

The Expert Kicker!





Jan stands at
the gap with
his ball.

Jet kicks and
kicks, and he
is an expert.

Jet is so clever!

He kicks the
ball up, and it
drops on Jan
with a thud.





Jet zips past
with the ball,
faster and
faster.

Jan runs and
pants, but he
can not keep up.

Tap, tap, tap!
Jet taps it from
foot to foot.
Jan just looks
on. Jet is a
master at this.





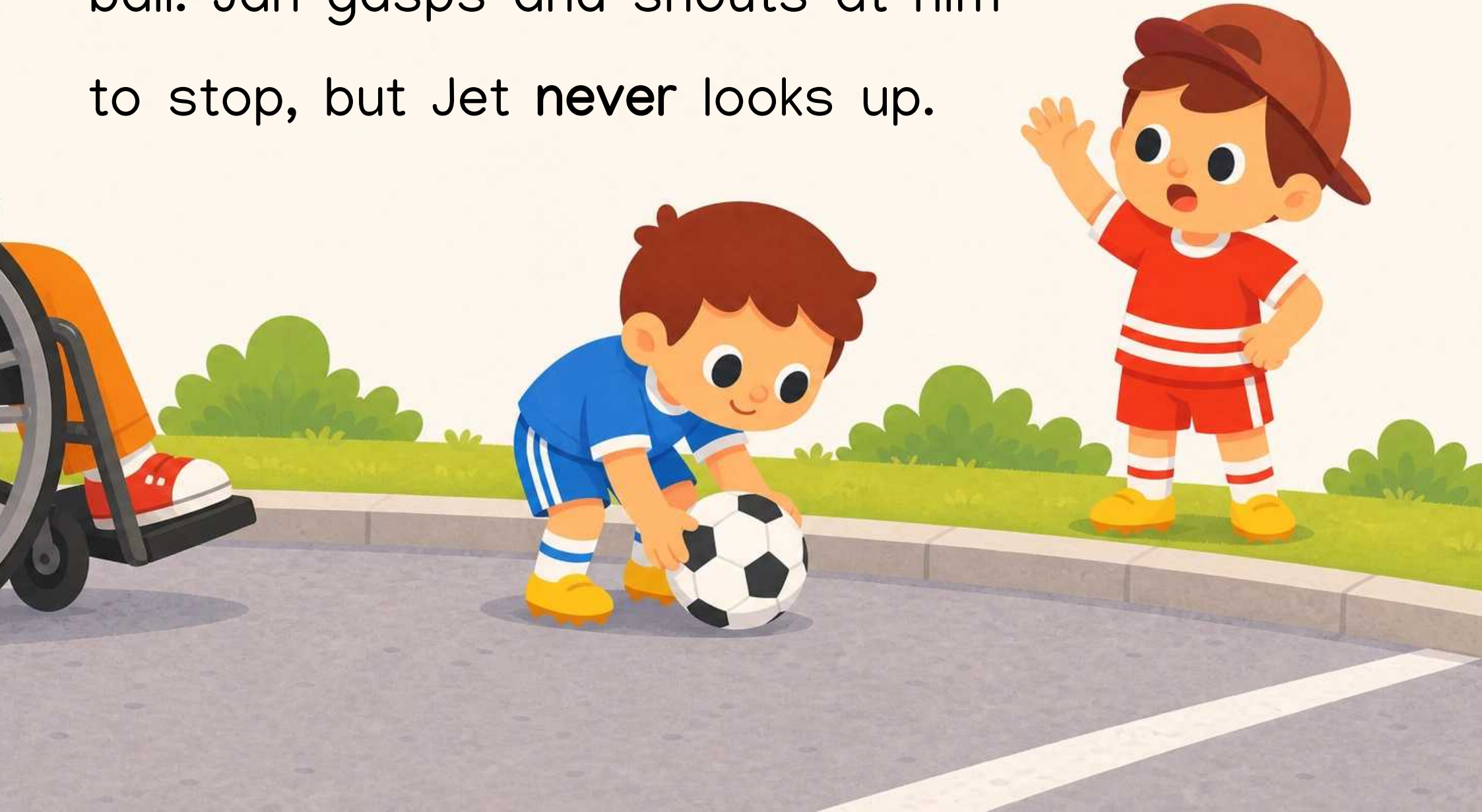
Jan runs at him
to grab it, but
Jet zips past.

Jet is faster,
and Jan can
not get it.

Jan kicks it with a big crack, as loud
as **thunder**, and it speeds to the road.



Jet runs to the road to grab his ball. Jan gasps and shouts at him to stop, but Jet **never** looks up.



Jan grabs his hand and tugs with a big **jerk**! Both drop to the ground, and Jet is not hit.



Both sit on the
mound and
rest.

The sunset is
amber, and all
is good.





Jet jots his
name in the
ground for Jan.

He **never** chats
out loud, but
his hands can
chat.

Jan jots his
name in the
ground as
well.

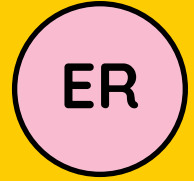
Jet looks at
it and perks
up with a
big grin.





Both rest on the
ground as the
sun sets.

It is a perfect
afternoon, and
Jan has a pal at
last.



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Jojo just wants someone to kick a ball with, but the boy across the fence never seems to hear a word he shouts. Tricks, taps, and a wild kick toward the road later, will Jojo figure out why his new friend won't look up? Written for Jolly Phonics classrooms (Group 7: er /er/), this book practices words like 'faster', 'never', 'clever', 'expert', 'thunder'.

Phonics Focus: <er>

afternoon, amber, clever, expert, faster, jerk, master, never, perfect, perks, thunder

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