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BEFORE READING Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together. Ask: Where are the children?
- Talk about times your child has been in a boat. Ask: Did you get wet?
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

 Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:

went help began down picnic river stuck wet

 Some words may be more challenging.
Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

said out what oh don't gasped pulled pushed



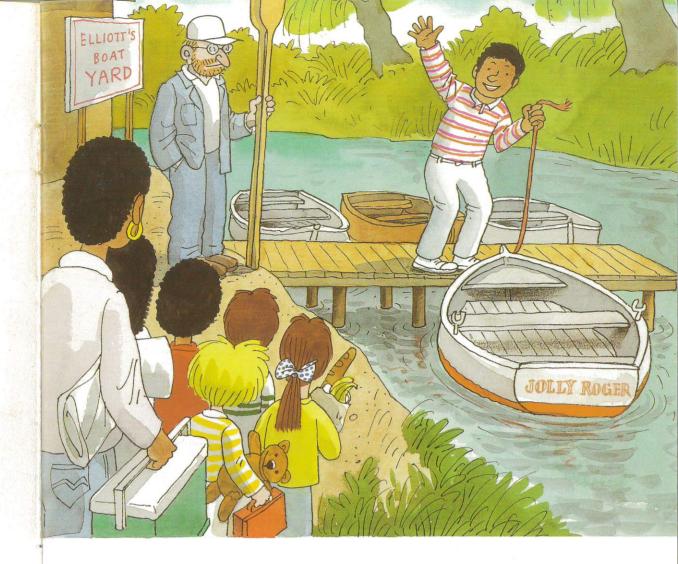
DURING READING

Enjoy the story together. If your child needs support to read the story:

- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. moonlight.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover for more ideas.

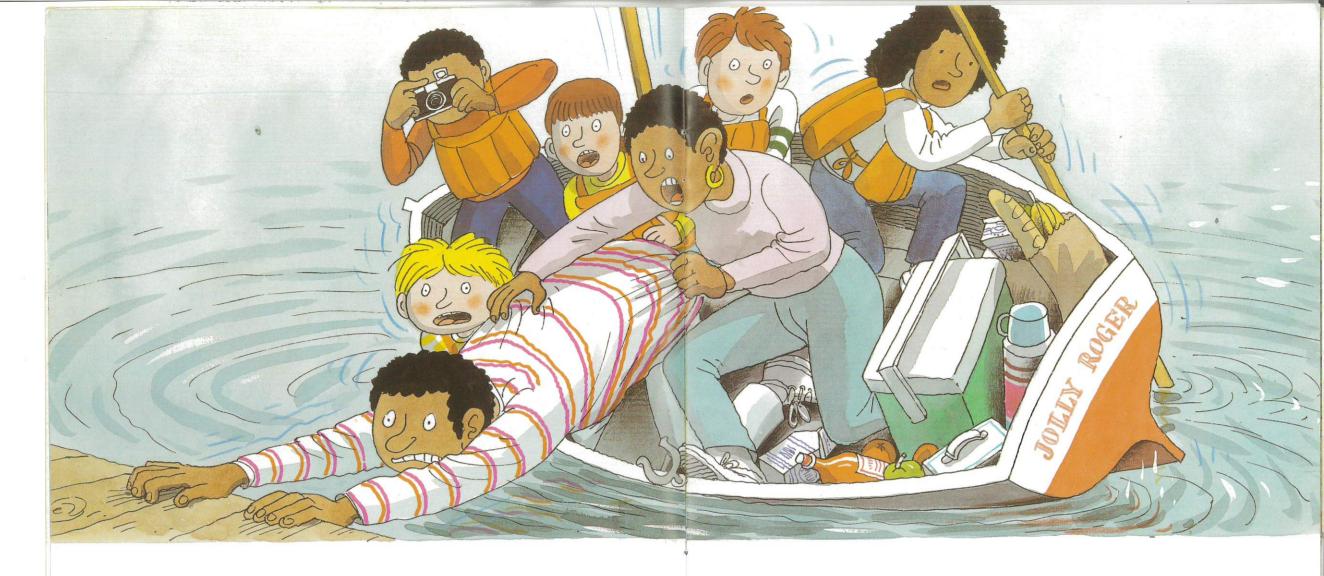


Dad got a boat.



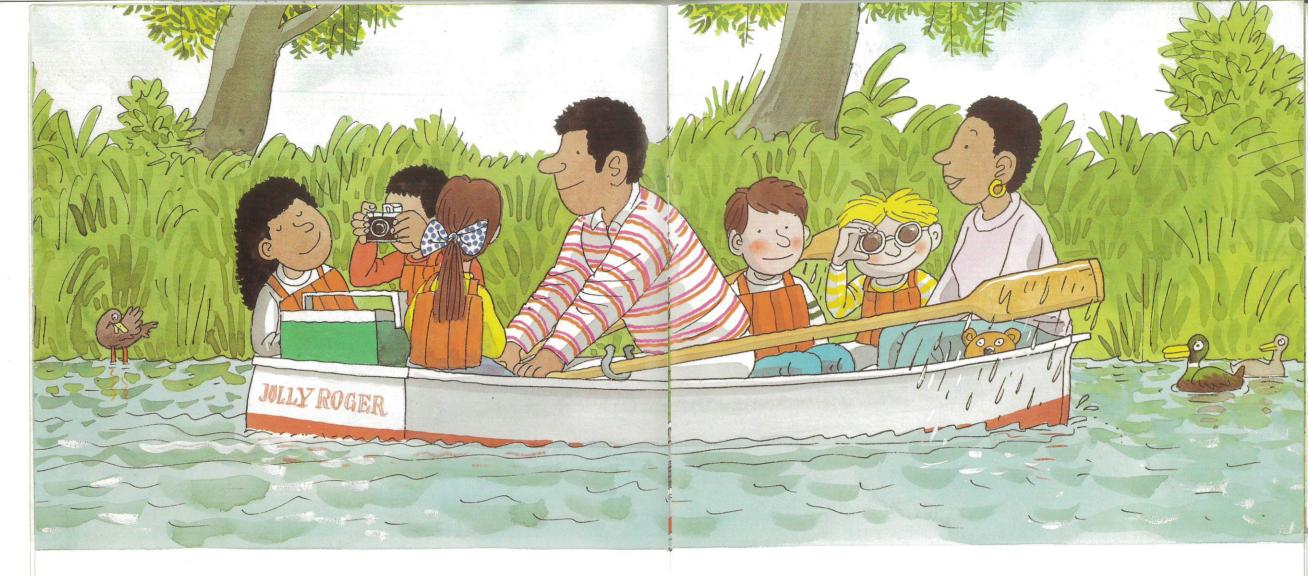
Everyone sat in the boat.

Dad pushed the boat out.



Oh no! Dad was stuck.

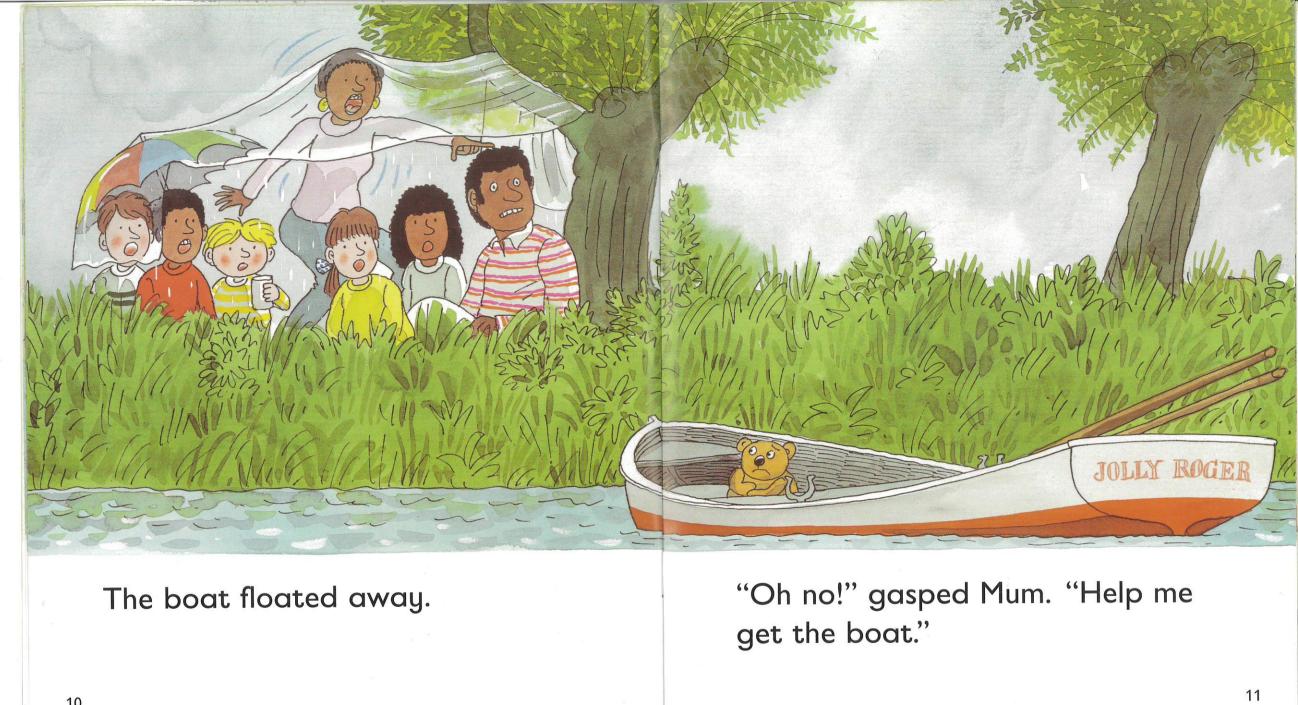
Mum pulled Dad. Wilma pushed the boat.

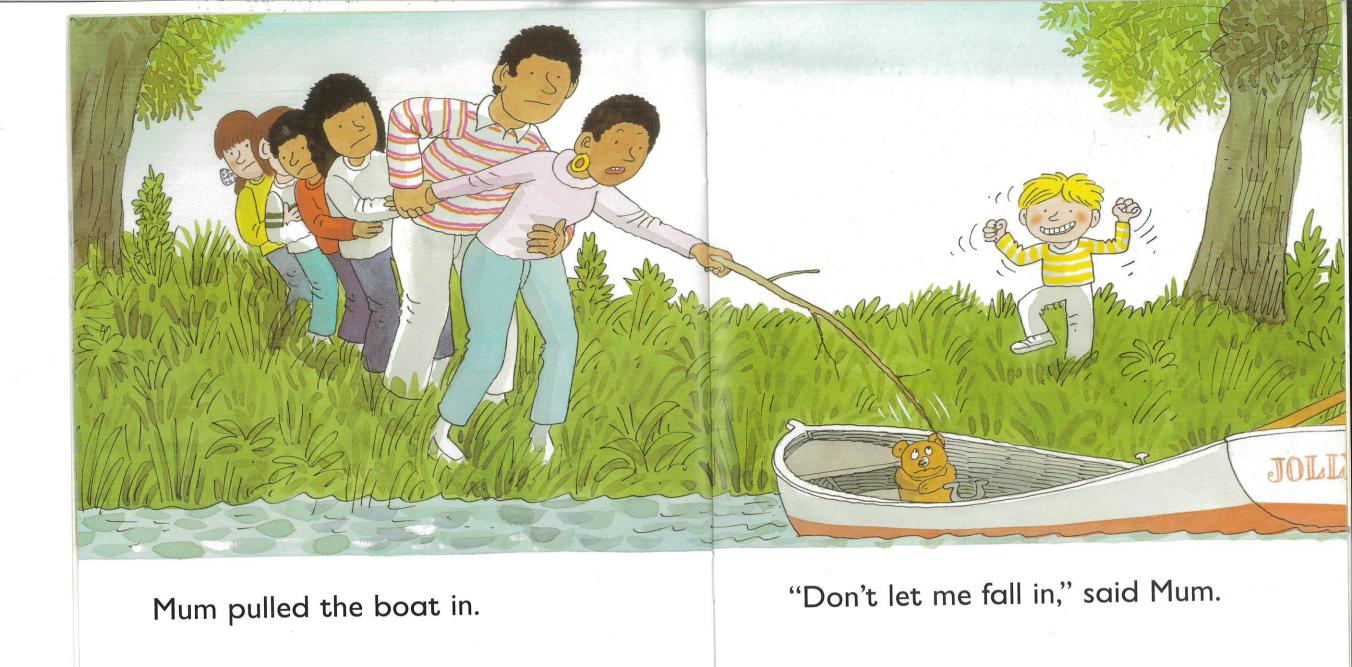


They went down the river. Nobody got wet.

"What a good job!" said Mum.





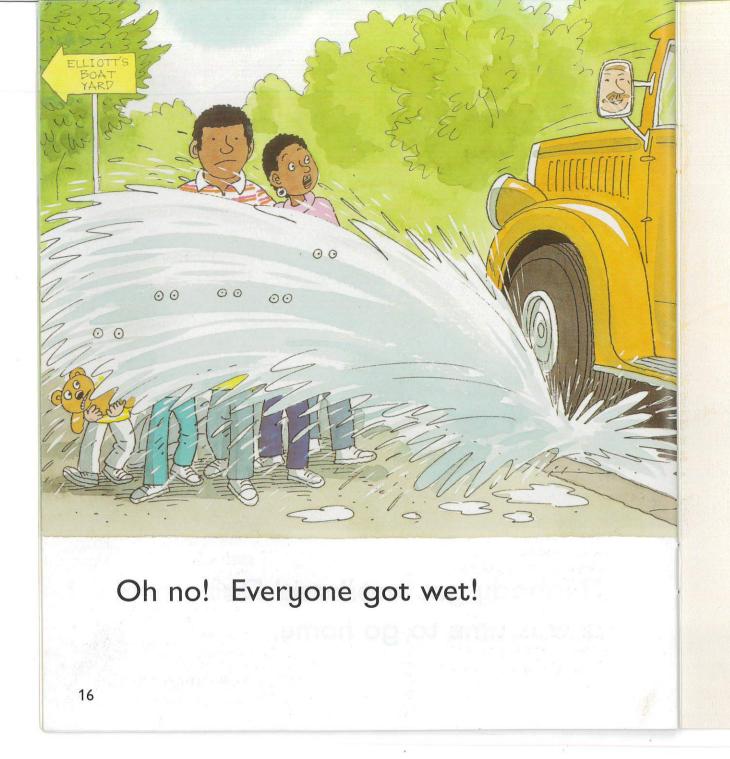




Mum didn't get wet.

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"Nobody got wet," said Dad. It was time to go home.



AFTER READING

- Turn to page I6. Ask: Do you think they were surprised to get wet at the end?
- Re-read page 7. Ask: What did Mum mean?
- Encourage your child to tell you how Dad, then Mum, nearly fell in the river.

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