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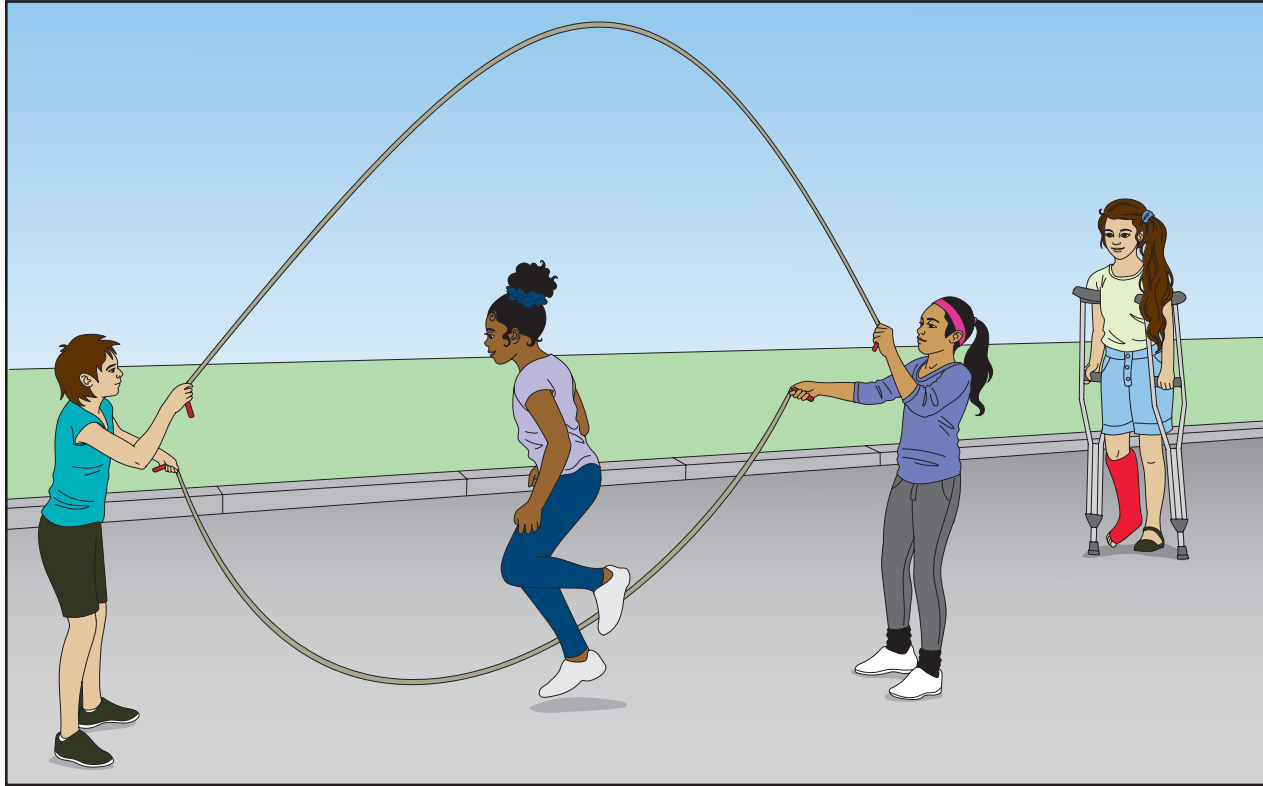




# READING LANGUAGE ARTS

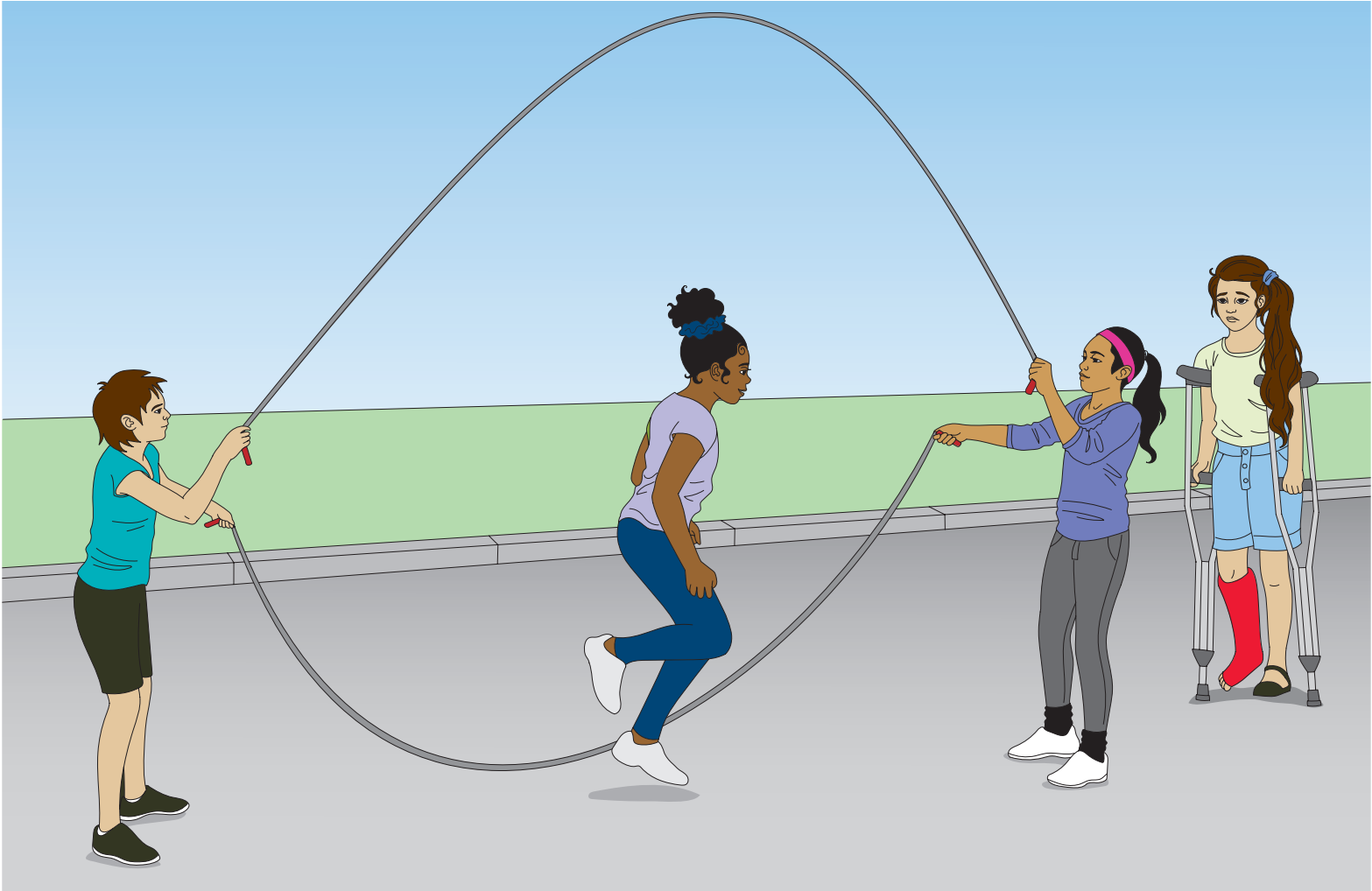


# Double Dutch



Sally watches as the girls on the playground are playing double Dutch, her favorite jump rope game.

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"You know double Dutch is my favorite. Thanks for letting me stay on the team, even though I can't jump in the competition with you," Sally says.

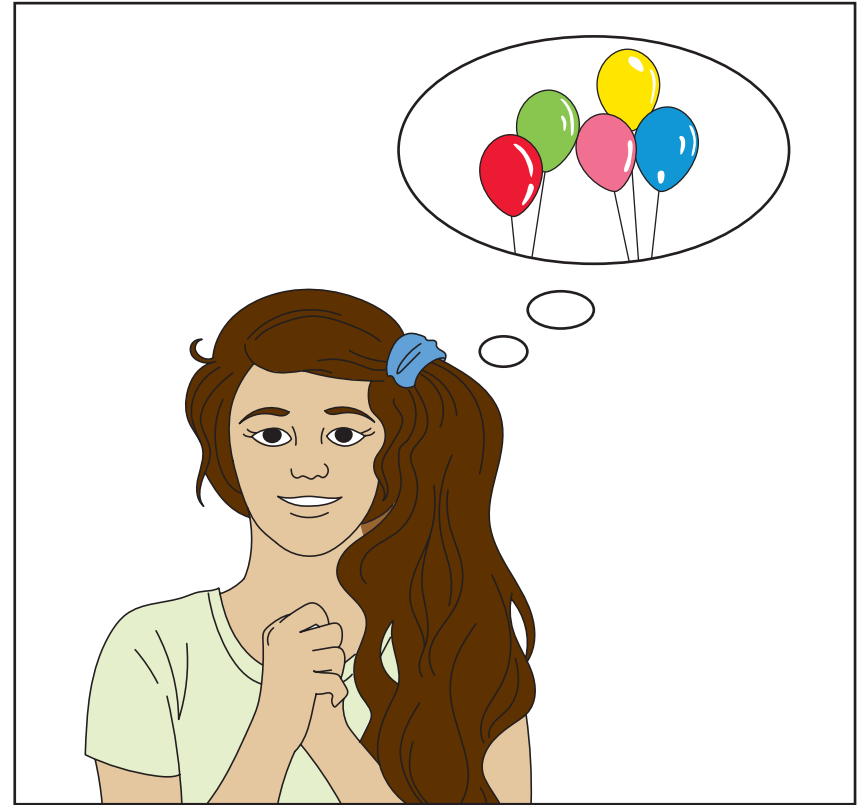
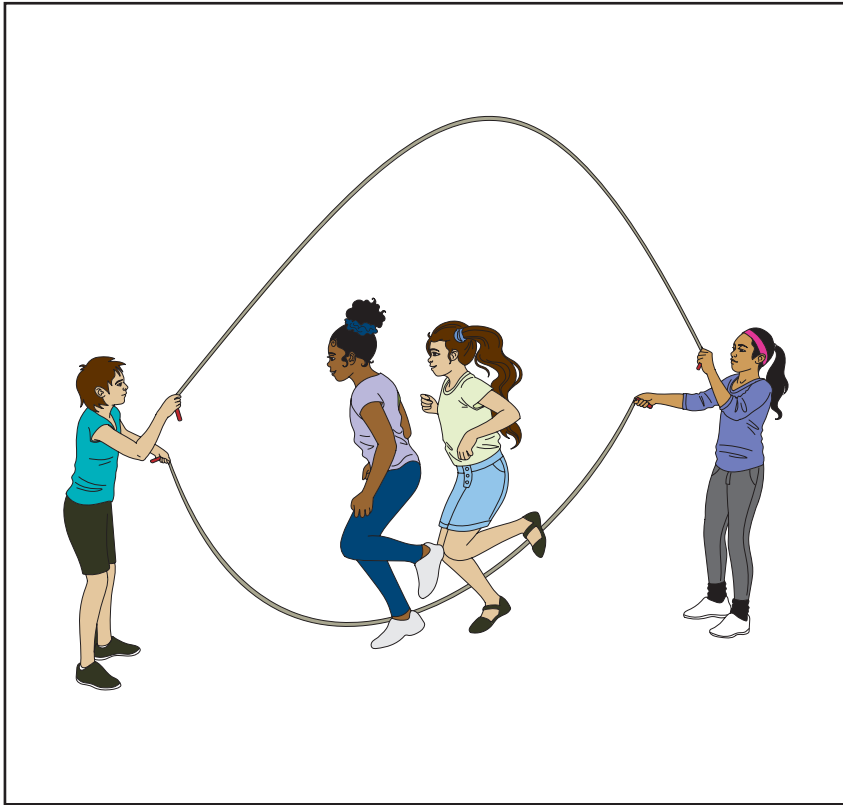
"We are so disappointed that you fell and can't be in the competition. It won't be the same without you," says Catherine.

Then Lisa says, "But you are coming to cheer for us, aren't you?"

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Sally starts to think about what she can do to show her team support and spirit.

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When Sally gets home from school that afternoon, she says to her mother, "I talked with my teacher Ms. Diaz, and I've got a plan that she approved. Will you help me find the box of party supplies?"

"Sure. I will help you find it," Sally's mother replies.



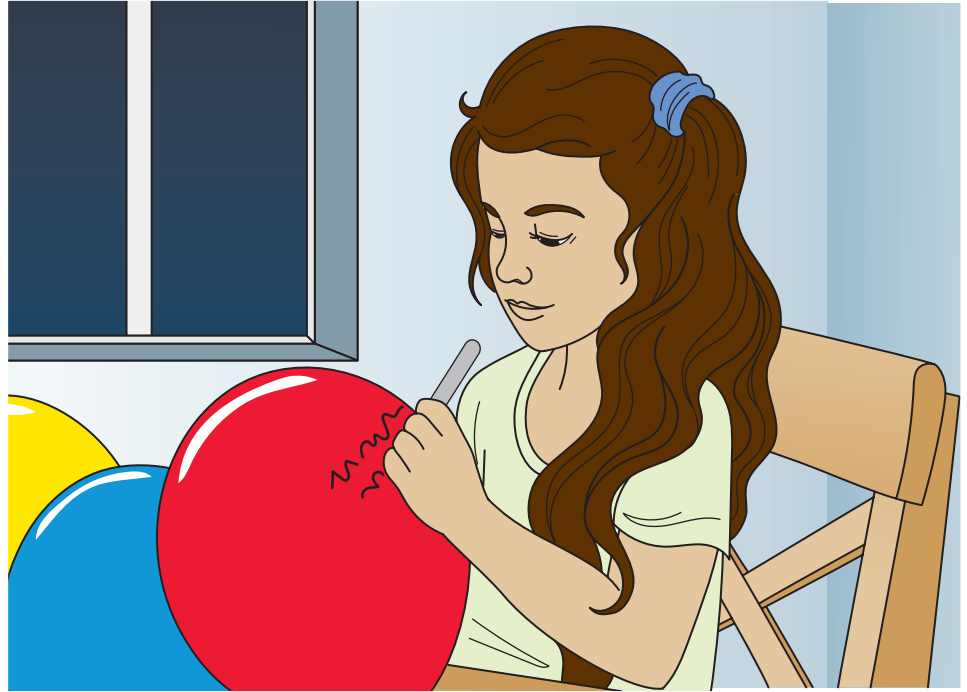
Sally opens the box and finds a bag of balloons. "These are just what I need," Sally tells her mother. "Can you take me to the store to get these filled with helium?"

"Let's go now," says Sally's mother.

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After dinner, Sally takes a permanent marker and writes a message for each of her teammates on a balloon. She calls other classmates and asks them to meet her at school early and shares her plan.



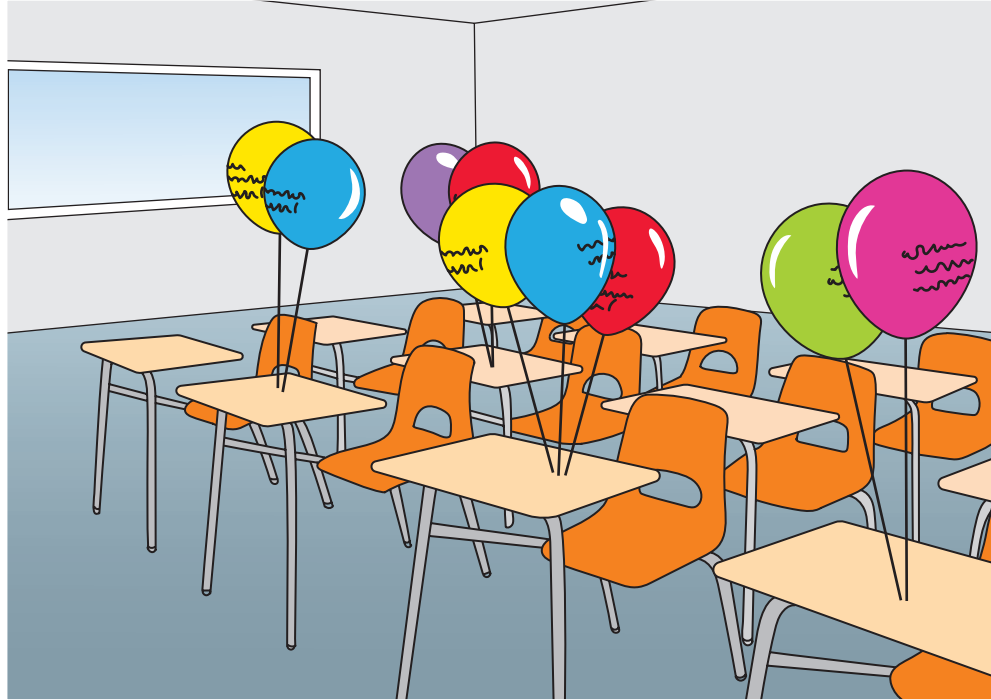


Sally wants to buy a gift for her teacher.

Sally wants to fill her balloons with helium.

Sally wants to buy a permanent marker.

Sally gets to school early the next day and tapes balloons to the desks of the girls participating in the double-Dutch competition that afternoon. As other classmates arrive, she calls "Come in!" and gives them a permanent marker so that they can write messages on the balloons to the jump-rope team. When everyone finishes, the balloons look like a colorful cloud over the classroom.



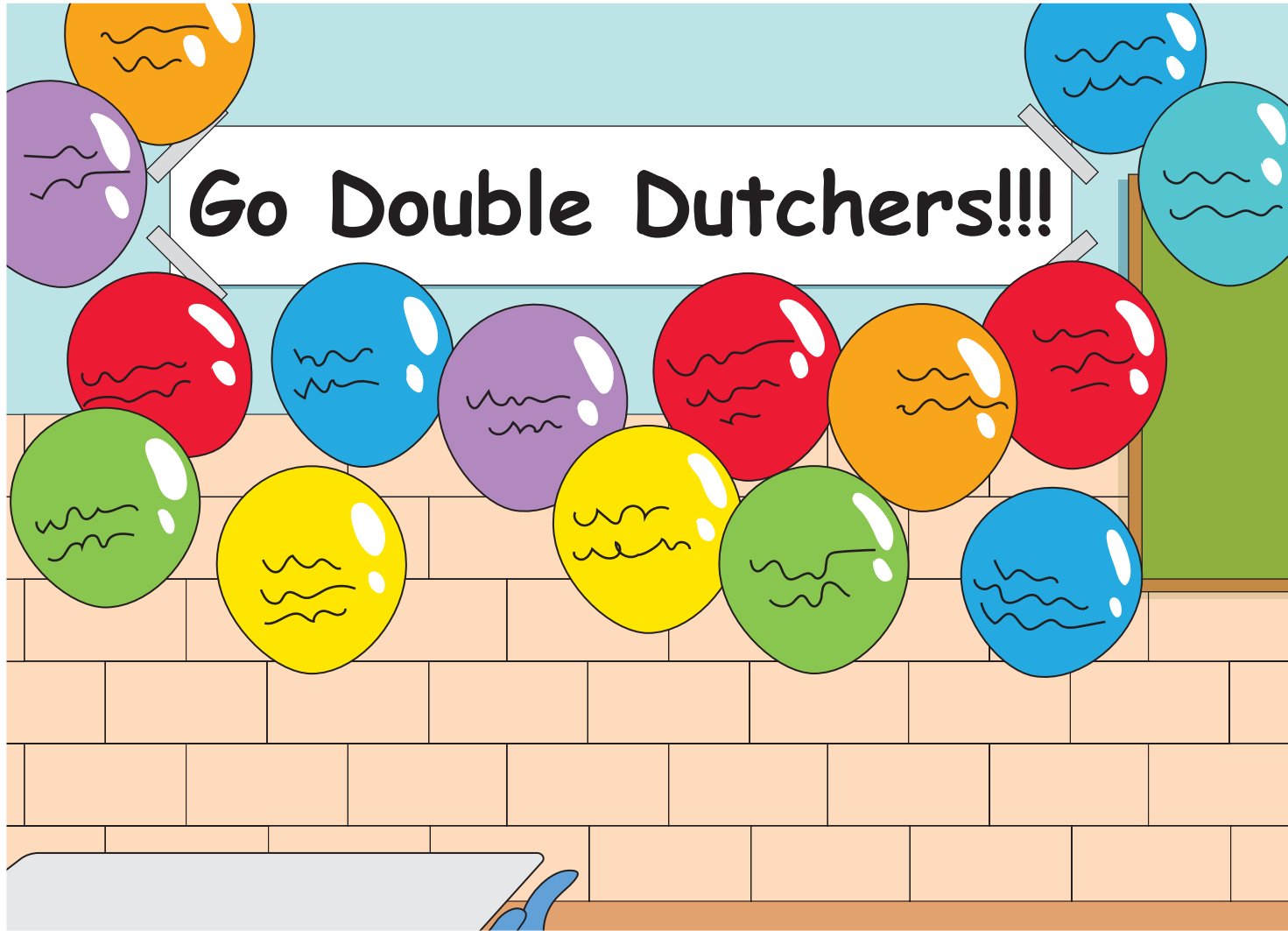
The girls on the jump-rope team start coming into the classroom and are surprised to see the colorful balloons. Each girl reads the messages on her balloons as she sits down at her desk.

"You are the best at double Dutch!" reads a note on one of Catherine's balloons. One of Lisa's says "Go team! Good luck at the competition!"

Other messages say things such as "Jump!" and "Yay!!"



At lunch, Lisa suggests taking the balloons into the cafeteria for everyone in the school to see. "There is no way we can lose the competition now. Not when we have the best cheering squad cheering us on!"



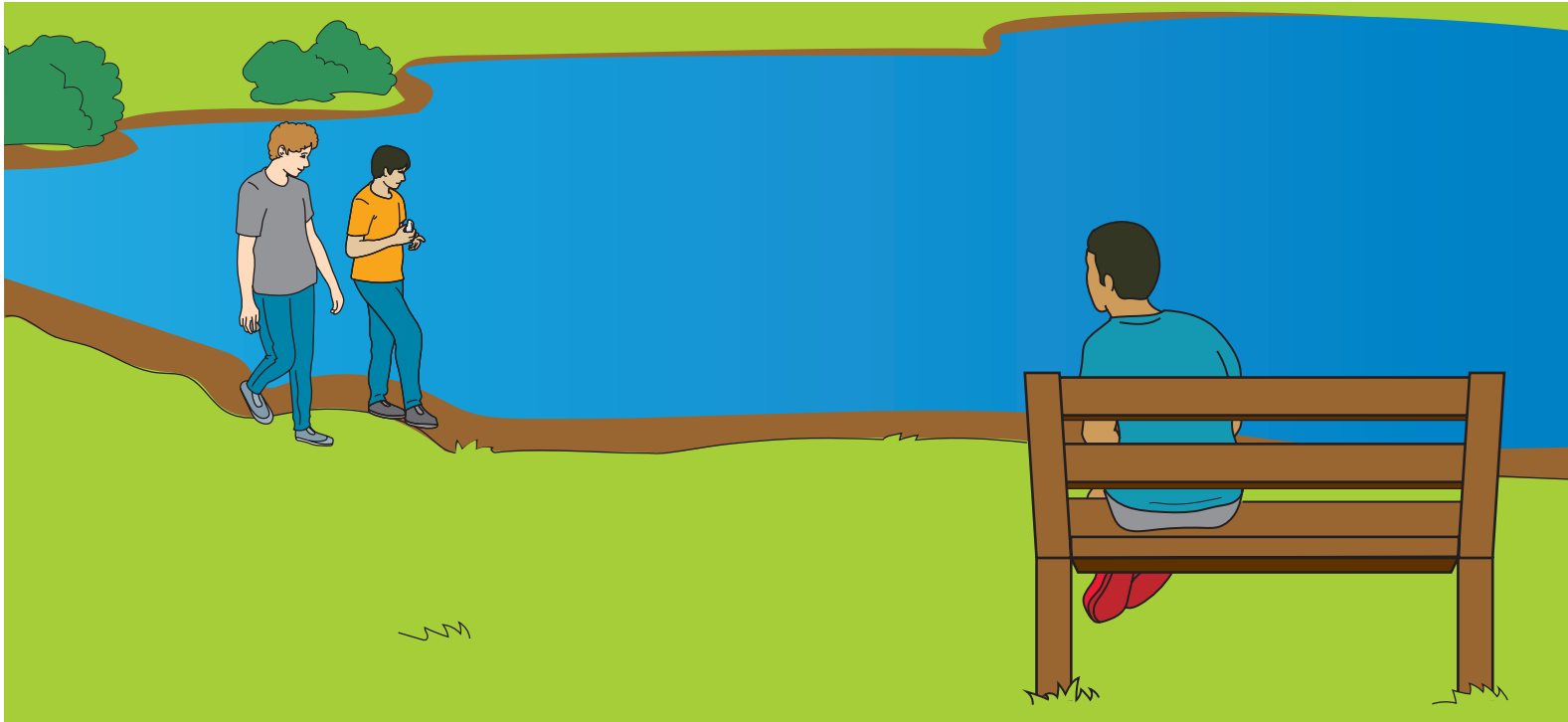
Sally gets to school early to welcome the girls in the competition.

Sally asks her classmates to write messages on balloons.

Sally uses balloons to create a colorful cloud in her classroom.

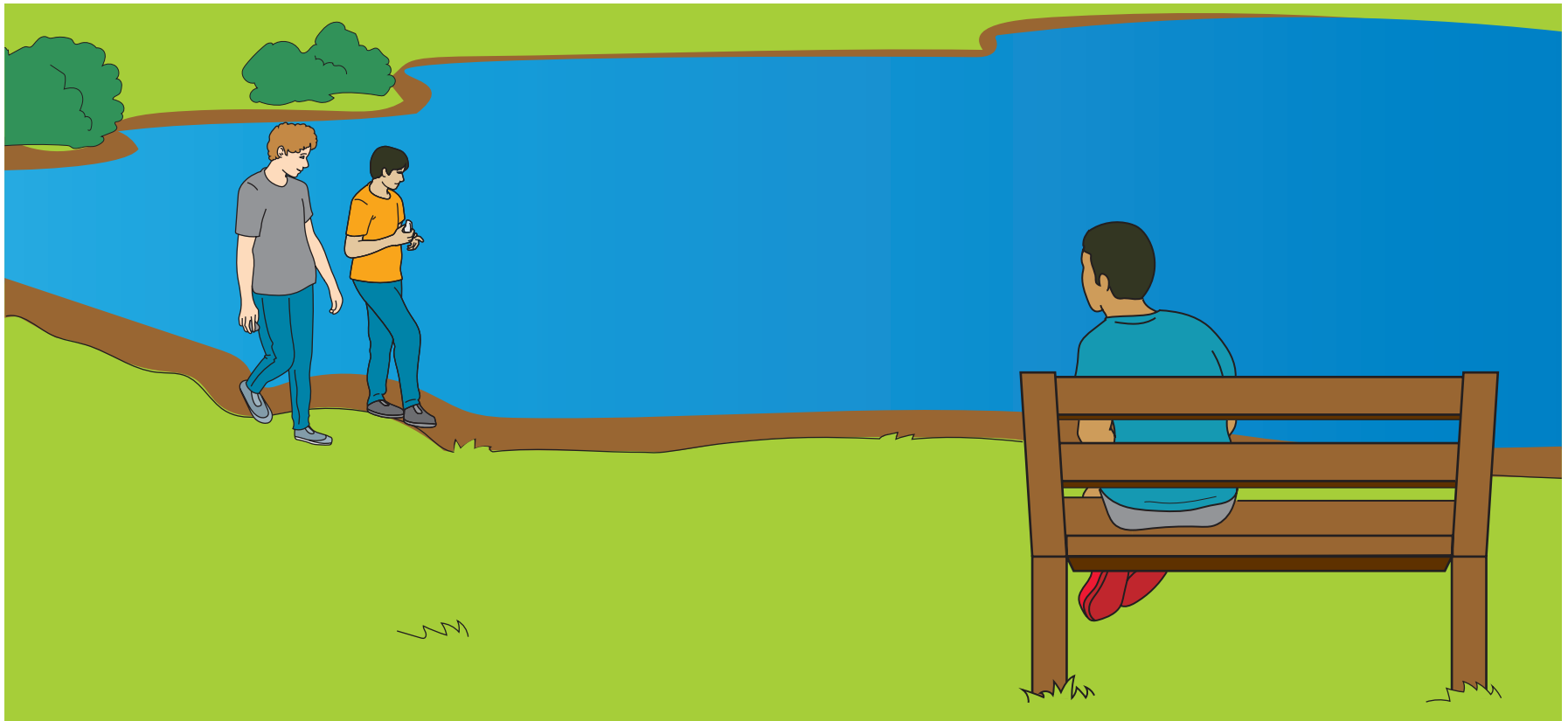


# Skipping Lessons



Aaron watches his friends Tad and Sammy pick up stones and skip them across the water.

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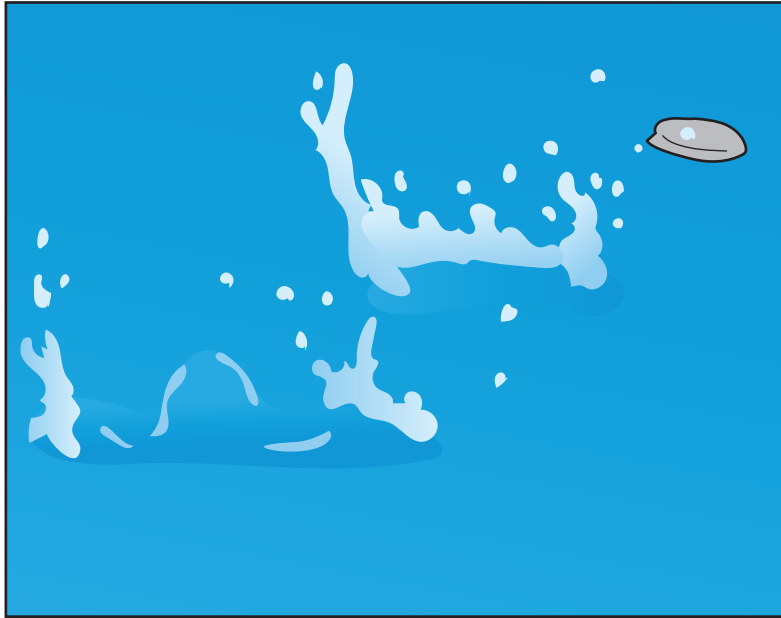


Tad bends down and picks up one of the stones next to the water. He throws it quickly with a sideways motion. The stone leaves his hand and "skips" ten times, barely touching the top of the water.





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"Wow!" Aaron exclaims as he watches the stone skip across the lake.

"Give it a try," Sammy says as he hands Aaron a stone.

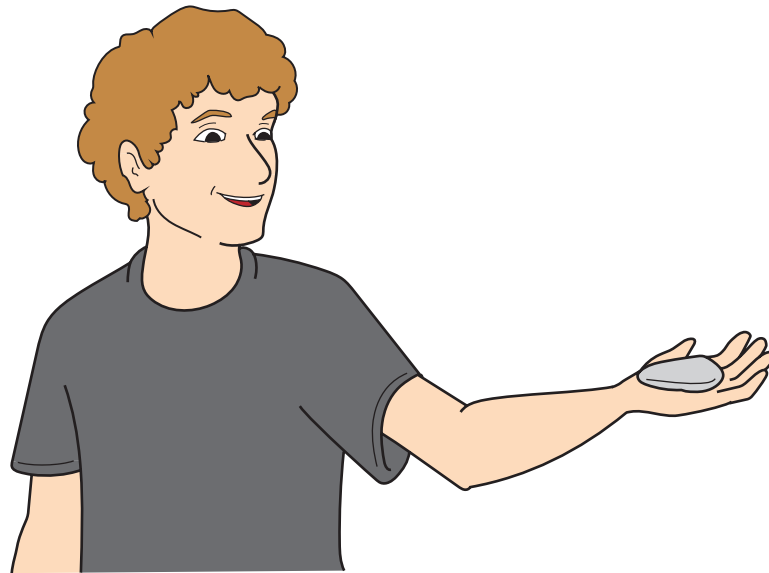
Aaron tries to do what he saw Tad do. *Kerplunk!* His stone hits the water with a splash and sinks straight to the bottom of the lake.



"I must not be in good enough shape or tall enough," Aaron says.

"It just takes practice and knowing how to choose a good stone," Tad tells him.

The boys look for a flat oval- or triangle-shaped stone. "I like stones that will fit in my hand," Tad says, "but Sammy likes stones that are a little smaller."



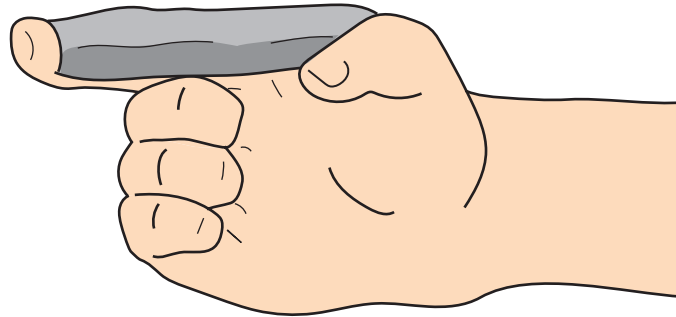


Aaron is not as tall as Tad or Sammy.

Aaron cannot find a stone that fits in his hand.

Aaron's stone sinks to the bottom of the lake.

Tad shows Aaron how to hold a stone with his thumb and middle finger and how to hook his index finger along the edge.





“Try to throw it faster rather than harder,” Sammy says, “because strength isn’t as important as being quick.”

The boys show Aaron how to snap his wrist to spin the stone. “Keep your hand low. The stone should hit the water right above the water,” Tad says.

On Aaron's next try, he sees his stone skip three times. Soon Aaron is able to throw a stone that skips eight times across the water.



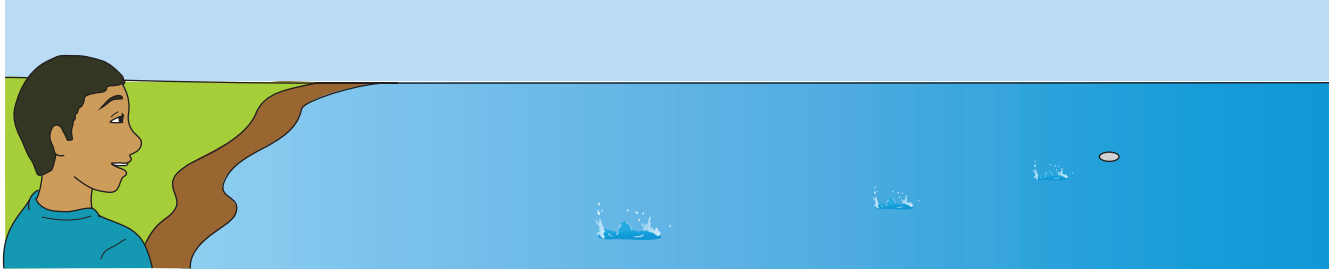
"You're pretty good!" Tad tells him.  
"Keep at it and you can enter the tournament that Sammy and I are practicing for."

"You can compete in stone skipping?" Aaron asks.

"You bet!" Sammy says. "If you get good enough, you could break the record of 51 skips in one throw."

The boys say goodbye as Aaron picks up one last stone. He follows every step of the boys' instructions and watches his stone skip 12 times across the lake. *Maybe I can be good at this!* Aaron thinks to himself.

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Aaron watches his stone skip 12 times across the lake.

Aaron decides to enter the stone-skipping contest with his friends.

Aaron thinks he can break the record of 51 skips in one throw.





# The Texas Star



The Texas Star is the most popular ride at the State Fair of Texas.



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The Texas Star  are the biggest Ferris wheel in Texas.

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The Texas Star can carry up to 264 people.

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Another popular ride at the State Fair of Texas is the Wave Swing. Kids and adults are strapped into seats that hang from cables. The ride swings them through the air in a circle. The Wave Swing is the  ride at the State Fair of Texas.

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Jenny is excited to go zip-lining.



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Jenny go zip-lining while she is at camp.

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Jenny take her brothers  
on a zip-line adventure.

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Jenny and her brothers are ready for a zip-line adventure. They are in the mountains.



They are in the mountains on a vacation.

They are in the mountains with their family.

They are in the mountains on a summer vacation with their family.





# Texas Water Towers



A water tower is a giant tank that holds water that people need in order to live.

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Some water towers are painted to show a special detail about the town they are in. Luling is home to many watermelon farmers. This is why the oval-shaped water tower is painted to look like a huge watermelon.





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Just as Luling is proud of its watermelons, the town of Poteet, Texas, is proud of its strawberry crops. For this reason, Poteet's water tower is painted to look like a giant red strawberry.





Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative

The water tower in Seguin, Texas, is unremarkable during the day. But at night, the tower is lit in different colors. For example, if the high school football team is playing, the tower will be lit up with the team's colors.

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The water tower in Shiner, Texas, has the town's motto, "The cleanest little city in Texas," painted on the side. And the tower in the town of Stockdale, Texas, is painted to look like a golf ball because Stockdale is known for its golf courses.

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The town of Katy, Texas, recently won "Water Tank of the Year." Its tower shows a flock of geese flying against a light blue sky.



Courtesy of Pat Conner

to show how water towers can tell people about football games

to compare the size of water towers in different Texas towns

to give examples of water towers that show something special about a town

Every day, people in towns with water towers use many gallons of water. A lot of these towns are located in dry areas of the state that get little rainfall. Water towers collect and store water so that the townspeople always have the water they need in order to live.

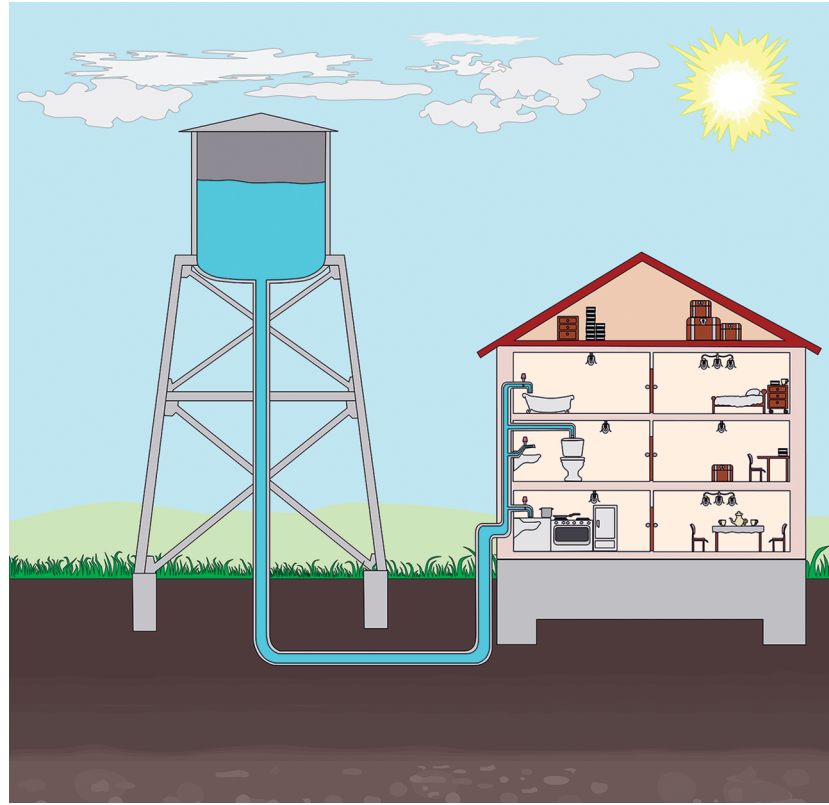
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Twenty-four hours a day, water is pumped from nearby lakes or rivers through pipes and into water towers. This water has been treated to make sure that it is clean for drinking and cooking. Water that is stored in the towers can then be used by homes and businesses. Water towers rely on gravity to help push the water from the tower down through the pipes—that is why water towers are so tall!

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