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## Key words

be  
can't  
school  
she  
what  
when

### Before the child reads the story:

- Read the title together.
- Look at the front cover illustration and talk about what might happen in the story.
- Look at the back cover for clues about the story. Remind the child of the story of Cinderella. Can they remember what happens?

### As the child reads the story:

- Encourage the child to sound out the letters to help them read an unknown word.

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Anthea lived on a farm.  
She loved to feed the animals.



But most of all, Anthea loved to dance.



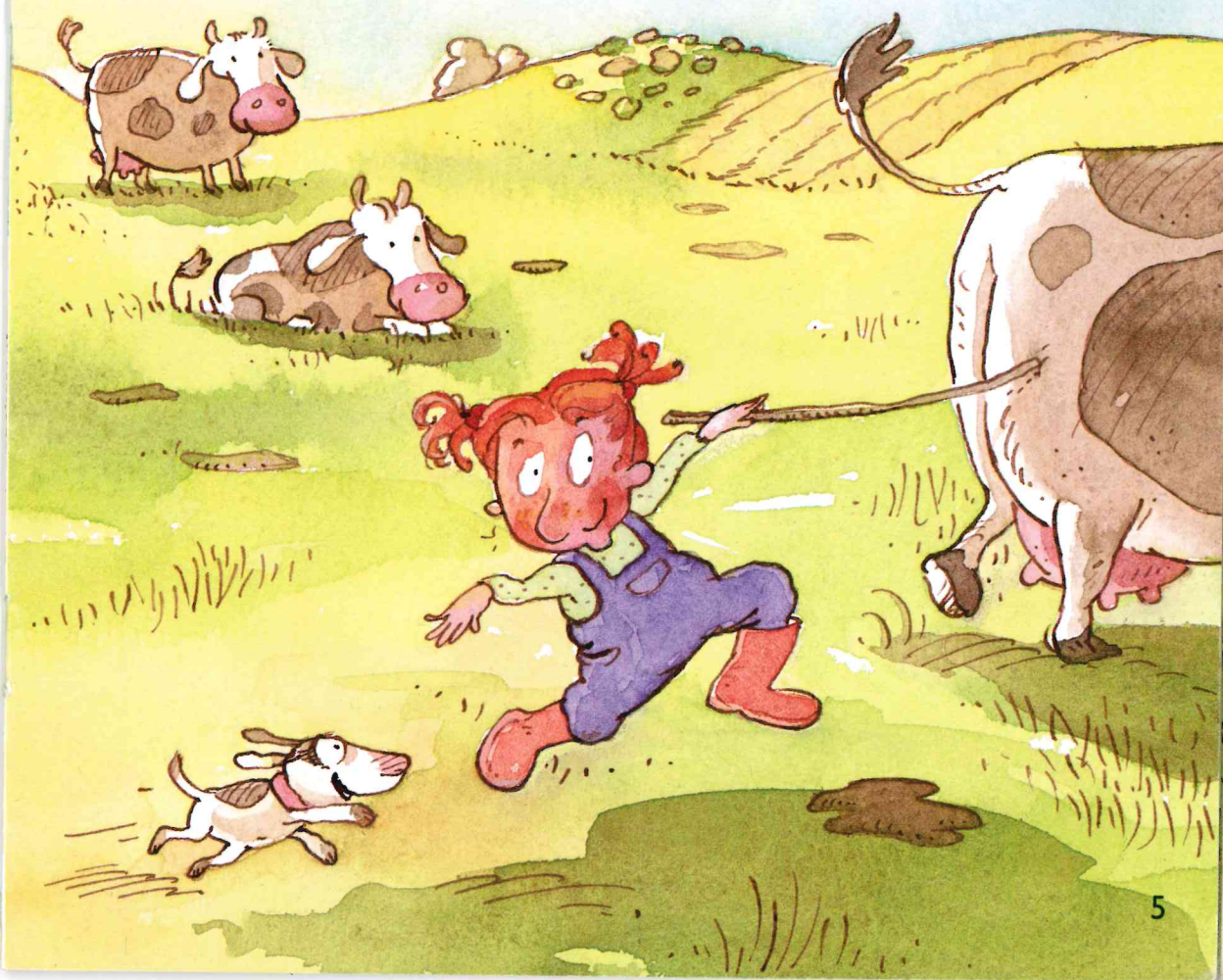
She danced when she fed the chickens.



She danced when she fed the goats.



She danced when she saw the cows.





One day at school, Mrs Bright said,  
"We're going to put on a play.  
It is Cinderella."

“In the play, Cinderella has to  
dance with the prince.  
Anthea, you can be Cinderella.”



Anthea put on her costume.

“What lovely shoes to dance in,” she said.



Then Anthea began to dance.





But Anthea tripped . . .



and she slipped . . .



and she slid and she fell.

“I can’t dance,” said Anthea.

“I don’t want to be Cinderella.”



Anthea was very sad.  
She went home to the farm.  
She put on her wellies.



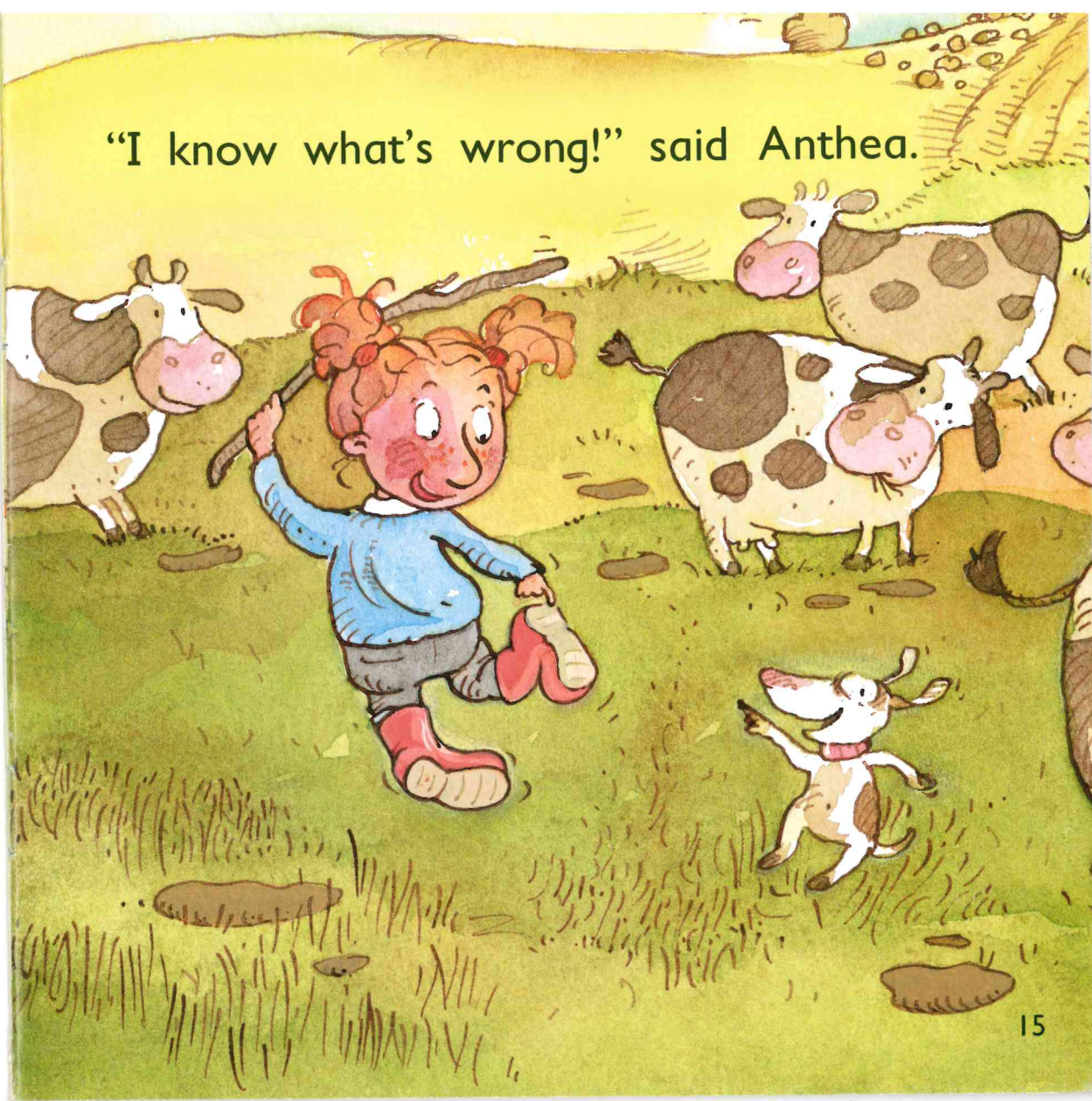
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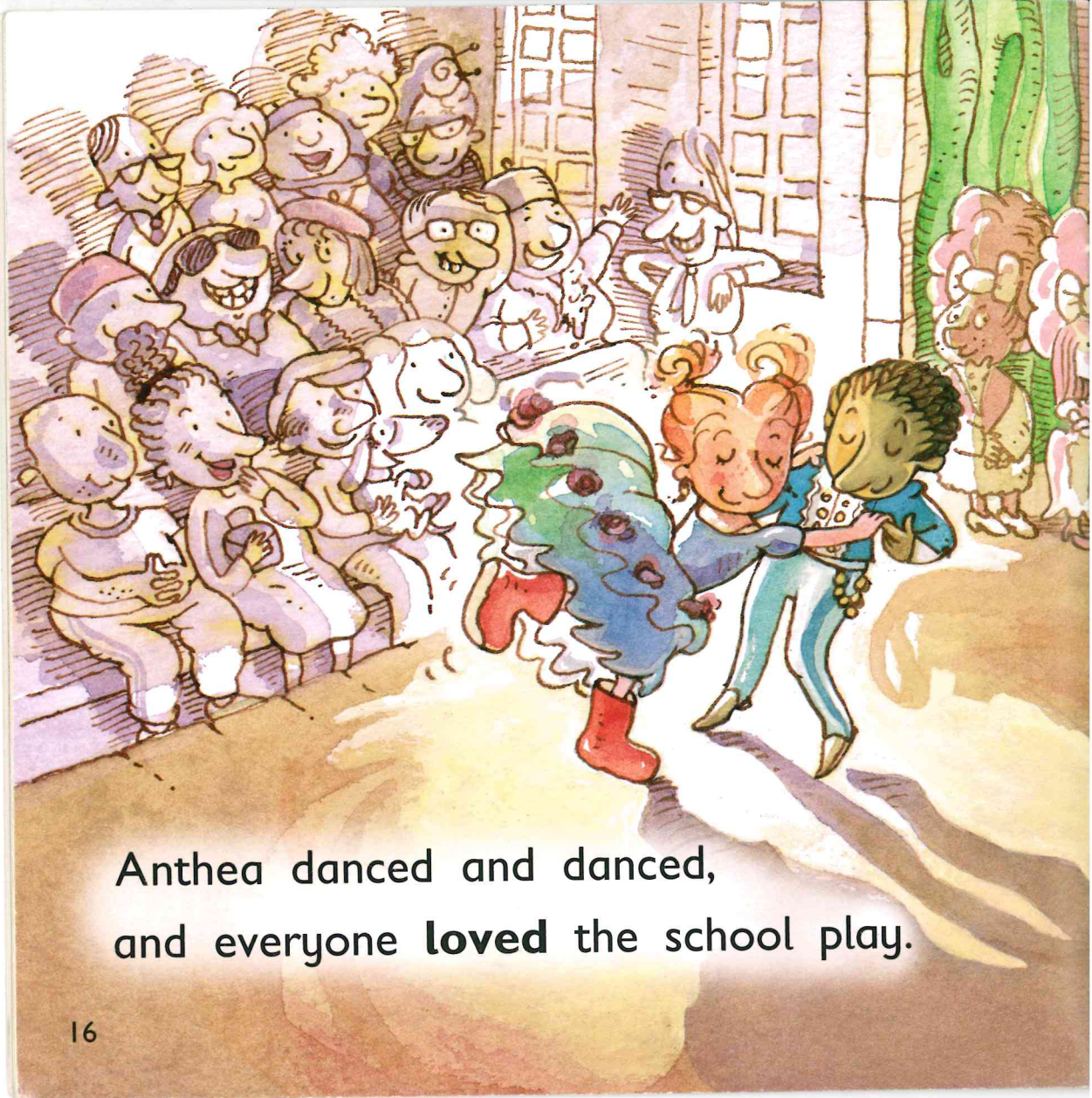


She danced when she  
fed the goats.



“I know what’s wrong!” said Anthea.





Anthea danced and danced,  
and everyone **loved** the school play.

Questions to ask when the child has read the story

**Understanding check:**

- What makes Anthea so happy on page 7? Why is she so sad on page 13? What happens to make her feel better in the end?

**Key word check:**

- How many times can you find the word 'when' in the book?
- Turn to page 12. Can you find the word 'can't'? Can you find another word that ends with 't'? (*don't*)

**Focus check: characters**

- Who is the main character in this story? What sort of character is Anthea?



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Free advice on helping your child learn to read

Focus  
Characters

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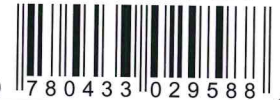
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