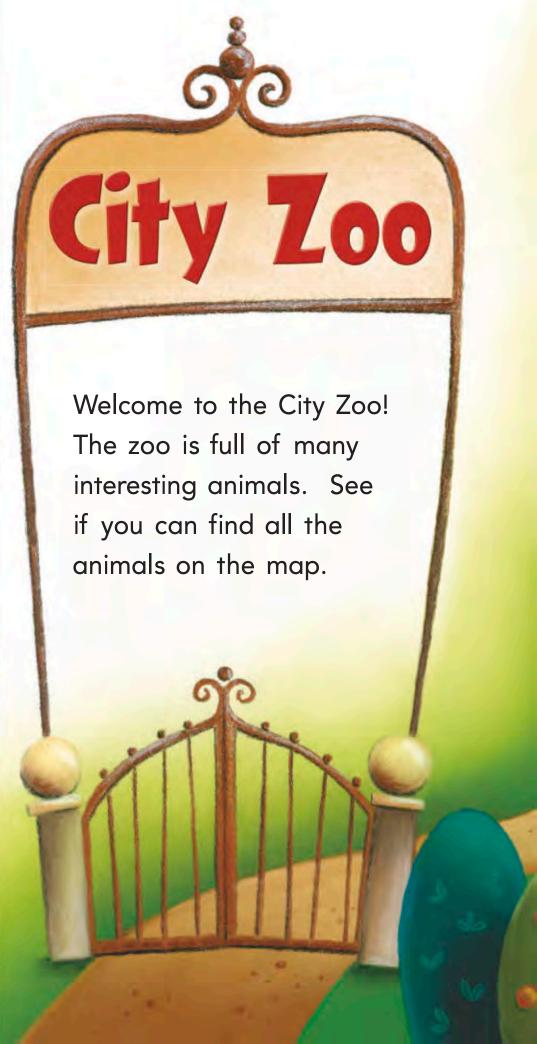
### **TEXT FOCUS**

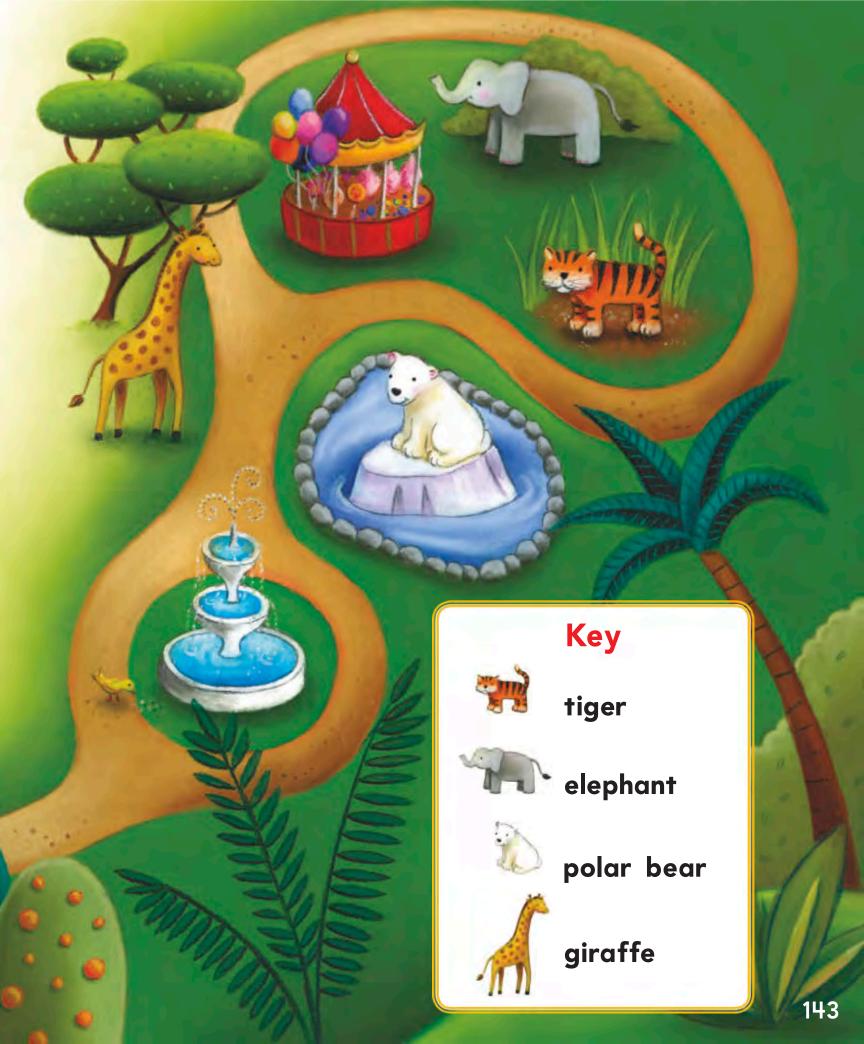
A map is a drawing of a place. It can help you to get somewhere. A key shows what pictures on the map mean. What does each picture in the key on page 143 mean?



RI.1.5 know and use text features to locate facts or information; RI.1.10 read informational texts

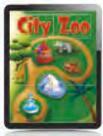












# **Compare Texts**



### **TEXT TO TEXT**

**Compare Selections** Think about both selections. Tell which is make-believe and which is true. Tell how you know.



#### **TEXT TO SELF**

Write a Description Write to tell your classmates about a time you went on a trip. Tell them what you saw and did.

#### **TEXT TO WORLD**

Connect to Social Studies Imagine that you are traveling to study animals. Where would you go? Find that place on a map or globe. Describe your trip. Use details.







**RL.1.5** explain major differences between story books and informational books; **W.1.8** recall information from experiences or gather information from sources to answer a question; **SL.1.4** describe people, places, things, and events with details/express ideas and feelings clearly



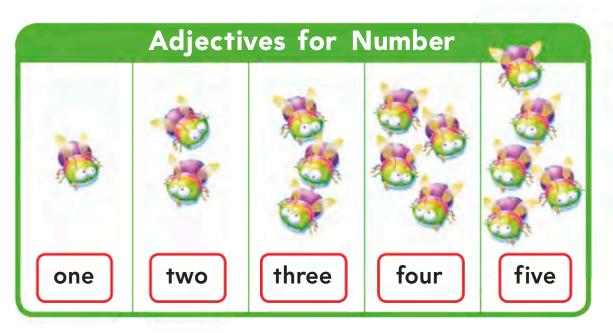
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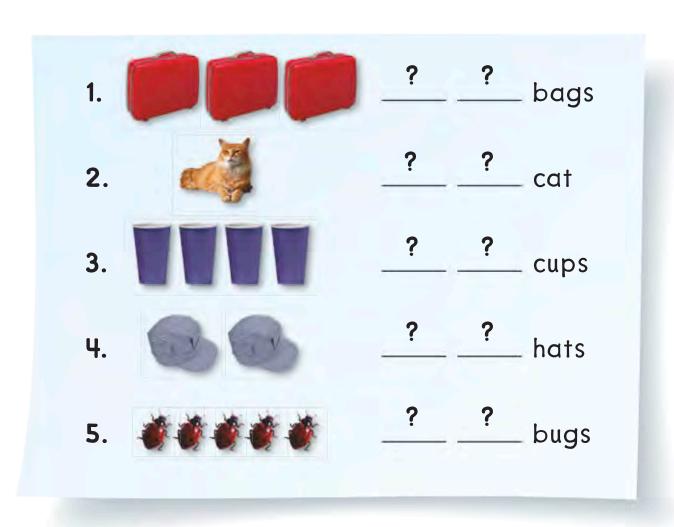
Adjectives Some adjectives describe people, animals, places, or things by telling their color or how many.







Write one number adjective and one color adjective to describe each item. Talk with your partner about how adjectives help tell what things are like.





### **Grammar in Writing**

When you revise your writing, look for places where you can add adjectives to tell what things are like.



**Reading-Writing Workshop: Revise** 

# Narrative Writing

Videas When you write a class story, use adjectives to describe things clearly.



Mr. Tam's class wrote about a bus trip.
They used **First**, **Next**, and **Last** to tell
the order of events. Then they added the
adjective **yellow** to tell more about the bus.



#### **Revised Draft**

yellow First, we got on a bus.



### **Revising Checklist**

- Are the story events in the correct order?
- Did we use words like **First**, **Next**, and **Last** to show the order?
- Could we tell more by adding adjectives?

Read our class story. Find adjectives. Find words that tell order. Now help revise your class story. Use the Checklist.



### **Final Copy**

# **A City Bus Ride**

Our class took a bus trip.

First, we got on a yellow bus.

Next, we sang two songs.

Last, we saw tall buildings and long trains.

We had fun on our class trip.





Read each story. As you read, stop and answer each question. Use text evidence.

### A Pet for Tim

My dad said, "Tim, you can get a pet."

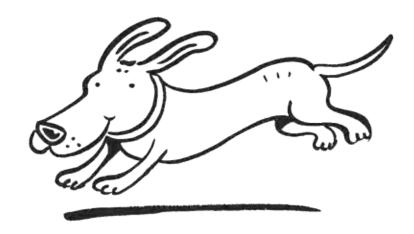
My friends have pets I like.

Dan has Mac the dog.

Mac likes to run and play.

A dog is a fun pet.

Why does Tim think a dog is a good pet?



Jed has Bev the bird.

It can sing and speak.

It says funny things.

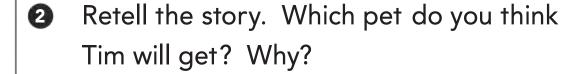
Bev stays in.



Mel has Dot the cat.



I want a pet that can go out.



### Fun at the Zoo

Pam and Mom go to the zoo.

First, they go to see the cubs.

The cubs hop in the mud.

They make a big mess!

Next, they see the big cats.

The big cats nap in the sun.



3 Describe what Pam and Mom see first and next.

Last, Pam and Mom go to see the funny seals.

The man chooses Pam to help him.

Pam helps him with the fish.

Pam and Mom have fun at the zoo!



What is the main idea of this story?
What details help you know?

### **Words to Know**

## **Unit 1 High-Frequency Words**

What Is a Pal?  play  be  and  help  with  you	Lucia's Neighborhood my here who all does me
The Storm he look have for too what	Gus Takes the Train many friend full pull hold good
Curious George at School sing do they find no funny	

# Glossary

# B

#### bed

A **bed** is a kind of furniture for sleeping. I sleep in my **bed**.

#### book

A **book** is a group of pages with words on them. **Frog and Toad** is my favorite **book**.

# C

#### car

A car is a machine with four wheels. We go in a car to visit my grandparents.



#### come

To **come** means to move toward something. Maria called the puppy to **come** to her.

#### conductor

The **conductor** is the person in charge of a train. The train **conductor** watched the tracks closely.

#### curious

To be **curious** is to want to learn. Alan was **curious** about dinosaurs.

# F

### firefighter's

A firefighter is someone who puts out fires. A firefighter's job can be dangerous.

#### fun

To have **fun** is to have a good time. The children had **fun** playing tag.



# G

### George

George is a boy's name. My son's name is George.

### goal

A **goal** is a score in a game. Anita kicked the ball and made a **goal**.



#### hi

The word **hi** means hello. I say **hi** when I see someone I know.

#### home

A **home** is a place where people or animals live. There are six people living in my **home**.



# J

### job

A **job** is work for people to do. Uncle Ned has a **job** in a store.

# K

#### kids

**Kid** is another word for child. My uncle tells funny stories about when he and my dad were **kids**.



#### **librarian**

A **librarian** works in a place where many books are kept. The **librarian** helped me find the book I was looking for.

#### Lucia

Lucia is a girl's name. My sister's name is Lucia.



#### mess

A **mess** is something that is not neat. My sister's room is a **mess!** 

# N

### neighborhood

A **neighborhood** is a part of a city or town. Jim walks to the store in his **neighborhood**.

## P

### paints

**Paints** are liquids with colors in them. Dip the big brushes into the **paints**.

### pal

A **pal** is a friend. Benny is my best **pal**.

### pants

People wear **pants** over their legs. Lucy's **pants** have two big pockets.

#### pet

A **pet** is an animal who lives with you. My cat Sam is the best **pet** ever!



### plant

A **plant** is anything alive that is not a person or an animal. We have a **plant** with big green leaves in our kitchen.



### Pop

**Pop** is one name for a grandfather. I call my mother's father **Pop**.

# S

#### school

A **school** is a place where students learn from teachers. I learn to read at **school**.

#### storm

A **storm** is strong wind, rain, or snow. Lots of rain fell during the **storm**.

#### street

A **street** is a road in a city or a town. We live on a very busy **street**.

# T

### takes

The word **takes** can mean to travel by. Mia **takes** the bus to school.

#### this

**This** means something that is near you. **This** is the book I'm taking home.

### train

A **train** is a group of railroad cars. This summer my family is going on a **train** ride.





#### wet

Wet means covered with liquid. Juan got wet when he went out in the rain.

#### what

The word **what** is used to ask questions. **What** did you eat for breakfast?

#### window

A window is an open place in a wall. Sasha opened the window.



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