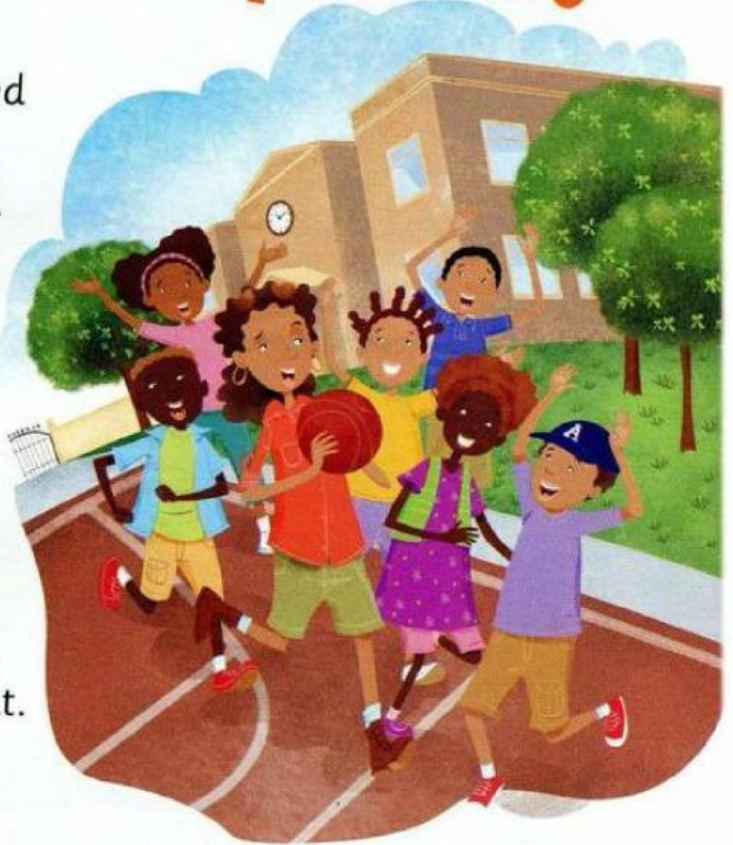


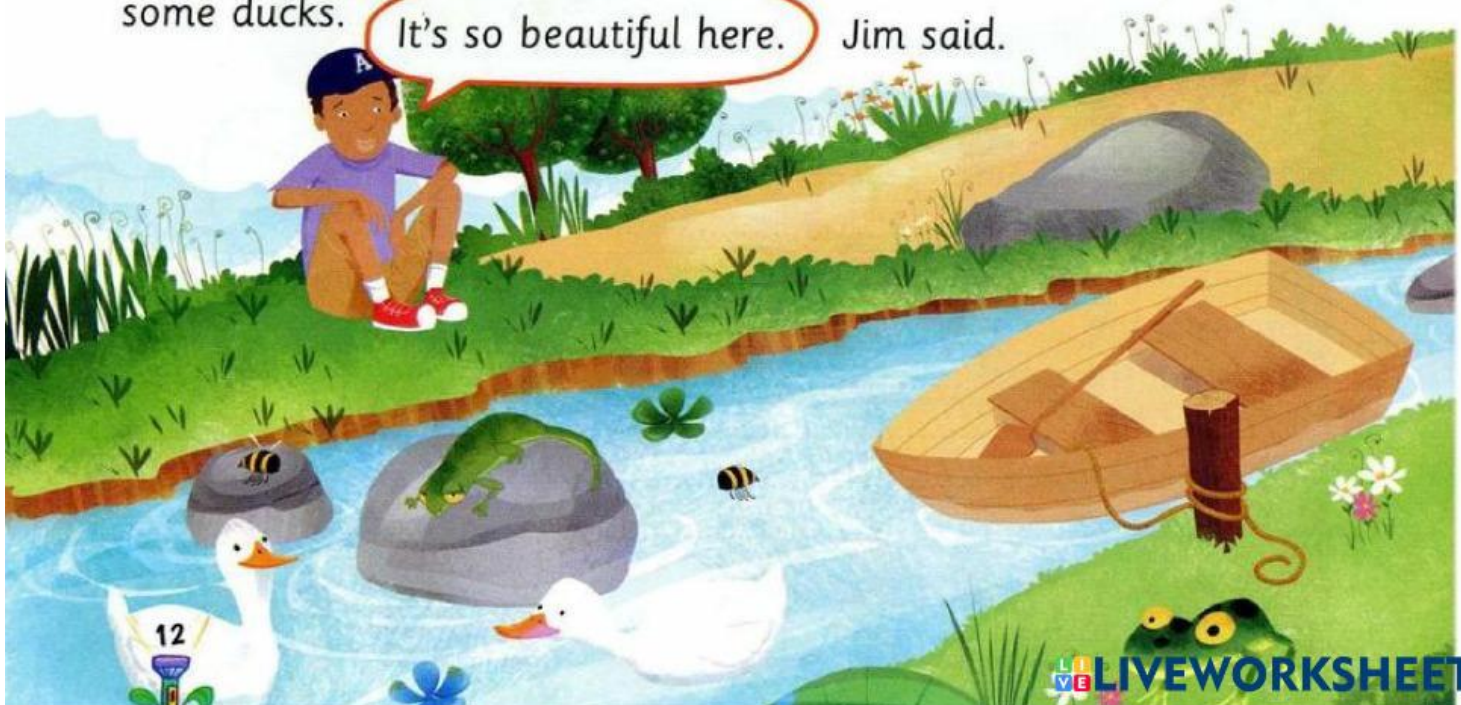
The perfect present

Jim's favourite teacher was called Miss Point. Miss Point helped Jim learn lots of different things. She taught him about words and work and earache and emails and ships and shapes. She was never angry when Jim made spelling mistakes and she played basketball with Jim and his classmates in their morning break. Miss Point was great and Jim wanted to give her a present. But he had no ideas.



Jim went for a walk along the river and then sat down to think. He watched the water. He watched a frog that jumped off an old boat and caught three fat flies in the river plants. He watched a lizard that slept on a rock. He watched two bees that buzzed in circles above some ducks.

It's so beautiful here. Jim said.



Mr and Mrs Star and their daughter, Grace, liked walking by the river, too. They stopped when they saw Jim. 'Hi, Jim. Are you all right?' Mrs Star asked.

'Hello, Mrs Star,' Jim answered. 'I want to give my teacher a present. But it's difficult. Can you help me choose one?'



'We can try,' said Grace. 'What does your teacher like?'

'She likes the internet and trips on the train and she loves weekends,' answered Jim. 'But I can't give her those.'

'No,' said Mr Star. 'You can't! What colour does she like?'

'She likes green,' Jim said. 'She painted our bookcase green. I'd like to give her a green apple tree or the prettiest green parrot in the world, but I can't do that.'

'No, you can't,' said Grace. 'Apple trees look nicer when they're growing in a field and parrots look prettier when they're flying in the forest!'

'How about a lime or some peas or beans?' asked Mrs Star.

'They're green.'

'No,' said Jim. 'I don't want to give her any of those things.'

'Then a salad?' asked Grace.

‘Yes!’ said Jim, ‘She likes salad! My aunt grows salad leaves in her garden. I can take her some of those ... But that’s not enough.’



‘Well, does she like the colour blue?’ asked Mr Star.

‘Yes,’ said Jim. ‘She painted our classroom door blue! I’d like to give her the beautiful blue sea or five hundred blue flowers, but I can’t give her those.’

‘No, you can’t,’ said Grace. ‘The sea looks nicer next to white sand, and blue flowers look more beautiful when they’re growing in the green grass!’

‘What about a blue bowl or pen or a blue watch?’ asked Mrs Star.

‘No,’ said Jim. ‘I don’t want to give her any of those things.’

‘How about some blue grapes, then?’ asked Grace.

‘Oh! She loves grapes! That’s a fantastic idea!’

Jim said. ‘And we grow grapes in our garden.’

I can take her some of those ... But that’s not enough.’





‘Does she like yellow?’ Mr Star asked.

‘Yes!’ answered Jim. ‘Yellow’s her favourite. Our classroom clock is yellow. I’d like to give her the sun or a yellow butterfly, but I can’t give her those.’

‘No,’ said Grace. ‘You can’t. The sun looks more beautiful above the mountains and yellow butterflies look prettier when they’re flying in the sky.’

‘What about a yellow apple, some lemons or a banana?’ asked Mrs Star.

‘No,’ said Jim. ‘I don’t want to give her any of those things.’

‘Cheese is yellow,’ Grace said.

‘Yes! Yes! She likes cheese! That’s a brilliant idea! We make cheese at home from my favourite cow’s milk,’ said Jim. ‘I know my teacher loves the internet and train trips and weekends, but she LOVES picnics, too. And green salad leaves, blue grapes and yellow cheese are great things to take on a picnic. I can give her those. Thank you for helping me choose a perfect present for Miss Point!’



Jim and the Star family jumped up and walked slowly home. The frog jumped up, too, and ate another fat fly.

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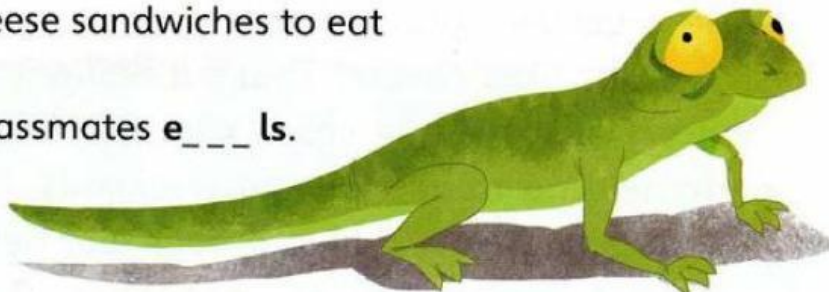
The perfect present



A

Read and complete the words.

- 1 A t r i p on a train to the countryside is so exciting!
- 2 I'm reading about lizards on the in _____ t.
- 3 Can we play basketball in the playground in our b____ k?
- 4 I made a m _____ ke in my spelling when I wrote 'butterfly'.
- 5 We took some cheese sandwiches to eat on our p _____ c!
- 6 I don't send my classmates e____ ls.
I send them texts.



B

Read and circle the correct answer.

- 1 The frog that Jim watched ate some snails / flies.
- 2 Grace was Mr and Mrs Star's daughter / granddaughter.
- 3 Grace thought apple trees looked nicer in a field / forest.
- 4 Jim's uncle / aunt grows salad leaves in the garden.
- 5 Jim wants to give his teacher some blue grapes / plants.
- 6 Grace said the moon / sun looks beautiful above the mountains.

C

Look at the picture on page 12 and talk with a friend.

beautiful brilliant sunny
nice quiet pretty funny
fantastic cool

Wow! The
is beautiful!





Read and draw lines.



- 1 Here's the present **that**
- 2 This is the mountain **that**
- 3 There's the frog **that**
- 4 These are the plants **that**
- 5 This is the walk **that**
- 6 Those are the bees **that**

ate three fat flies.
 Jim chose for his teacher.
 we went on last weekend.
 talks like a parrot.
 we grow in our field.
 Jim's parents climbed.
 flew above our blue flowers.



Look and read. Choose the correct words and write them on the lines.



a parrot



cheese



the alphabet



a salad



a snail



a website



homework



a picnic

Example

You look for and find this on the internet.

a website

Questions

- 1 You can make this with vegetables that you don't cook.
- 2 This animal moves slowly and has a shell on its back.
- 3 This is food that you take to eat outside.
- 4 Your teacher gives you this and you do it at home.
- 5 Sometimes you can teach this clever animal to talk.



Read the text and then write one from you.

Hi! We're having fun. This place is fantastic!
This morning, we went fishing. We saw some
parrots! The weather here is cloudy. But that's
OK. See you on Saturday. Bye :)

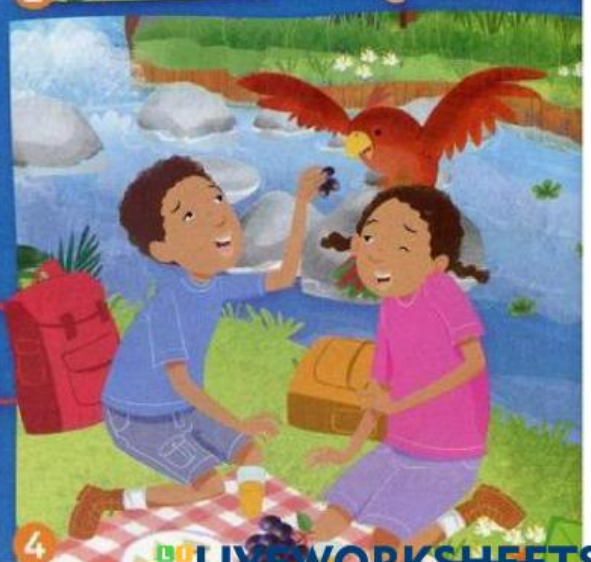
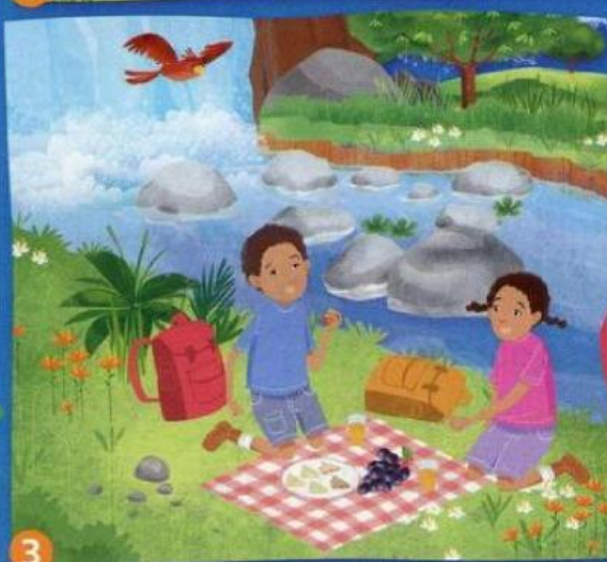
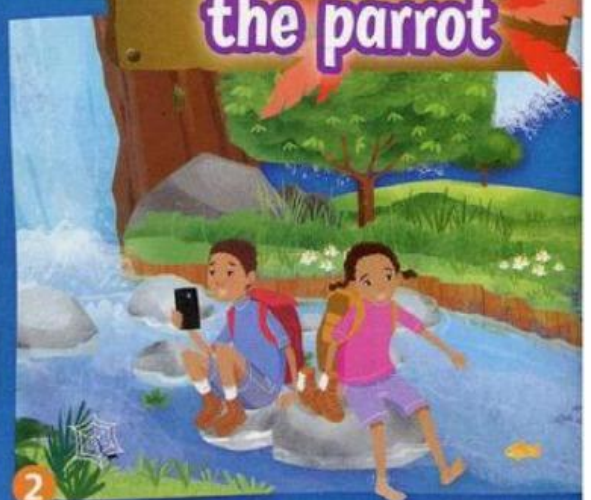
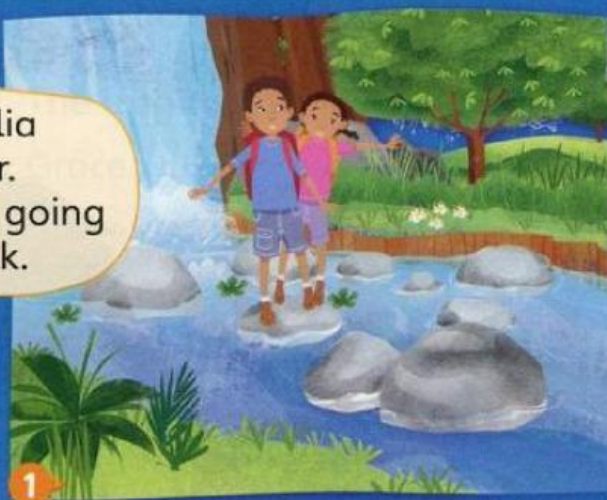


Hello! We're having fun, too! It's ① brilliant here.
Yesterday, we ② We saw some
③ The weather's ④
But I'm ⑤ See you on ⑥
Bye! 😊

G

Look at the pictures. Tell the story.

This is Julia
and Peter.
They are going
for a walk.

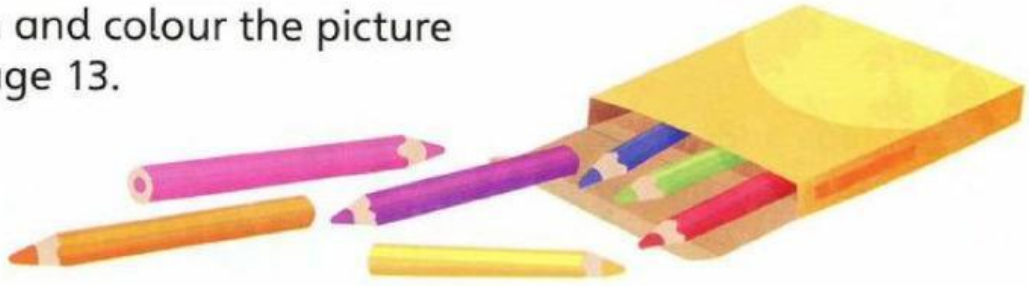


The picnic and the parrot



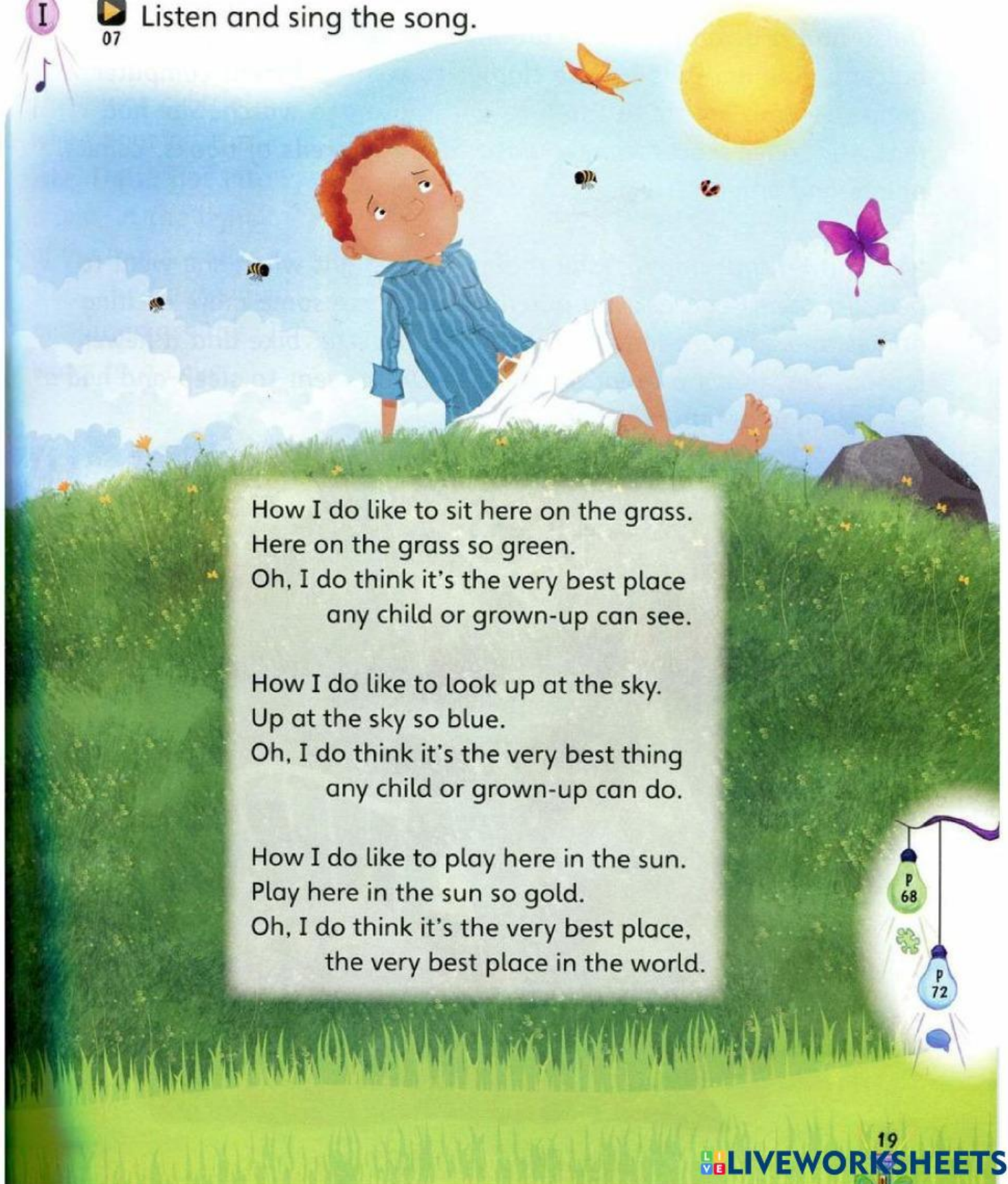
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Listen and colour the picture on page 13.



07

Listen and sing the song.



How I do like to sit here on the grass.
Here on the grass so green.
Oh, I do think it's the very best place
any child or grown-up can see.

How I do like to look up at the sky.
Up at the sky so blue.
Oh, I do think it's the very best thing
any child or grown-up can do.

How I do like to play here in the sun.
Play here in the sun so gold.
Oh, I do think it's the very best place,
the very best place in the world.

