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# The Flying Elephant



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## BEFORE READING

### Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: *Is this a real elephant?*
- Talk about what it might be and why it is flying.
- 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 it's children flat  
roof shopping storm  
strong wind

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

said there liked blew  
elephant funny  
laughed playground  
rained sorry stay



## DURING READING

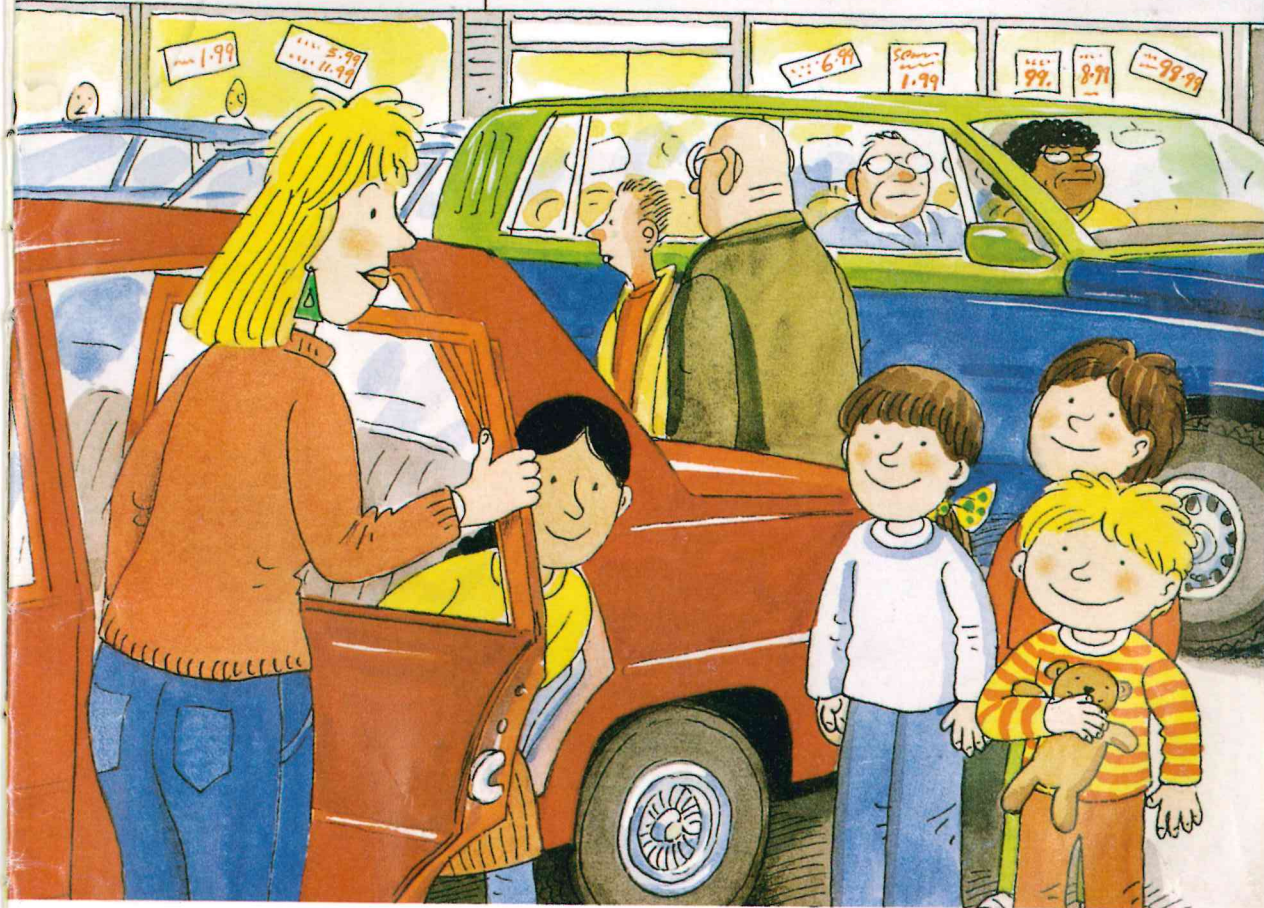
Enjoy the story together. If your child needs support to read the story:

- 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.

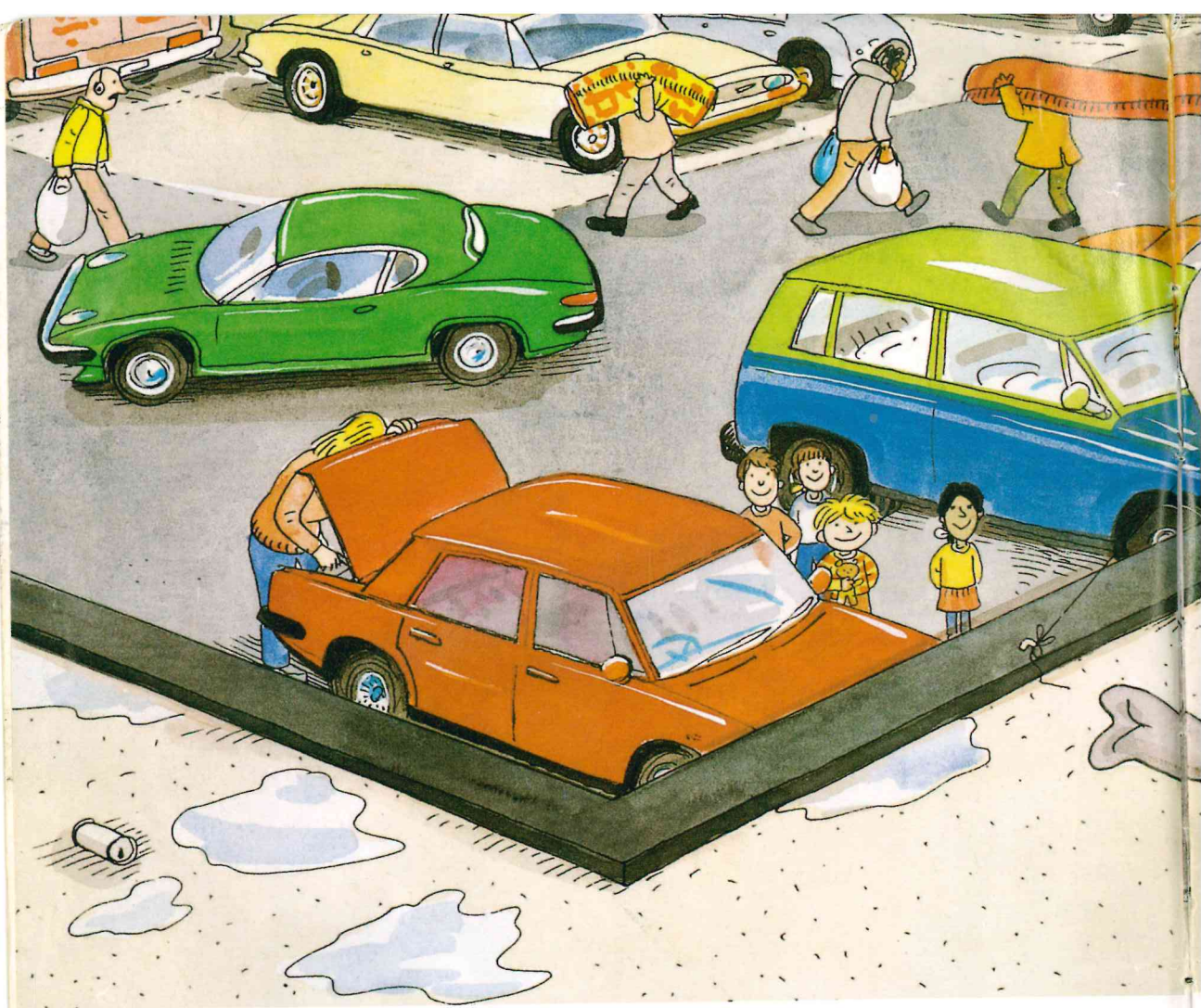


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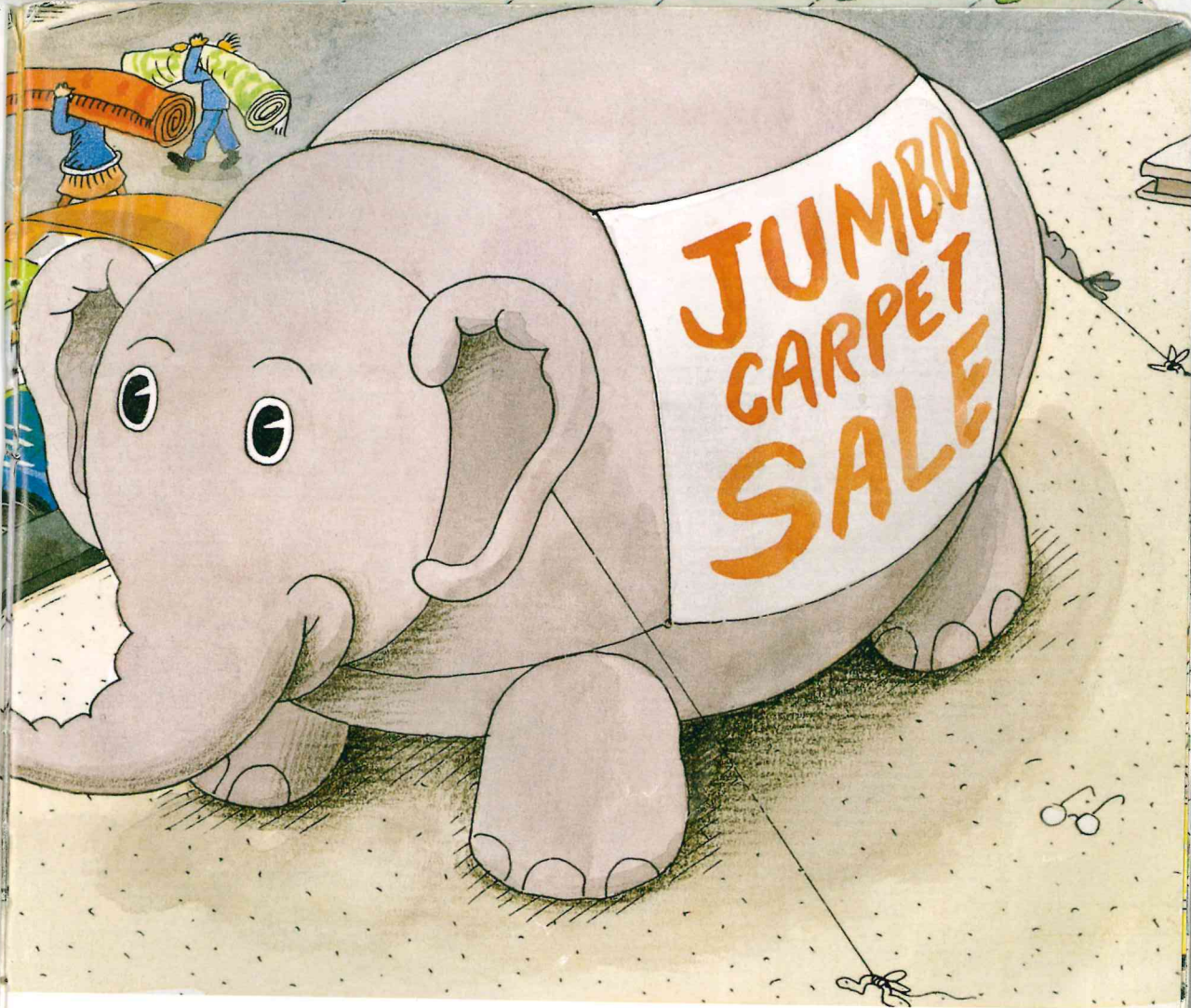
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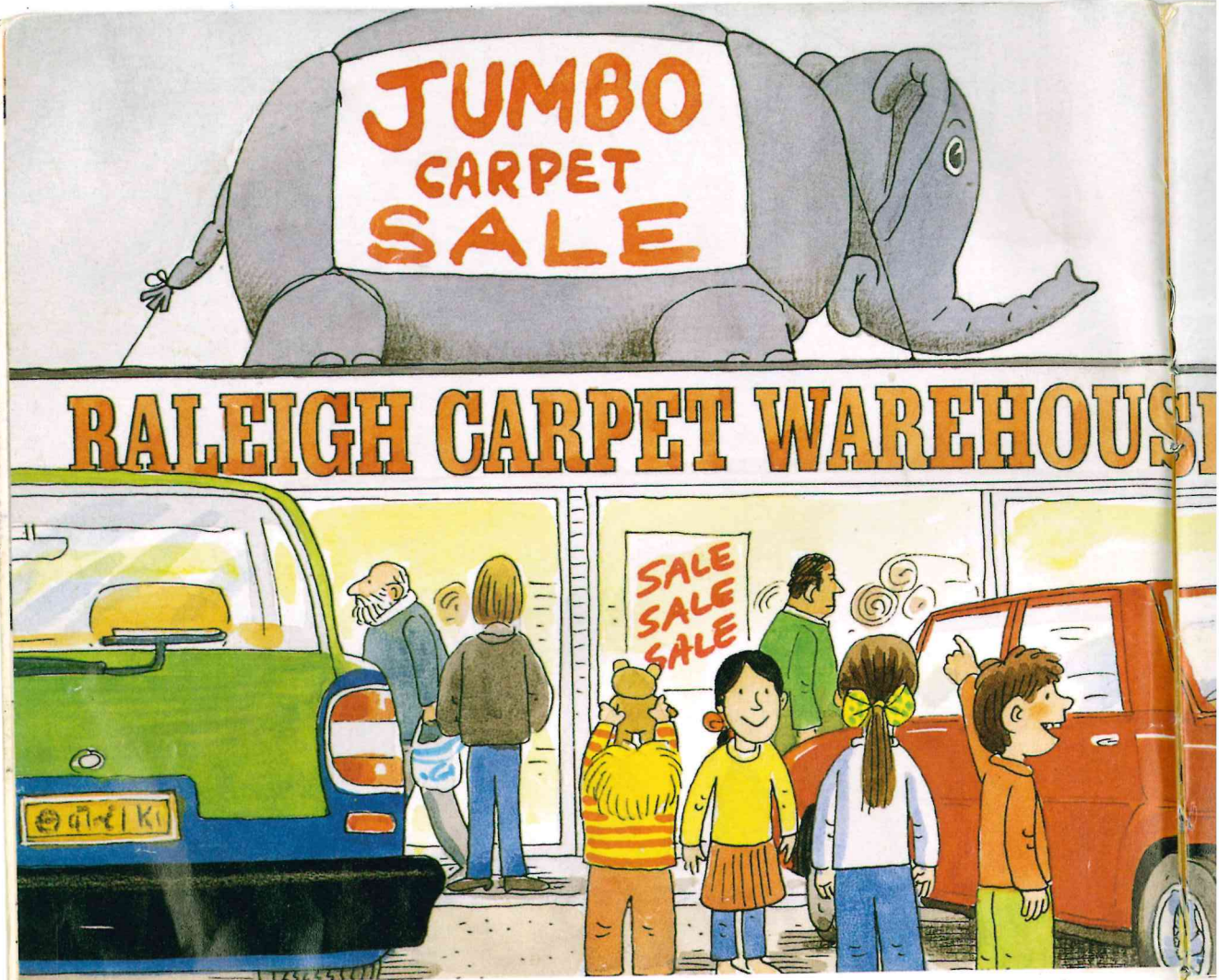
Mum went shopping. She took the children.



The children looked up. There was an elephant on the roof.



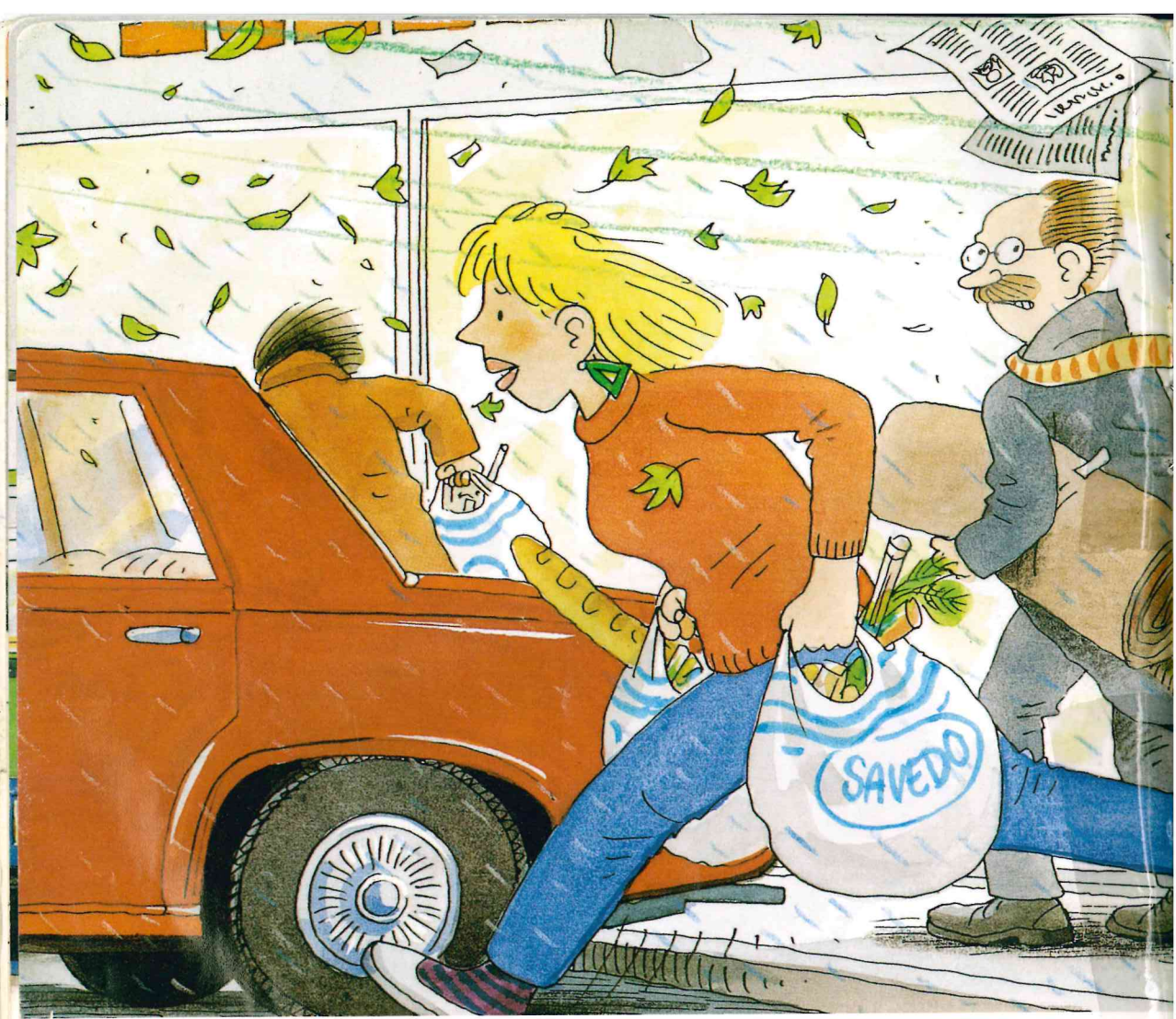
The elephant looked funny. The elephant was fat.



The children laughed.  
"Look at that fat elephant,"  
they said.



“An elephant?” said Mum. “Don’t be silly.”



There was a storm. The wind blew.



It rained and rained.



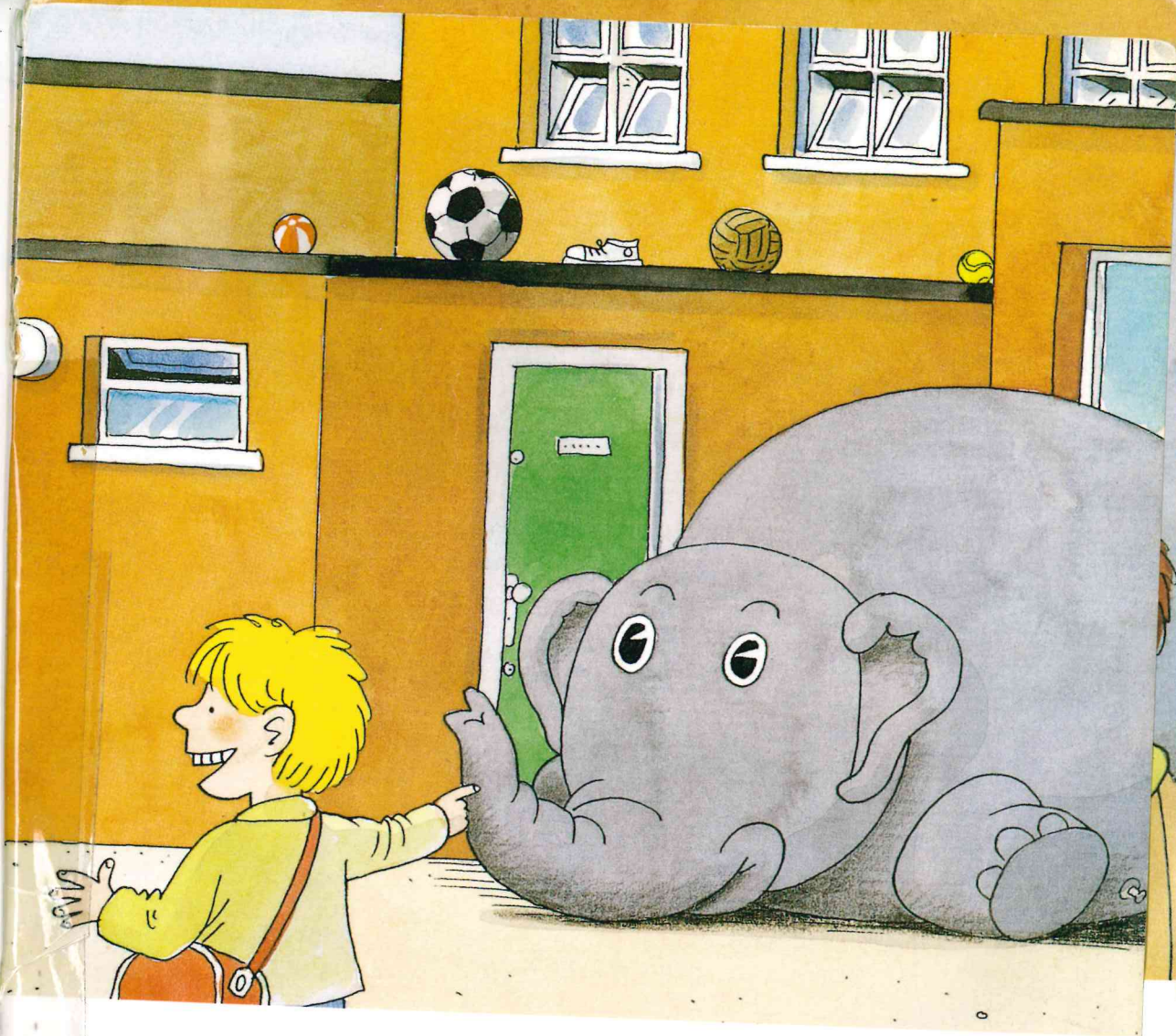
It was a bad storm. The wind  
was strong.



It blew the elephant away.



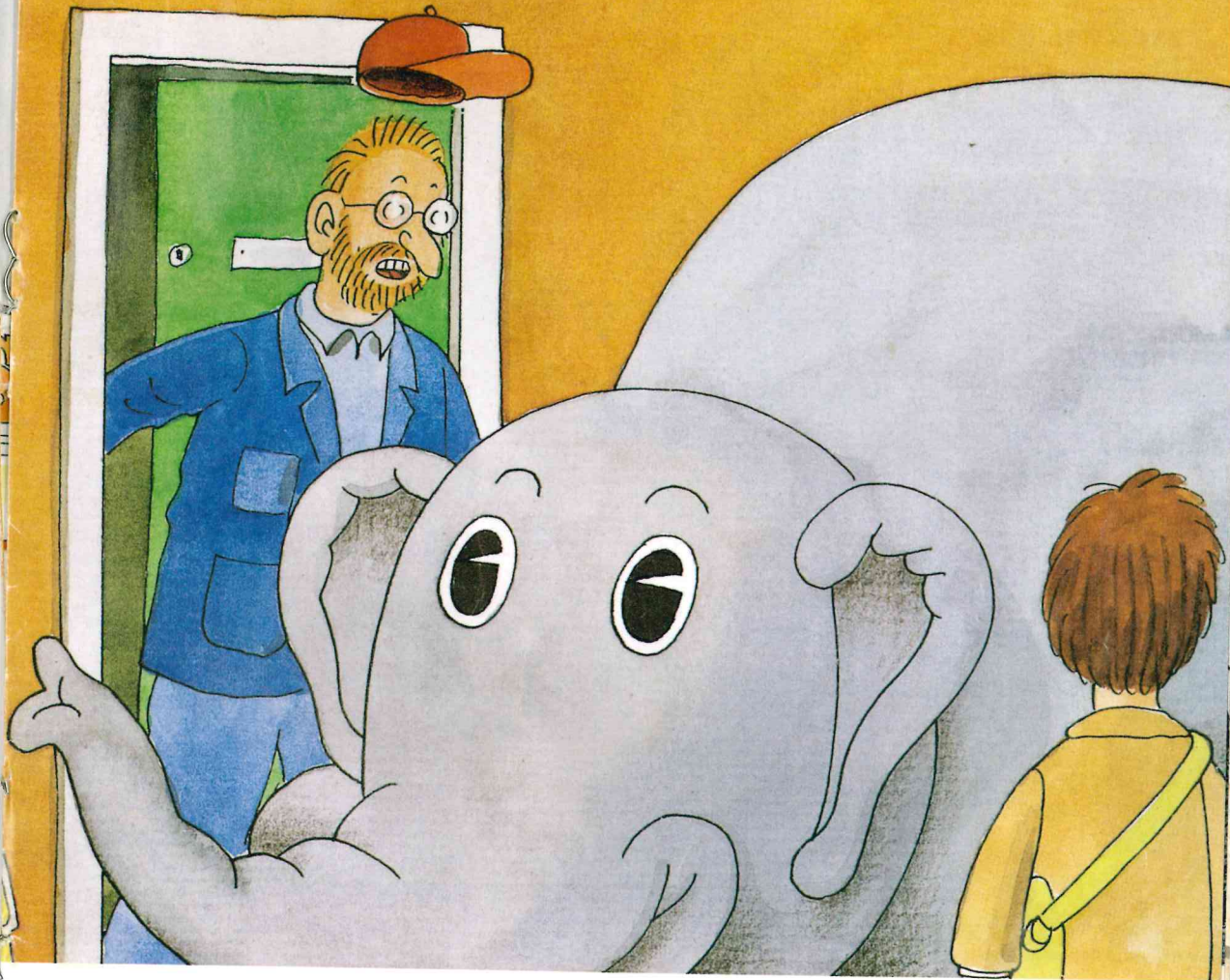
The children went to school. The elephant was in the playground.



The children laughed.



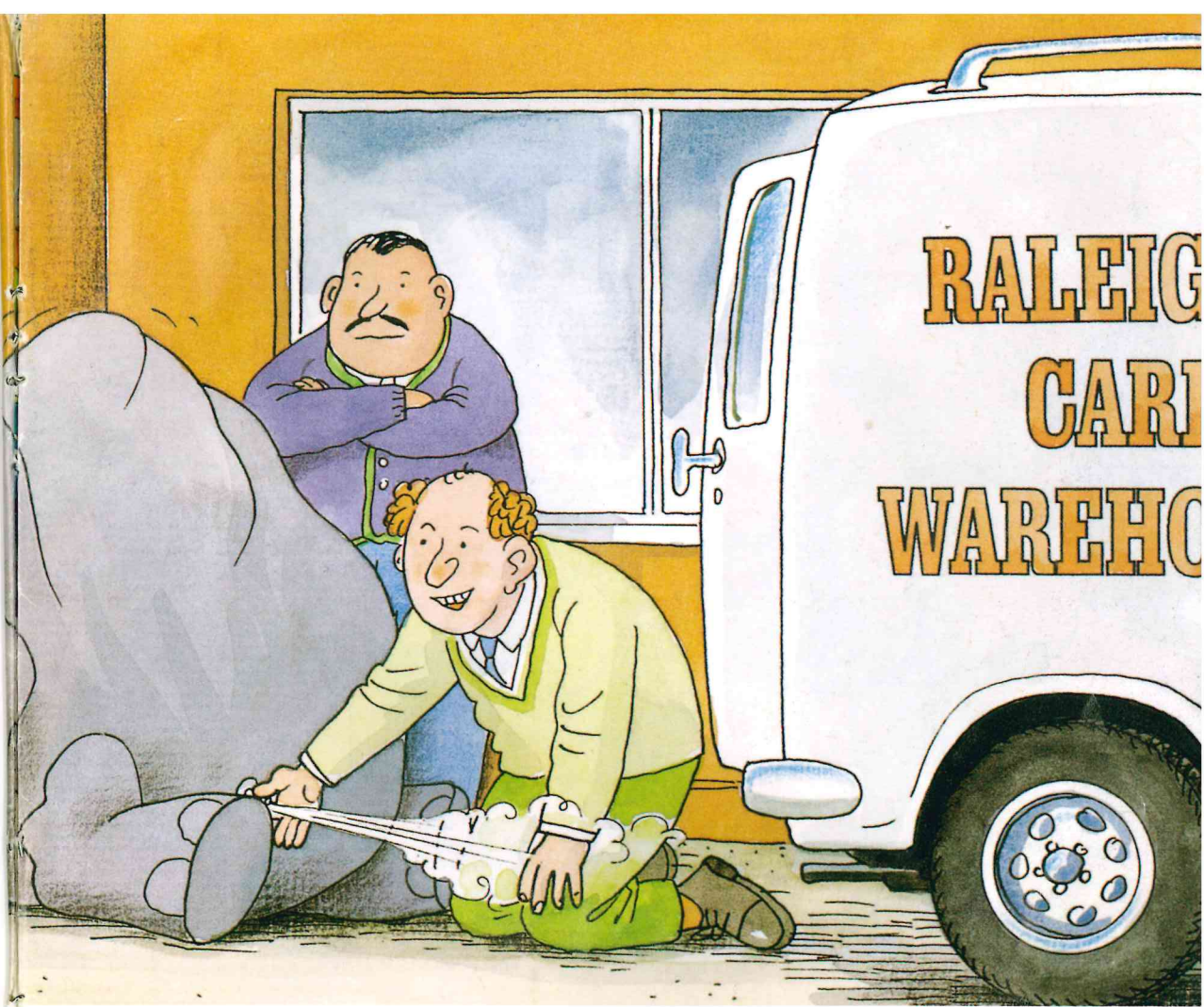
The children told Mrs May.  
“Look at that fat elephant,”  
they said.



“An elephant?” said Mrs May.  
“Don’t be silly.”



The children liked the fat elephant. They wanted it to stay.



“Sorry,” said the man. “We want it back.”



“Look at the fat elephant,” said Biff.  
“It’s a flat elephant now,” said Wilma.

## AFTER READING

- Look at page 3 and ask: *Why is the elephant up on the roof?* Look at page 15. Ask: *Why did the men want the elephant back?*
- Talk about why the children laughed at the elephant on page 11. Ask: *Did you think it was funny? Would you have laughed?*
- Look at page 16 and ask your child to tell you which letter has been added to *fat* to make *flat*.

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