

Dog Will Not Budge



'Kids! I have a big thing inside! Rush in and see it!' Vic yells. The kids look up at Vic. Dog just rests in the grass. He will not budge.



Vic digs in his big trunk. The wall has lots of medals and badges. Dog and the kids nudge in to look.



Vic lifts up a big ball.
'This is for a fun game!' he says.

The kids fidget and
want to grab it.





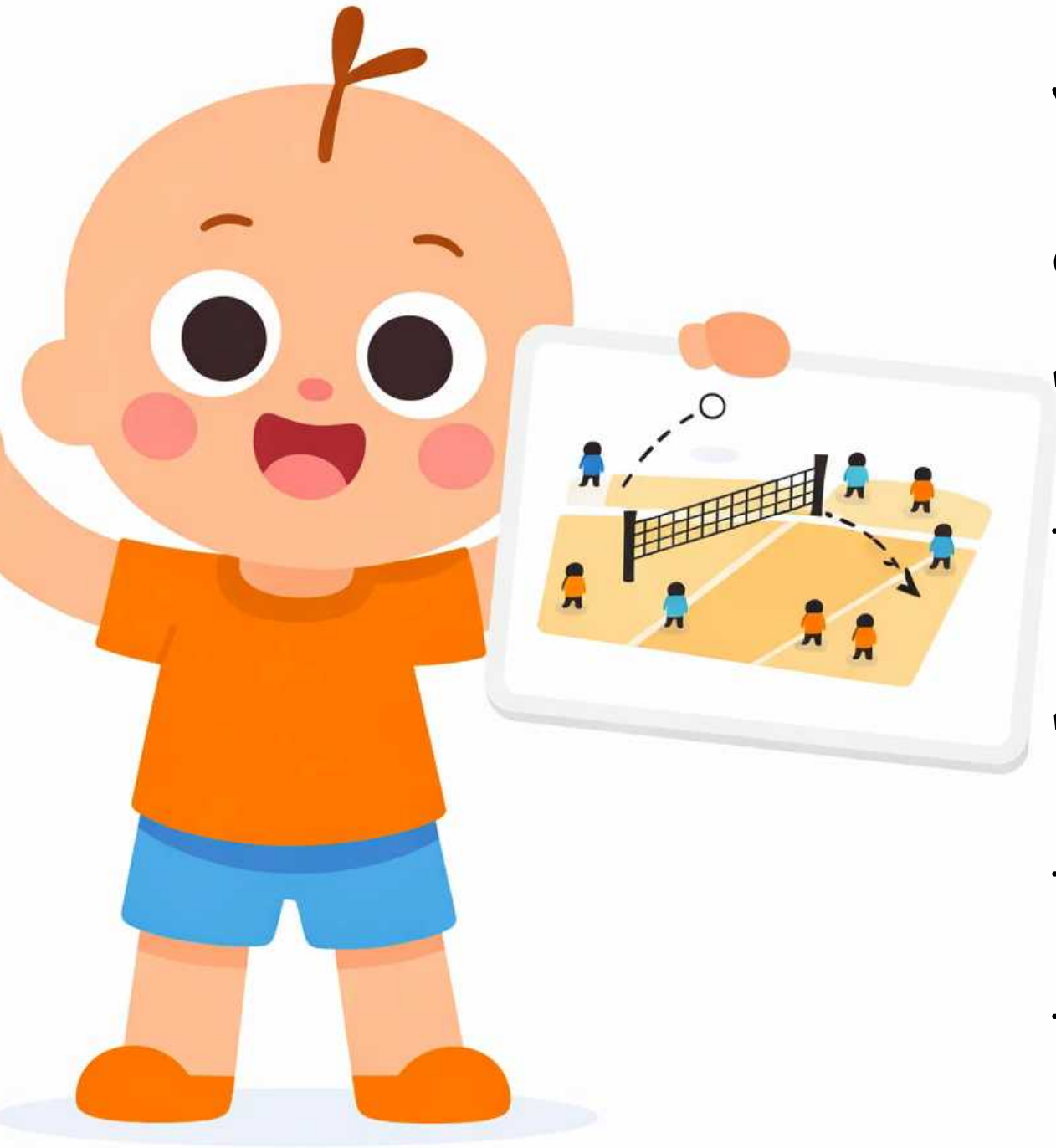
Vic sets a small game set on the stand. 'You hit the ball past the net,' he says.

'Win the match, and you get a badge!'

Vic lifts up the
photographs. 'You jump,
you **dodge**, and you hit
the ball,' he says. 'But no
feet! You must not kick it!'

'No feet?' say the kids.



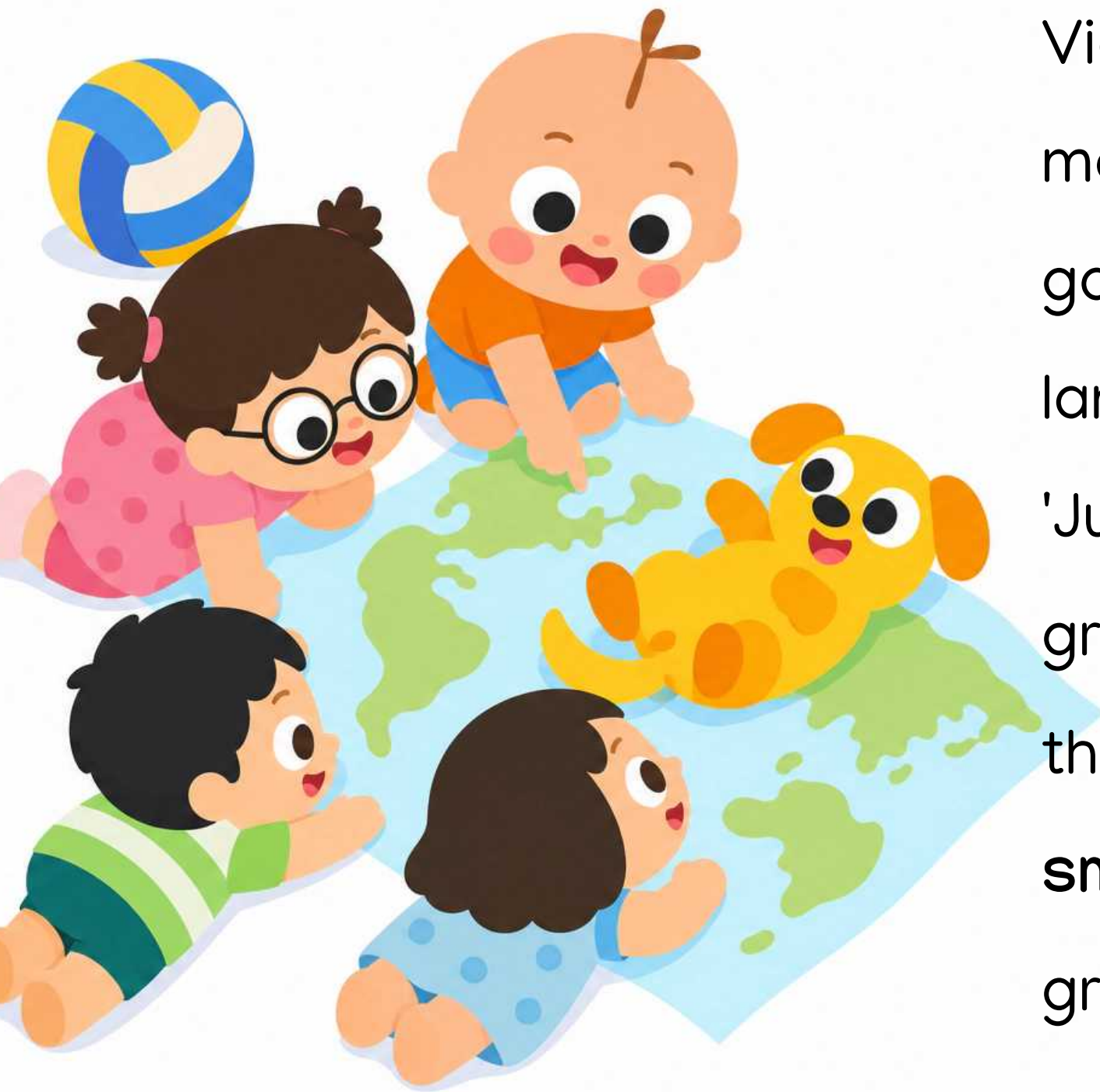


Vic has a diagram
of the game spot.
'See the gap at
the edge?' he says.
'Hit the ball into
that gap. That is
the trick!'

Dog looks at a stack
of photographs. Sand,
and a ball, and a big
jump!

Dog wags and wags.
He will not **budge**
from that stack. This
is a game for a dog
too!





Vic stretches a big map flat. 'This game is fun in all lands!' he says.

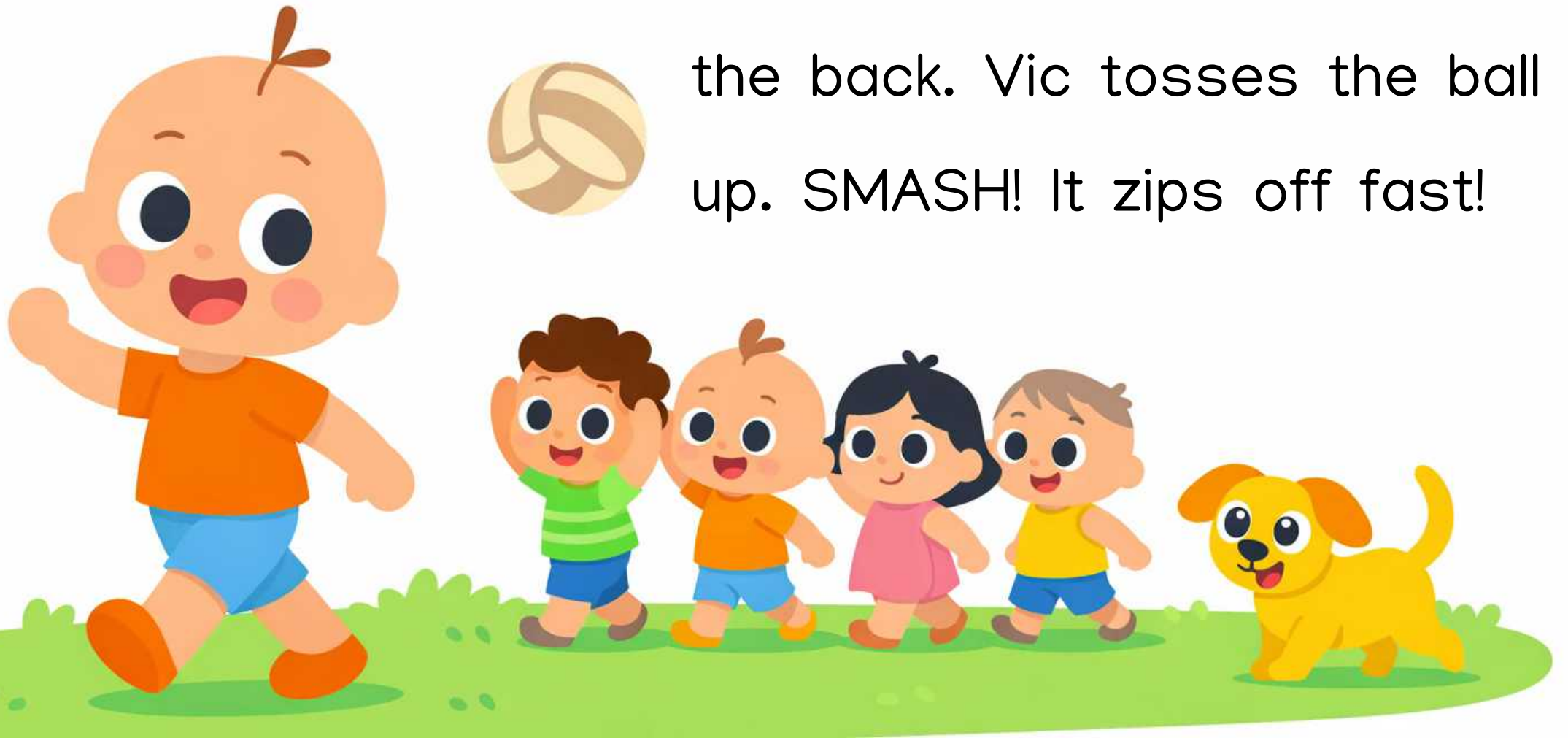
'Just a net and flat grass!' Dog rolls on the map and smudges it! A kid grins at him.

'What if I am not so good?' asks Tim. Vic pats him. 'Just get in there and try, Tim!'

Dog wags at Tim's side.
'I pledge to try!' says Tim.



Vic runs to the grass, and
the kids rush in a line. No
one **trudges**! Dog trots at
the back. Vic tosses the ball
up. SMASH! It zips off fast!



The kids hit the ball
past the net. 'Yes!
Like that!' Vic yells.

Dog fidgets and
fidgets. He wants
that ball! 'No, Dog!'
says Vic.





Dog grabs the ball!
He hugs it with his
paws and will not
budge.

'Paws off the ball!'
yell the kids. Dog just
wags. No feet? Fine.
A dog has paws!



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Coach Vic has a big surprise, and Dog is not impressed at first. But when Vic pulls out a ball for a brand-new game, the kids fidget with excitement, and Dog spots something even better: sand, jumping, and a ball to chase! Tim worries he won't be any good, but Dog nudges him on anyway. Will Dog learn to share, or will he keep that ball all to himself? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 70: dge /j/), this book practices words like 'budge', 'fidget', 'nudge', 'trudges', 'pledge'.

Phonics Focus: dge /j/

badge, badges, budge, dodge, edge, fidget, fidgets, nudge, pledge, smudges, trudges

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