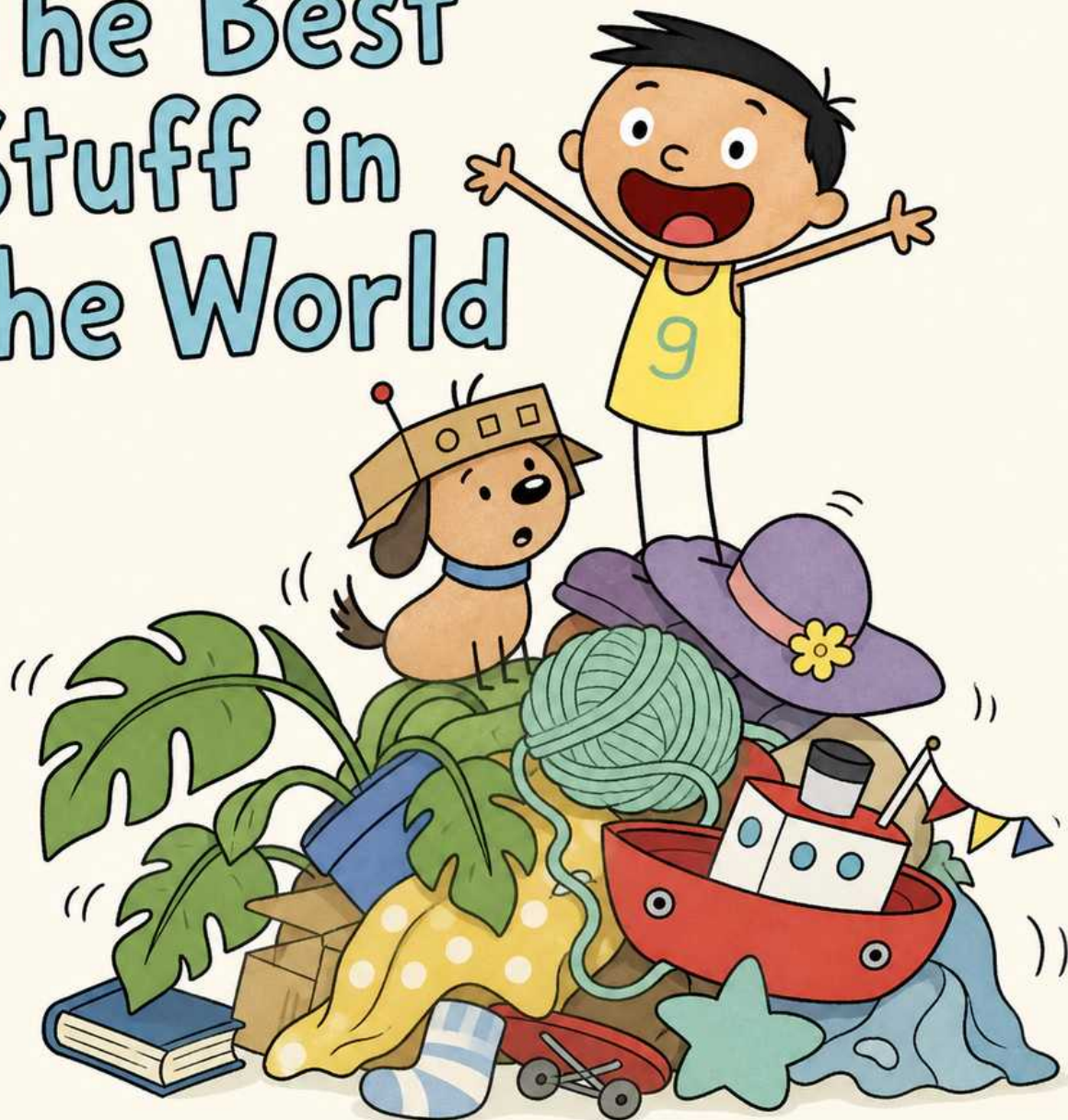


The Best Stuff in the World





Jim ran fast **down** the path with his pup **ahead** of him.

'Jim! Come quick!' Len called. Jim's pal waved them over with a big grin.

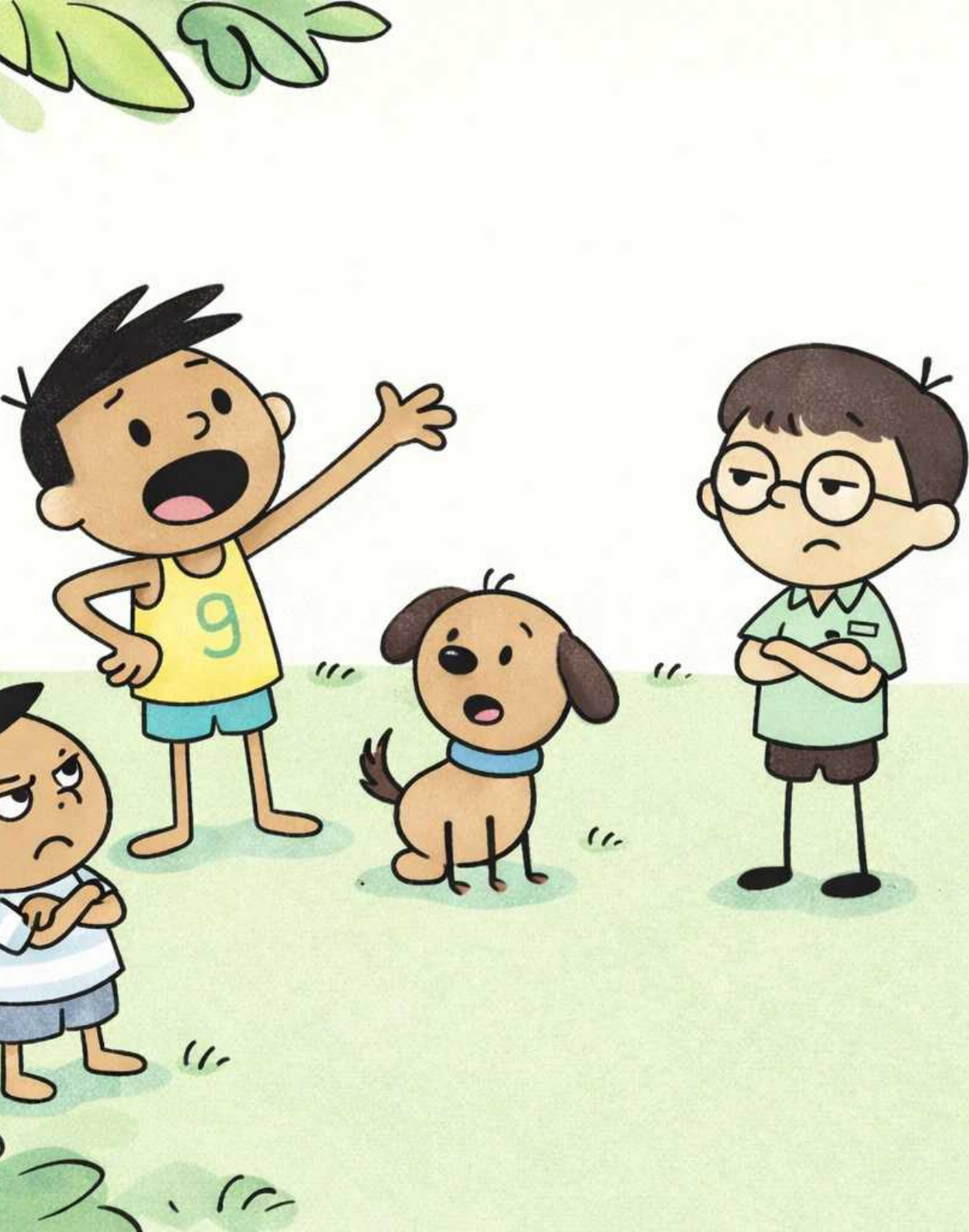
When Len said 'come quick,' it was always good.

Len held up a shiny red toy boat. 'My dad got me this, and it floats on real water!'

Jim's mouth fell open and his pup just looked up.

Jim wanted that boat. He wanted something even better.

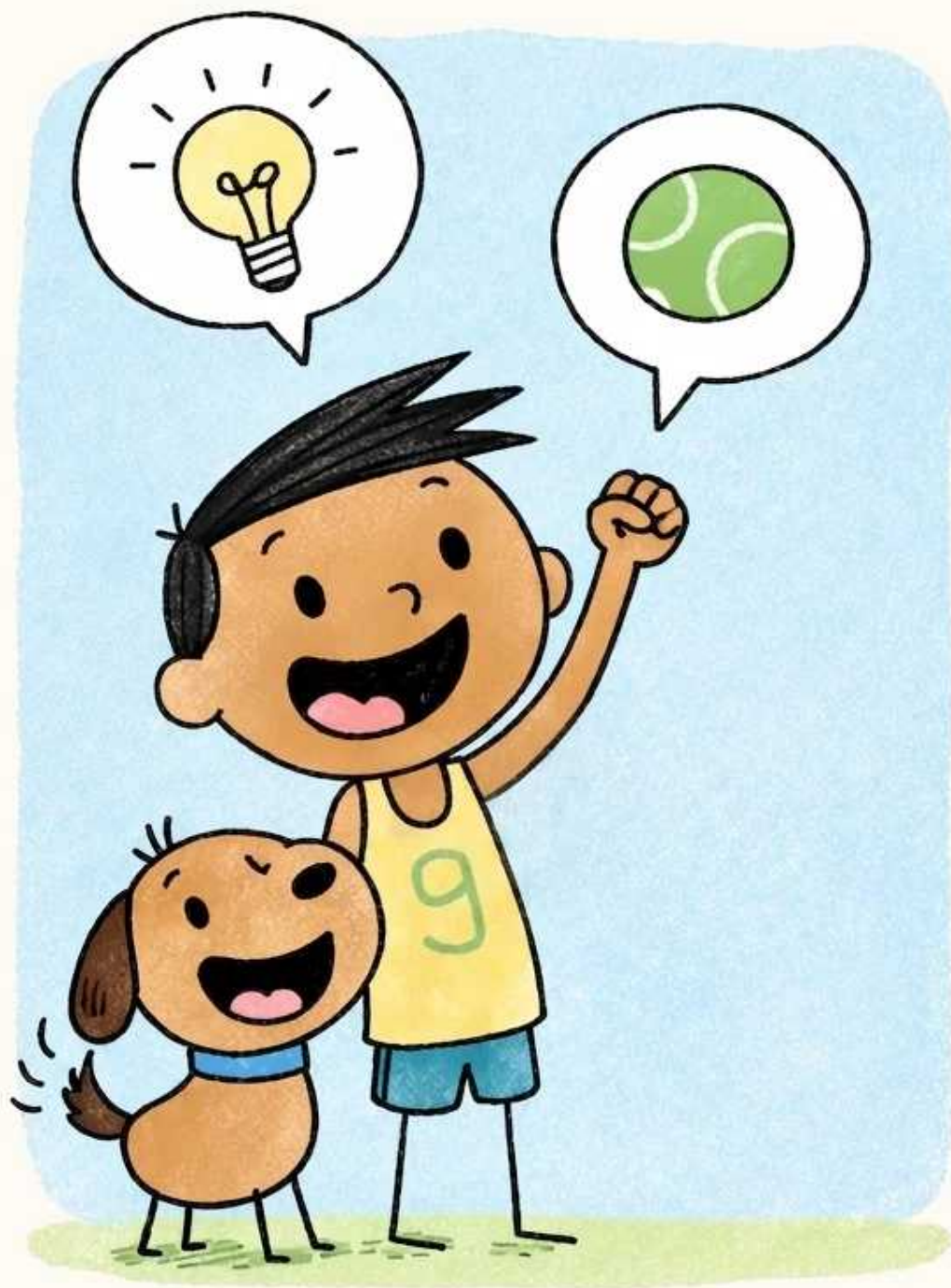




'That is nothing!' Jim said. 'I have the best stuff in the world! Way better than that boat!' The words flew out like a burp. Len and Jim's pal did not think it was true. 'I will bring it all tomorrow! You will see!'

Back home, Jim went to his toy box. He found a rubber frog, a red ball with a dent, and an old game with bits missing. His pup **was** peeking in too. 'This is bad,' Jim said. Len would **tease** him tomorrow.





Then Jim had a big plan.
His fist shot up high.
'Grandpa, Gran, and Dad
have loads of cool stuff!
Plants, wool, games!' His
pup's tail wagged so
fast. 'Come on, boy.
Time to raid the house!'

First stop: Grandpa's garden. Grandpa grew the best plants in town. Jim took a big one, with leaves like green plates. 'Len will like this!' Jim said. He ran off with his pup right behind. One down, more to go.





Next: Gran's wool basket. Jim took a bowl of wool and twine. Gran could fix it all. Torn dresses, broken kite strings, even a doll's arm! 'If it is good for Gran, it is good for Len!' Jim said. His pup pawed at the wool.

In the living room, Jim saw Dad's best game. Every weekend, Dad played it with his pals. They would yell about it for a long time! 'If grown-ups like it this much, it must be cool!' Jim said. He put the box under his arm.





Jim's sister Jill had loads of books. Jim took a big stack. The top one had a fox on it. Jill had read it to him **three** times. 'Best story ever!' Jim said **aloud**. His pup had a box stuck on its **head** like a robot. Jim did not even look.

Last stop: Mum's room.
Jim tried a bit of
everything. Lipstick. A
big floppy hat. Red high
heels three sizes too
big! He looked at himself
and had to giggle. His
pup sat next to him in a
yellow scarf, like a tiny
queen. Perfect!





The next day, Len and Jim's pal came to **see** Jim's stuff. Len pushed the floppy hat back in the trunk. 'This is **your** mum's, Jim.' Jim's pal set the plant in **too**. 'And that's **your** grandpa's.' One by one, **they** put it all back. 'None of this is yours,' Len said. Jim's **cheeks** went hot. Len **was** right.

Then came a
scream. 'Where is my
perfume?' Mum stood
by the table, looking
at the empty spot.
Jim, Len, and Jim's
pal froze. They had
left one thing behind.





Jim's pal looked under the bed. Just dust and an old sock. Len looked in the cabinet. Nothing! 'It is lost!' Jim yelled. But behind the seat, Jim's pup held its nose to the floor. Its tail began to wag.

The pup nudged its nose under the **seat**.
There it **was**! The little glass bottle, cool on the floor. 'Yes!' Jim **scooped** up his pup. Len and his pal smiled wide. '**See?**' Jim said with a grin. 'I do have the best thing in the world!'





The Best Stuff in the World

Jim can't stop bragging that he has "the best stuff in the world" back home, way better than his pal's shiny toy boat. The trouble is, his toy box is a mess of broken junk! Can Jim find something amazing enough to prove it before tomorrow? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 97: Vowel Teams & Diphthongs Review), this book practises words like 'boat', 'tomorrow', 'room', 'cool', and 'found'.

Phonics Focus: Vowel Teams & Diphthongs Review

about, ahead, aloud, always, boat, book, books, bowl, boy, cheek, cheeks, cool, could, day, down, flew, float, floats, floor, found, good, green, grew, head, heel, heels, high, house, leaves, load, loads, look, looked, mouth, out, paw, pawed, peek, play, played, push, put, queen, raid, read, real, right, room, saw, scoop, scooped, scream, seat, see, stood, tail, tease, they, three, tomorrow, too, took, town, toy, tried, true, want, was, way, weekend, wool, would, yellow, your

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