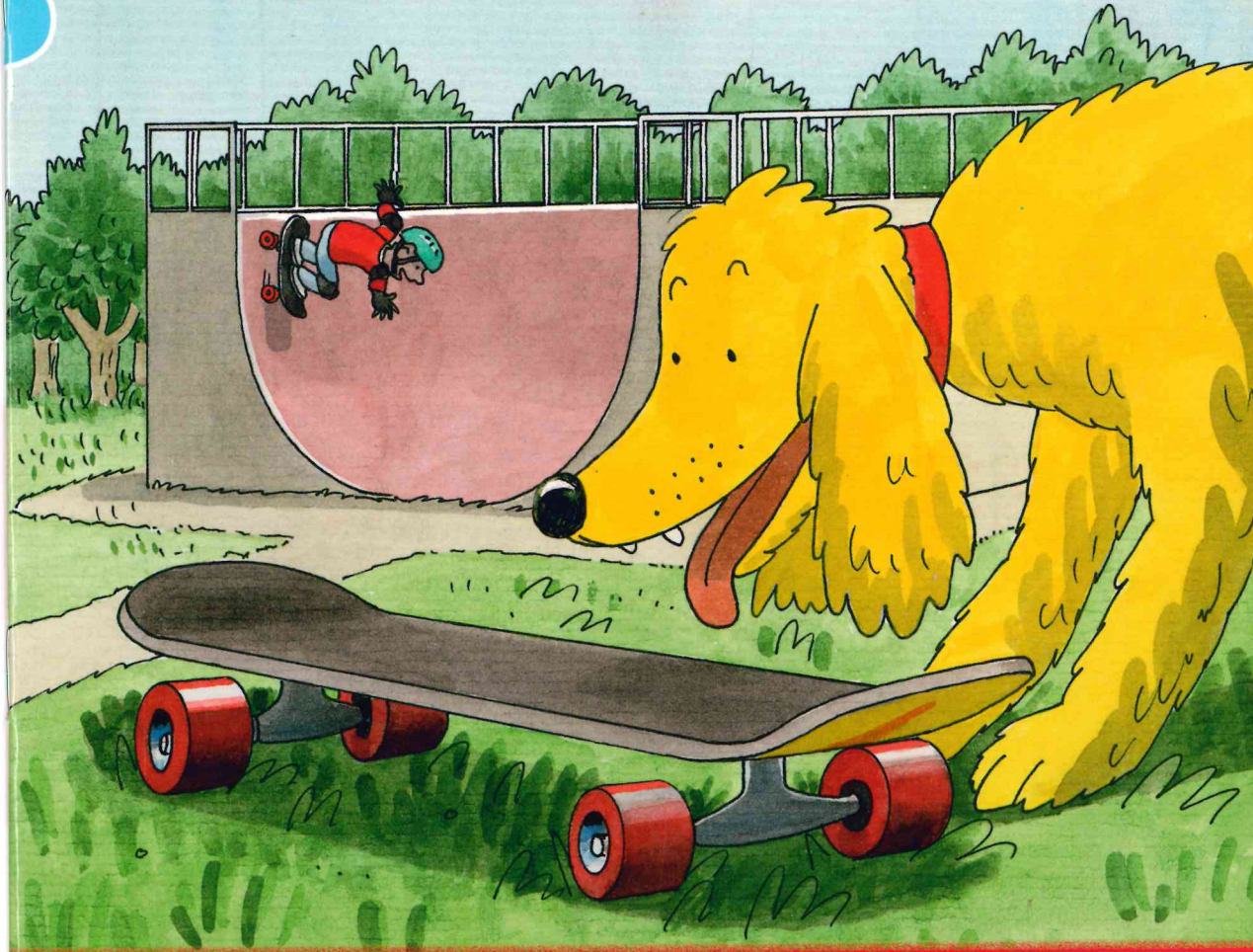




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Floppy and the Skateboard



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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title and look at the picture.
Ask: *What do you think will happen in this story?*
- Talk about what you can do on a skateboard. Ask: *Why is Wilf wearing a helmet?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

went children park jump
turn trick ramp stood
kept pond splash

- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

were do have
said wanted
skateboard shouted



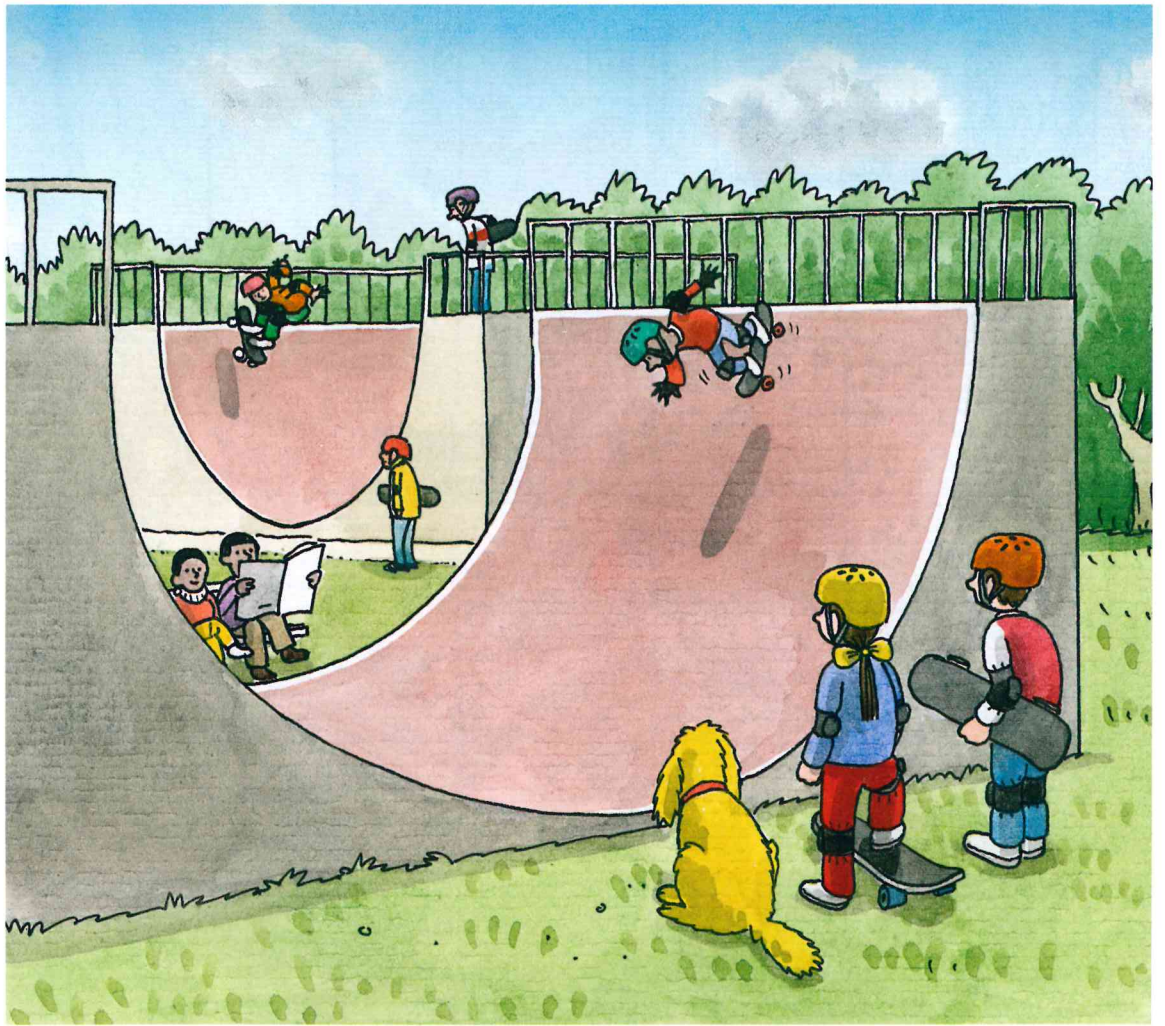
DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



Biff and Chip were at the
skateboard park with Wilf.

Wilf went
fast.



He did a jump.



Then he did
a turn.



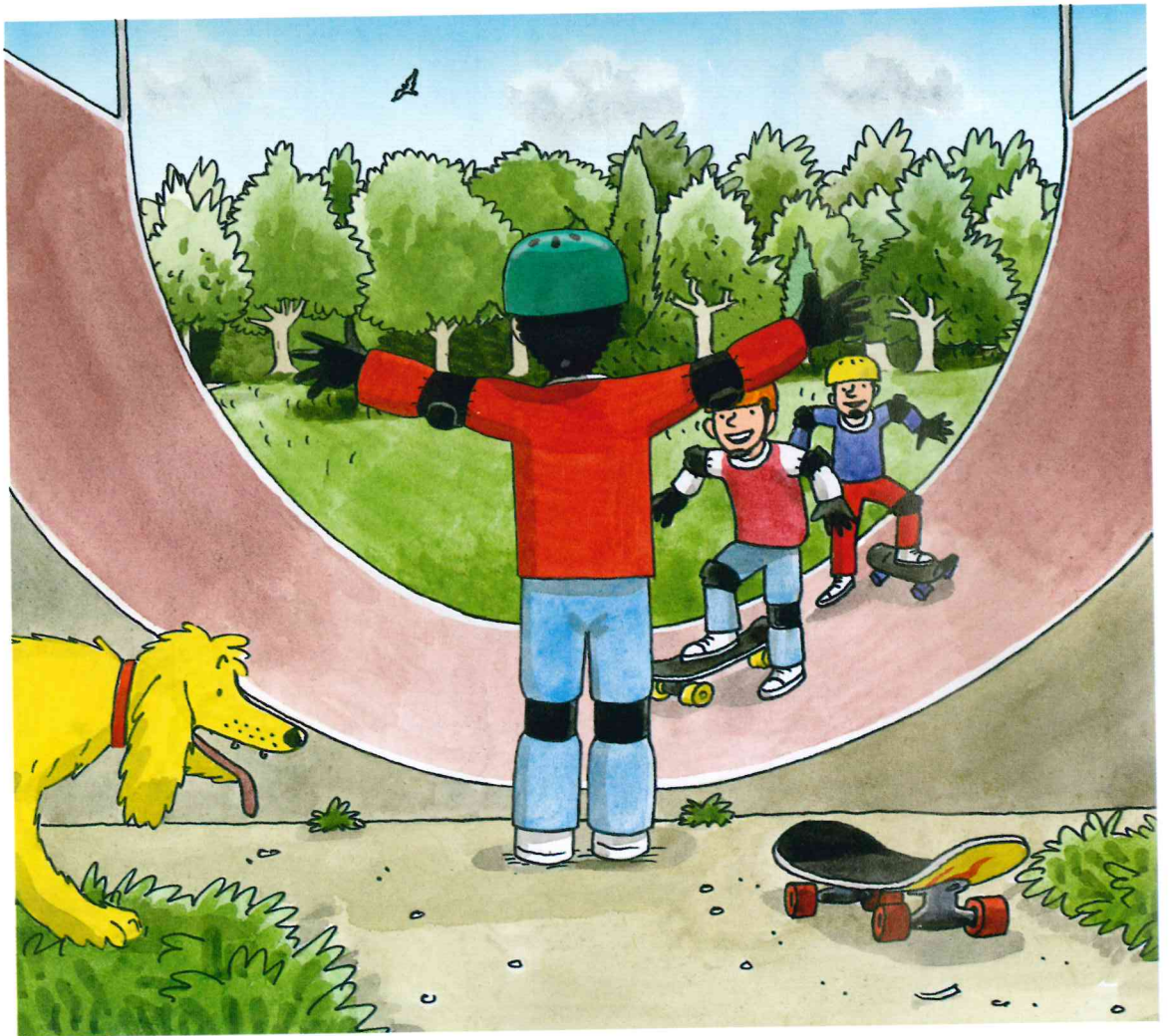
It was a fantastic trick!



Chip had a go on his skateboard.
He went down and up again.



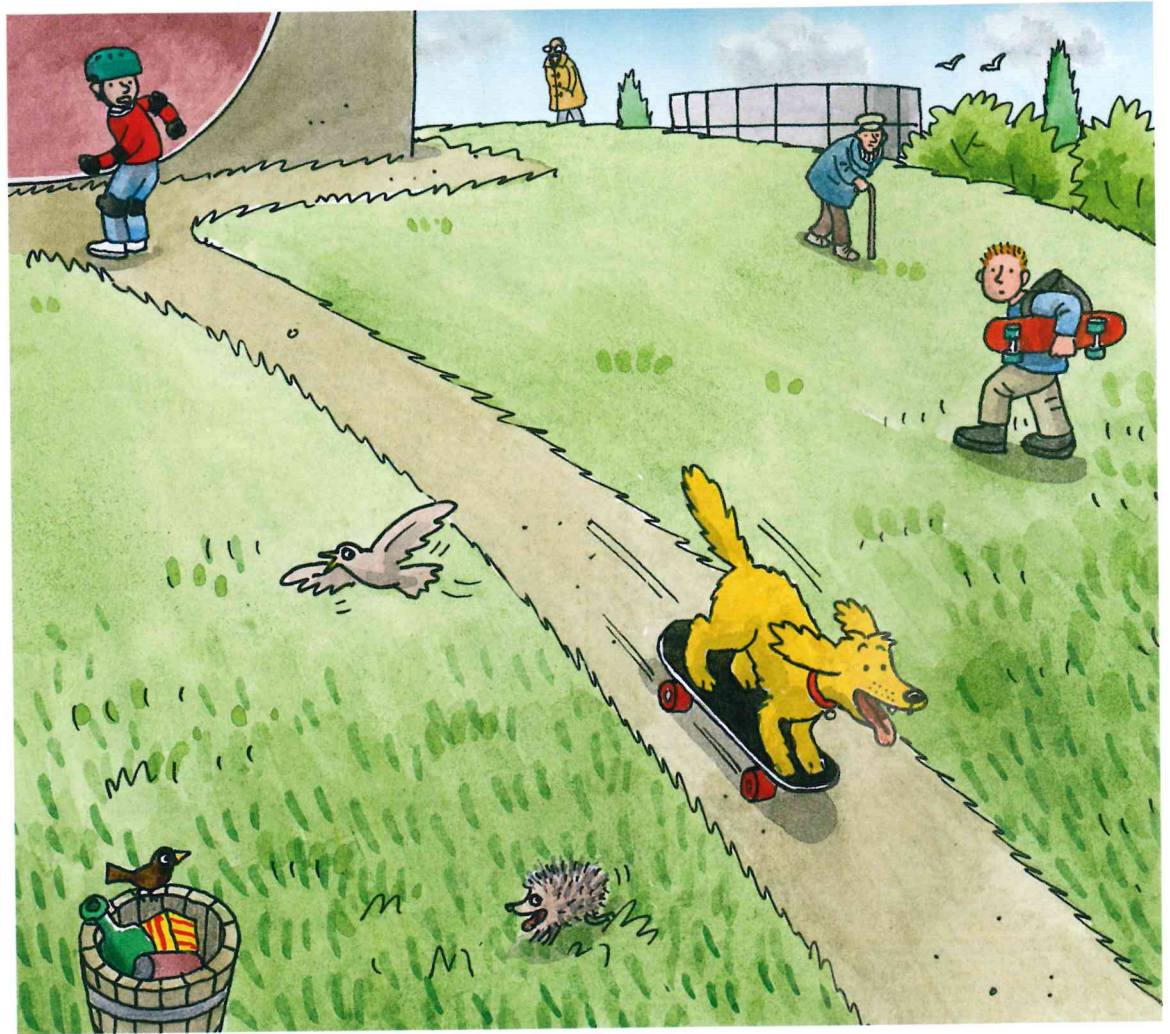
Biff went down the ramp, too.
“This is fun!” they said.



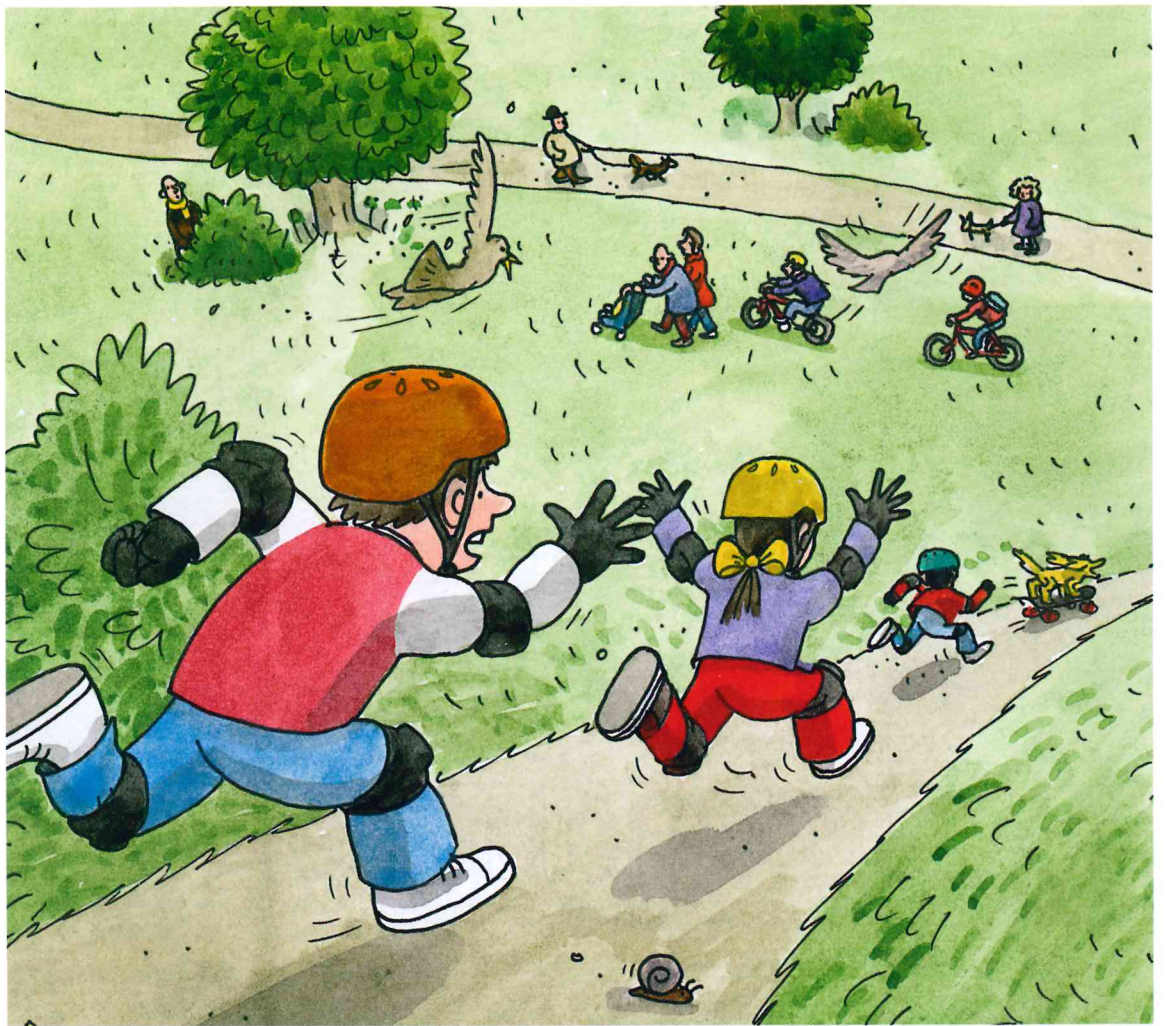
“Fantastic!” said Wilf. “Do it again.
Then I will have a go.”



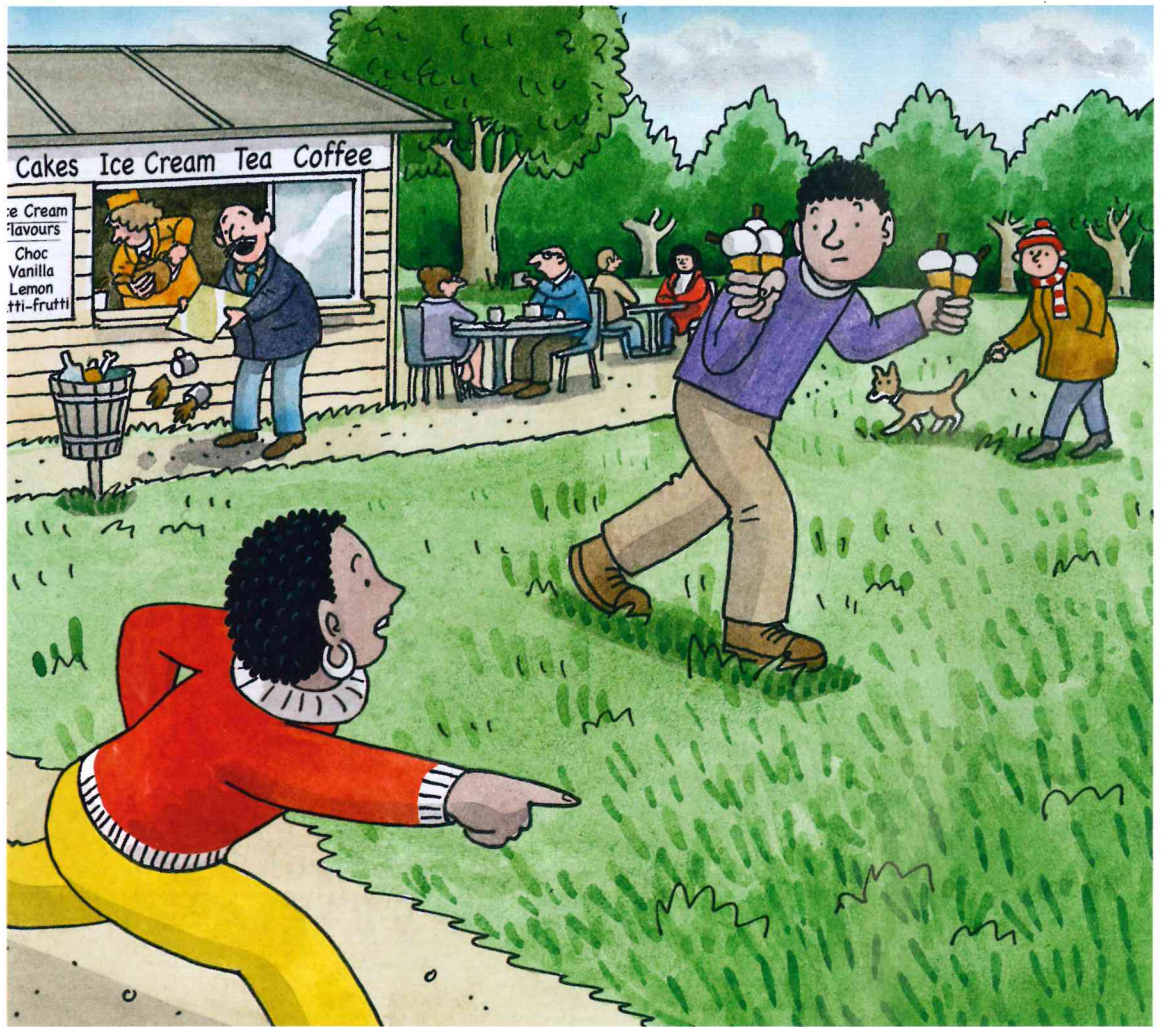
Floppy wanted a go, too.
He stood on the skateboard.



Floppy set off down the hill.
“No, Floppy!” shouted Wilf.



He ran to stop Floppy.
Biff and Chip ran, too.



“Stop him!” shouted Wilf’s mum.
Wilf’s dad ran after Floppy.



But Floppy kept going.
The skateboard did a jump.



“Stop that dog!” shouted Wilf’s dad.
The park keeper ran after Floppy.



But he was going so fast,
she did not stop him.



Splash! Floppy fell into the pond.
“Good trick, Floppy!” said Wilf.

AFTER READING

- Look at the pictures of the children on their skateboards on pages 2 to 5. Ask: *Who do you think is the best at skateboarding? Why might this be so?*
- Ask: *Why couldn't anyone stop Floppy?*
- Ask: *Have you ever been on a skateboard? If not, would you like to have a go on one?*

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