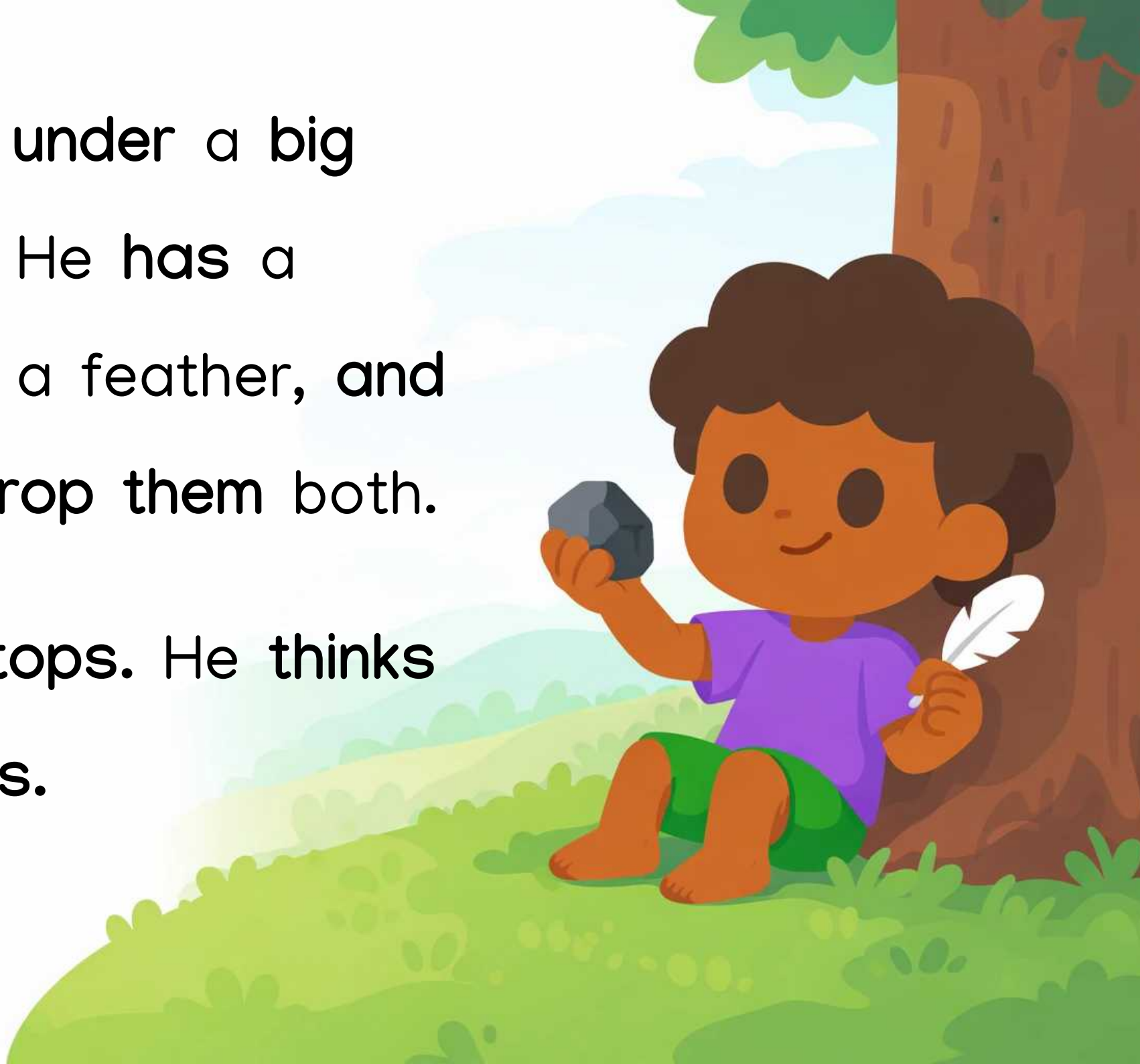
Check the Rock

Max sits under a big oak tree. He has a rock and a feather, and he can drop them both.

But he stops. He thinks and thinks.



A rock is hard and solid. An elephant grips it in a big trunk, but it can not crush it.

It is hot out, but a rock keeps cool and strong.

Max prods at an elephant, but it can not shift. It sits and blinks. Max pants and gasps. A big lump is a big lump!

A rock is a hard lump. A feather is soft, and it can drift and float. Max lifts them both up and thinks.

Max lifts a rock up and squints at it. Is it six kilograms? Is it ten? He can not check, and he needs a tool.

Max needs **help,**

and Dad comes.

Dad has a tool

to check **heft,**

and he **grins.**

Max peeks out

and is glad.

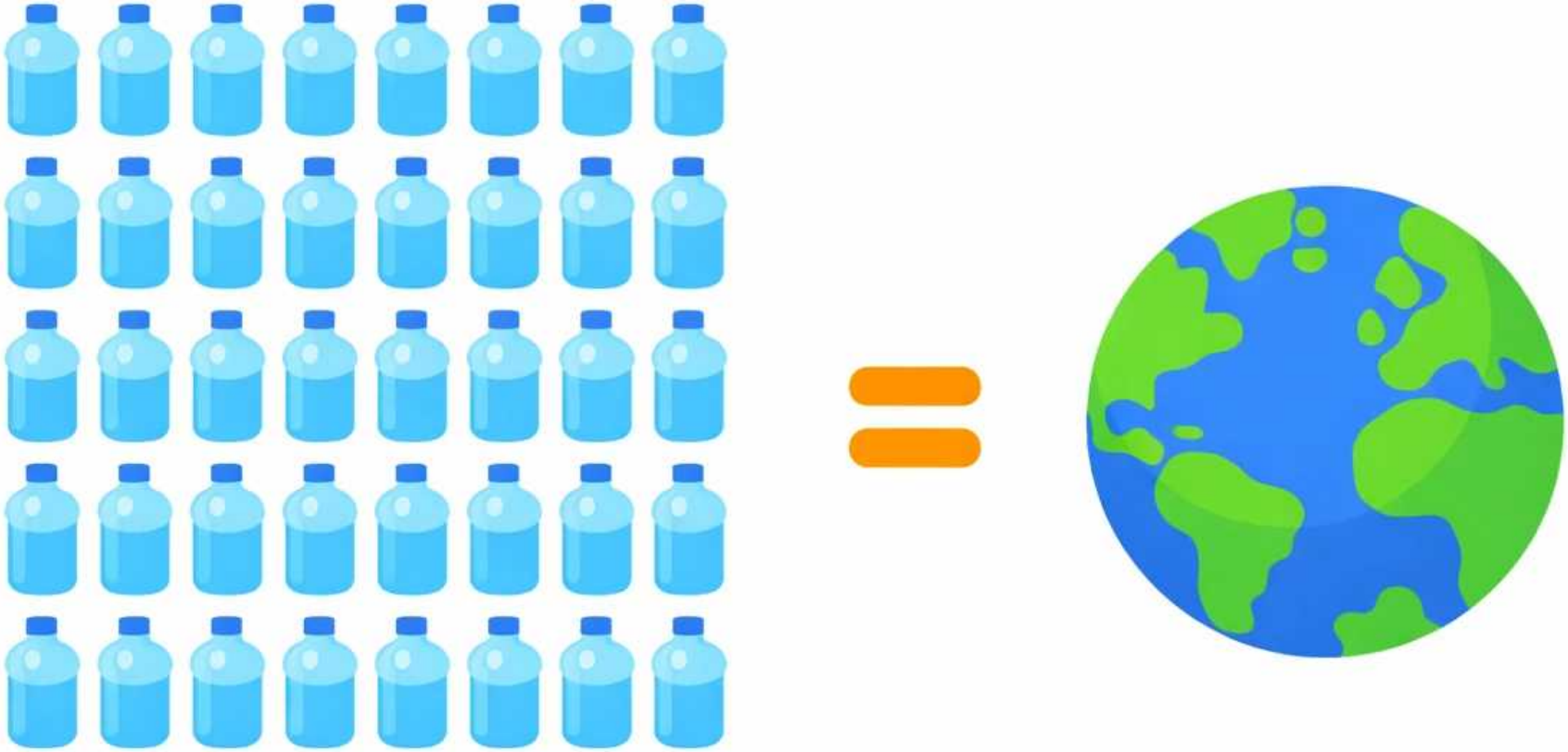
Dad lifts up a flask and grins. It has rain in it, up to the brim.

It is a kilogram, spot on.

A herd stands on a **pan.** Dogs **cram in** on that **pan.** Thud! A herd **sinks** down. A **big** count **can not win, but big bulk can.**

Max thinks big, big, big. Can he check a vast orb, all land and rock? It can not fit on a pan, but math can do it!

Jugs and jugs and jugs match a vast orb. It is a vast, vast number, and Max can not count it.



A flask sits on a pan, and feathers stack up on that pan. Up and up, a vast soft stack! Both pans match, spot on.

Drip, **drop**! Rain drips from a cloud. A **drop is soft and thin, but drop plus drop plus drop is** a **lot. Bit** by **bit, it is** a **big, big sum.**

Max hops on a pan and grins. He is ten plus ten plus ten kilograms, not as much as an elephant!

He lifts a rock and a feather. Drop them both! Bam!

SHORT VOWELS

Check the Rock

Max sits with a rock and a feather, sure the rock will win the drop. But when Dad shows up with a strange balance tool, Max starts to wonder: is a big lump always heavier than a big pile of little ones? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Step 2, Unit 2: short vowels), this book practices words like 'rock', 'lump', 'sits', 'grins', 'thinks'.

Phonics Focus: <short> <vowels>

an, and, as, at, bam, big, bit, brim, bulk, but, can, cram, dad, drift, drop, elephant, fit, gasps, glad, grins, has, heft, help, hops, hot, in, is, it, jugs, land, lifts, lot, lump, match, math, not, number, pan, pants, plus, prods, rock, shift, sinks, sits, six, soft, solid, spot, squints, stack, stops, strong, sum, ten, them, thin, thinks, trunk, under, up, vast, win

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