

Jim Wants the Best!





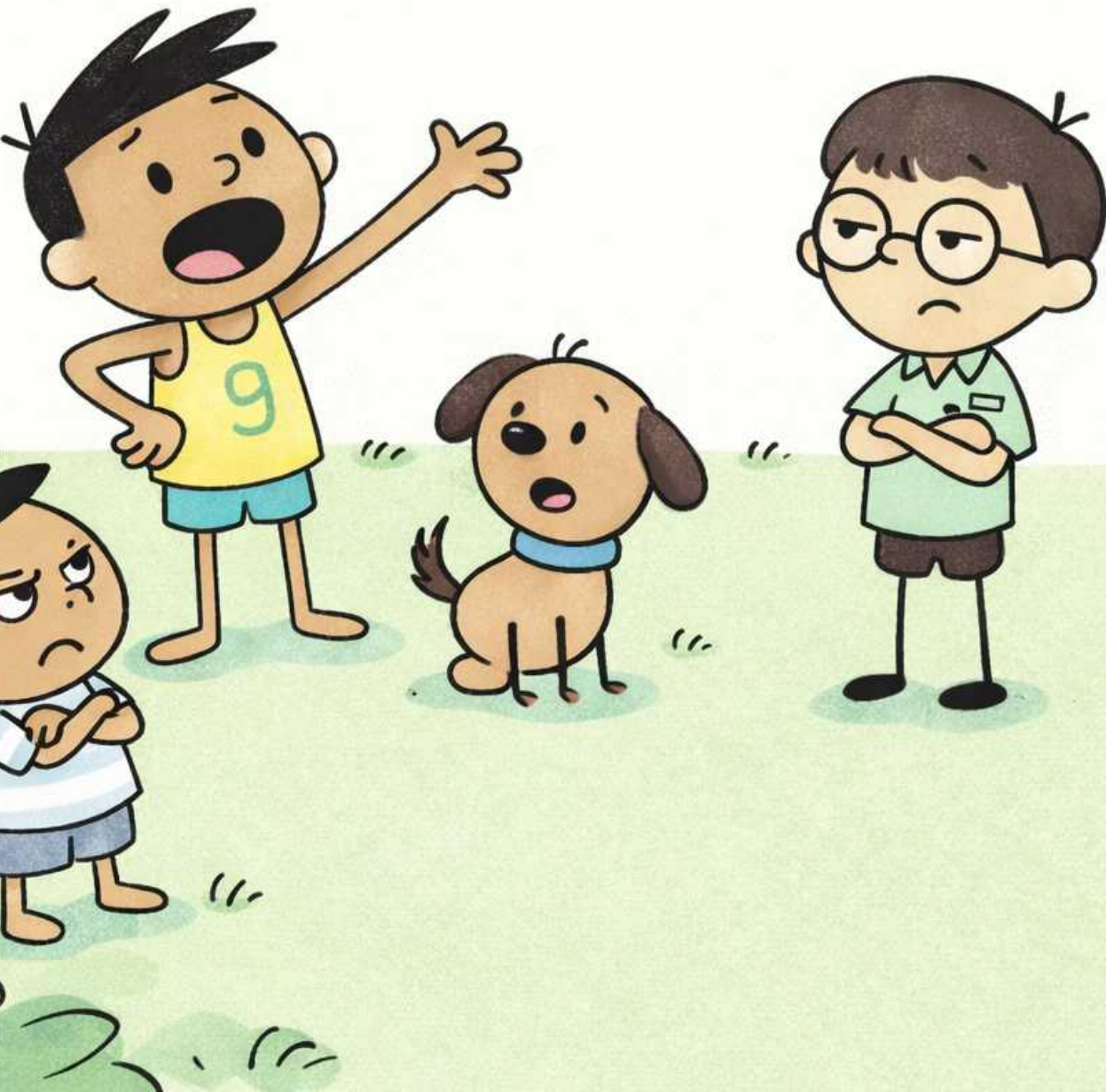
Jim and Zip
race on the
path. Len waves
and yells, 'Jim,
be quick! I have
the best item!'

Len grins and lifts
up a red boat.

'My dad got me
this boat!'

Jim gasps. He
craves an item
like that.





'I have the best
items at home!'

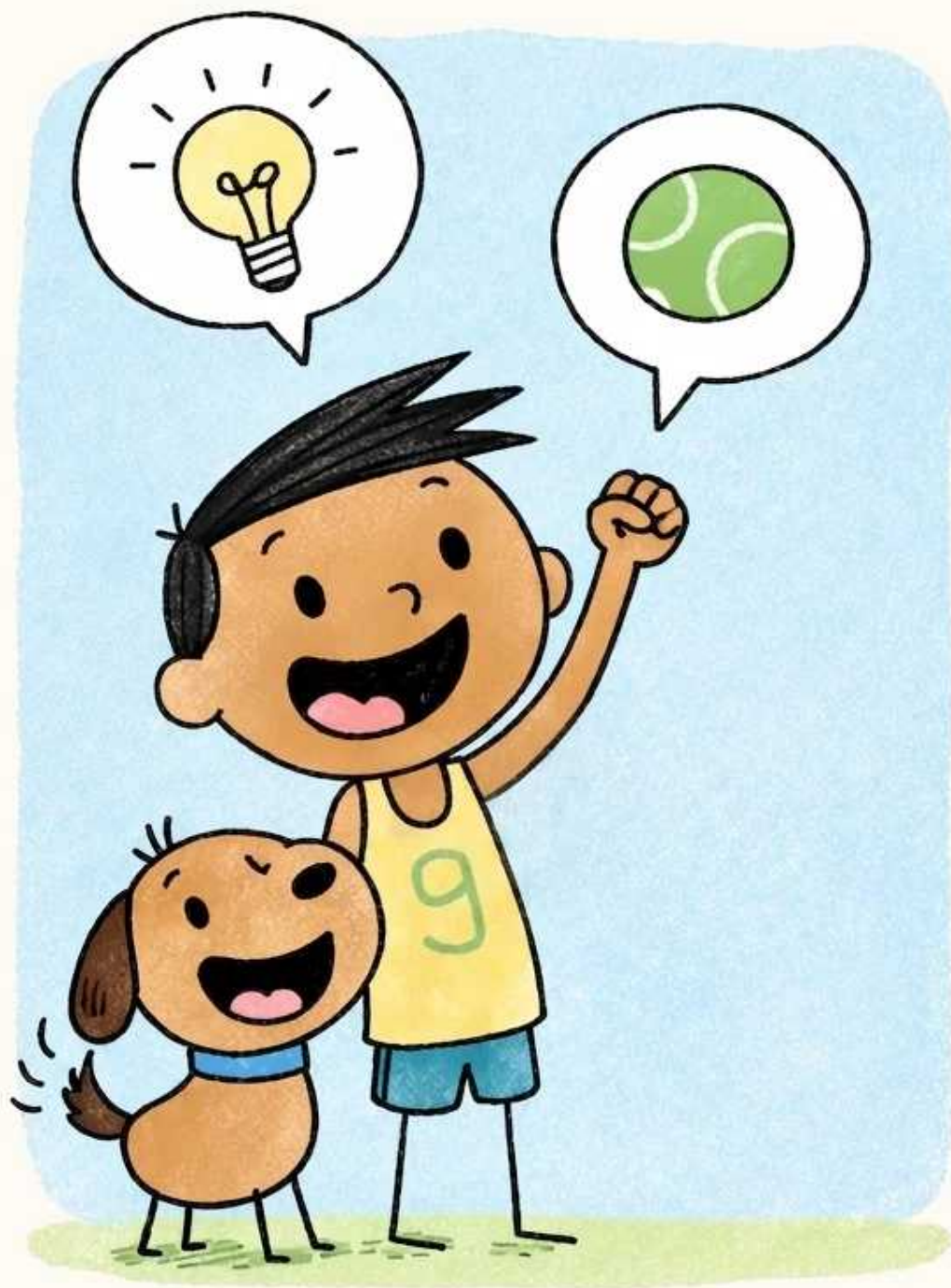
Jim brags. 'The
best of all!'

Len squints. His
pal can tell the
brag is bogus.

At home, Jim
scans his box. A
frog. A red ball. A
game with broken
bits.

'This is bad,' says
Jim.





Then Jim has a plan! 'Gran and Dad have the best items. We can grab them!'

Zip is glad. 'Zip, we begin the hunt!'

Jim grabs Pa's
big plant and
runs. The plant is
vibrant and tall.
Zip trots by his
side, glad to help.





Next, Jim grabs
Gran's dish of
twine. What a fine
item! Gran can
mend and fix with
it. Zip pats at a bit
of twine. 'No, Zip!'
says Jim.

Then Jim spots
Dad's game box.
Dad and Pa like
this game a lot.
Jim grins. 'This
game is a big
event at home!'





Jim grabs a stack of his sis's books. The top one has a fox on it. 'I have chosen the best books!' Zip has a box stuck on him. Jim can not see him.

Last stop: Mom's things. Jim has a big hat, lipstick, and red pumps. He looks in the glass and grins. Zip sits in a soft cloth. He looks so regal!



At sunup, Len and his
pal check the items.

Len packs the hat
back in the trunk. His
pal packs the plant.

'Jim, the items **belong**
to Mom, Pa, and Gran,'
says Len. Jim blushes.
He **regrets** the brag.



'Where is my
flask?' yells Mom.

Jim, Len, and his
pal stand still
and silent. One
item is lost!





They hunt and hunt.

Len checks the
boxes. His pal
checks the bed. 'I
can not spot it!' Jim
yells.

But Zip can **detect**
a smell. Sniff, sniff!

Zip sniffs, and
there it is! The
flask! Jim hugs Zip
and pats him. Len
and his pal clap.
Jim grins. 'Zip is
the best of all!'
What a moment!





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Jim Wants the Best!

Jim can't believe it: Len's toy boat actually floats on real water! Determined to top it, Jim boasts about the amazing stuff waiting at home, even though his toy box is nothing but a broken game and a dented ball. Can Jim find something good enough to impress his pal before tomorrow? Created to align with the UFLI Foundations scope and sequence (Lesson 68: Open/Closed), this book practices words like 'item', 'begin', 'chosen', 'silent', 'vibrant'.

Phonics Focus: Open/Closed

begin, belong, bogus, broken, chosen, detect, event, item, moment, regal, regrets, silent, vibrant

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