# Give It Back!

Ben and Brother **begin** a big fuss. 'It is mine!' Ben yells. He tugs the **animal.** 'Let go!' Brother demands, and he pulls back. Not one of them will let go.

Crash! Stuff is **broken** on the mat. Mum is mad. 'Go to bed at once!' Mum says. Brother drops his chin and sulks.

Ben sits in the grass with his small rig.

'I wish one thing could **belong** to just me,' he says. The rig is all he has.

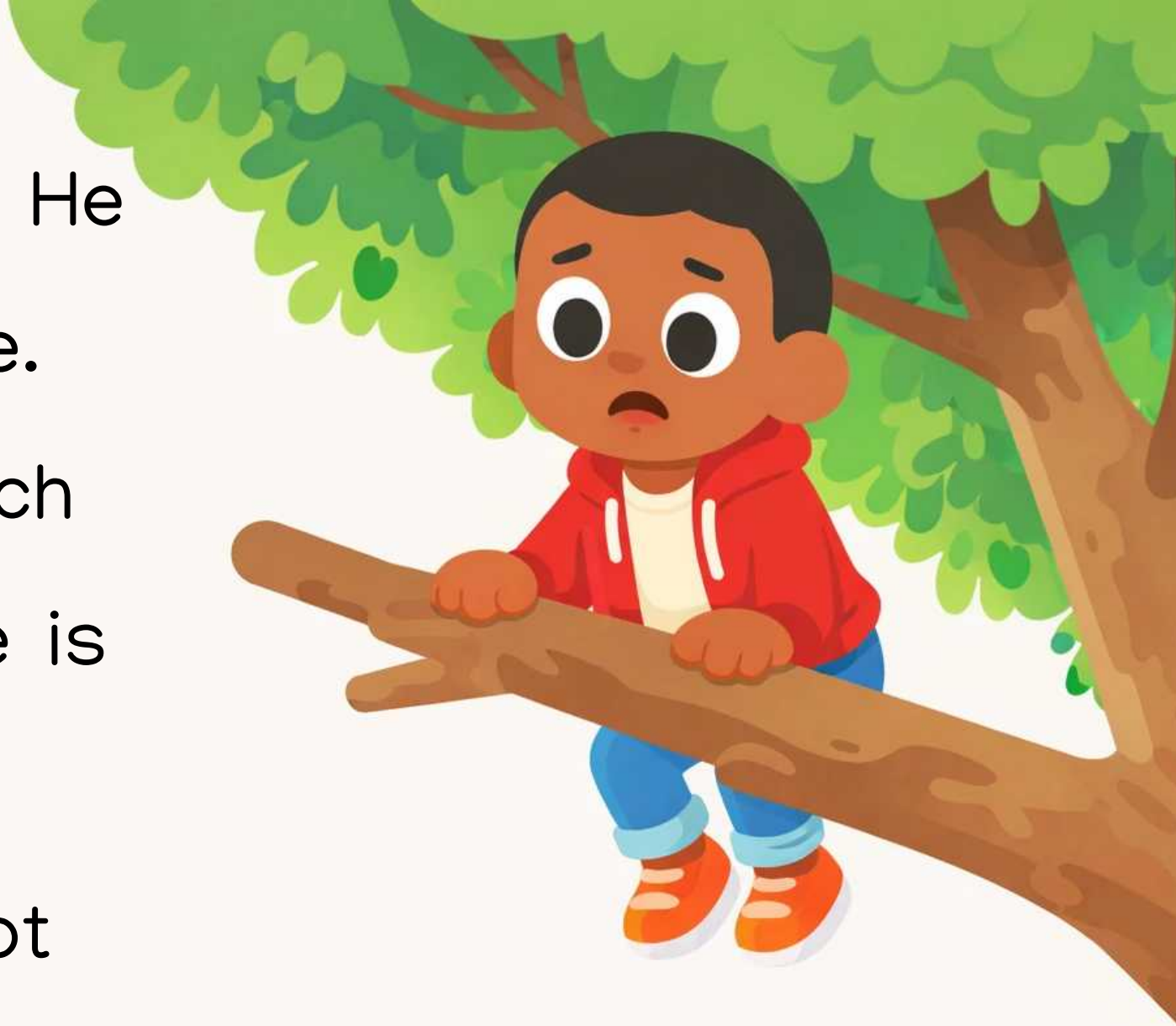
Then Ben sees a big, big thing in the grass! Ben hops up on its back and rides. 'Hold on!' Ben says. What an **event!**

They go past big, **open** land. It is so **silent.** Just Ben, and no fuss.

Then Ben spots Brother. He sits by a tree in the grass.

Then a big mad one runs at Brother! Stomp, stomp! It is a **titan!** 'Run, Brother, run!' Ben yells. Brother runs as fast as he can.

Brother is quick! He gets up the tree. He grips a branch and sits still. He is **frozen** up there. 'Brother must not fall,' Ben says.



'Go fast!' Ben yells. They **gallop** and **gallop.** Ben has one **focus.** He must get to Brother.

'Hold on, Brother!' Ben calls.

The mad one tugs the branch. Crack! The branch could snap at any **moment.** Brother grips it and gasps. 'Stop that!' Ben yells.

Ben gets up on a branch. He lifts his hand up to Brother. 'Grab my hand!' Ben calls. He must **protect** Brother. Just a bit more!

The trunk grips Ben and lifts him up! His legs kick and kick.

**Even** so, Ben thinks of Brother. 'Brother must be safe!' he sobs.

'Wake up, Ben!' Mum says. Ben blinks. He is safe in his bed. Brother is there, and Ben grips his hand and will not let go. 'Have my rig, Brother,' Ben says. At last, he can **relax.**

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A boy finally has one thing that's only his: a small toy tractor. But when a real elephant appears in the yard and he climbs aboard for a wild ride, he forgets all about sharing, until he spots his brother alone in the grass and a mad elephant charges straight at him. Can he reach his brother in time? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 68: Open/Closed), this book practises words like 'begin', 'belong', 'frozen', 'gallop', 'protect'.

**Phonics Focus:** Open/Closed

animal, begin, belong, broken, demand, even, event, focus, frozen, gallop, moment, open, protect, relax, silent, titan

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