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 **Grounded
to Earth**



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Zorb wanted to **take over** Earth.
“We have **blasters!**” Zorb said.



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“Take a deep breath.
Count to ten.
You need to leave Earth alone,”
his mom said.



Zorb jumped over his dad.
He grabbed the controls
of the **spaceship**.
“You need to learn a **lesson**,”
his dad said.



His dad pushed a big red button.
Zorb was sent to a park on Earth.
He saw some kids playing **kickball**.



“I am Zorb, the ruler of Earth!”

Zorb said.

The kids stopped their game.

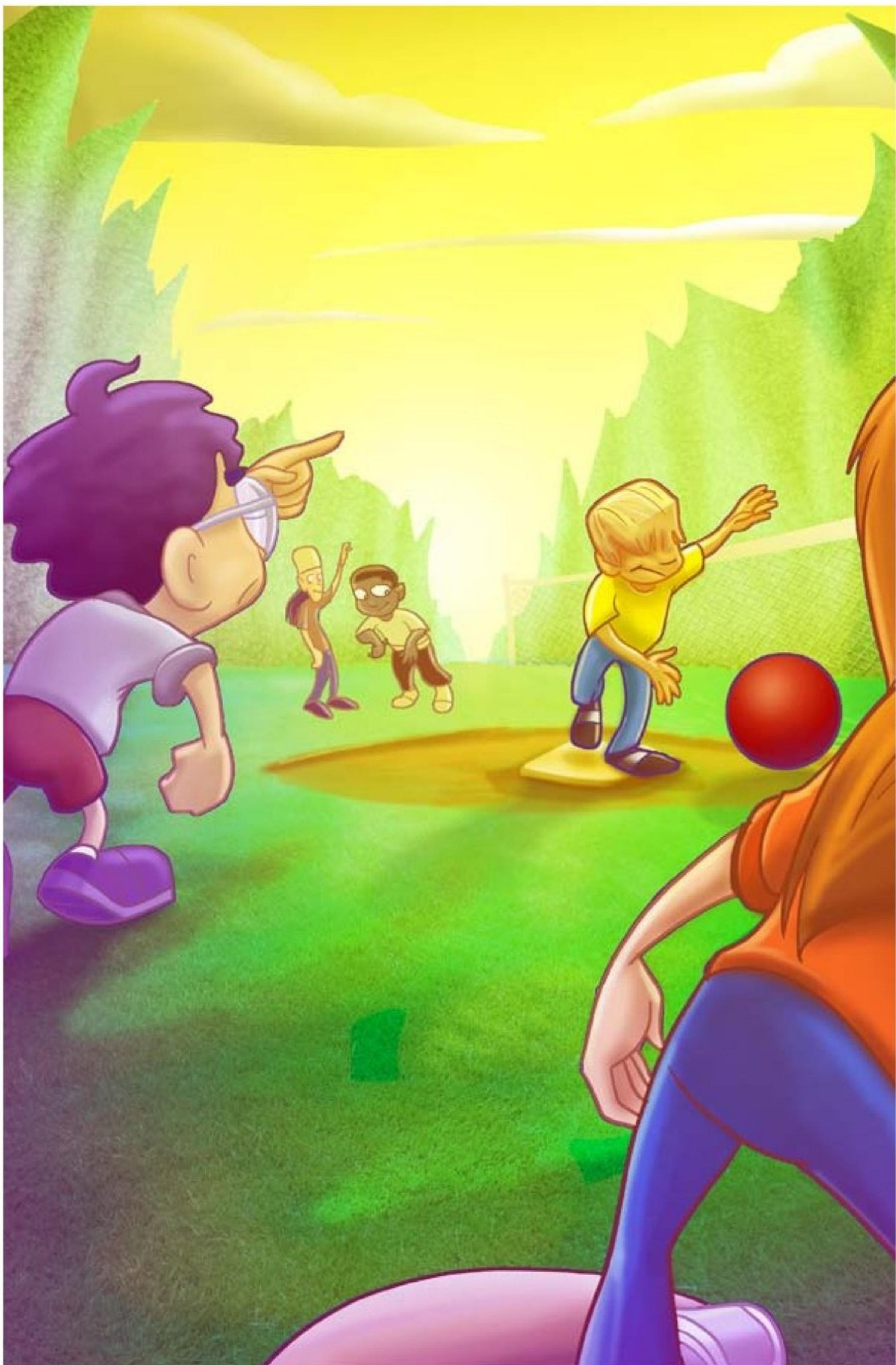


They looked at Zorb and started to laugh.

“You’re just a little kid,” a boy said.



Zorb looked at himself.
He was inside a **suit**.
It made him look just like a kid.



“I have blasters!” Zorb said.

The kids started to play again.

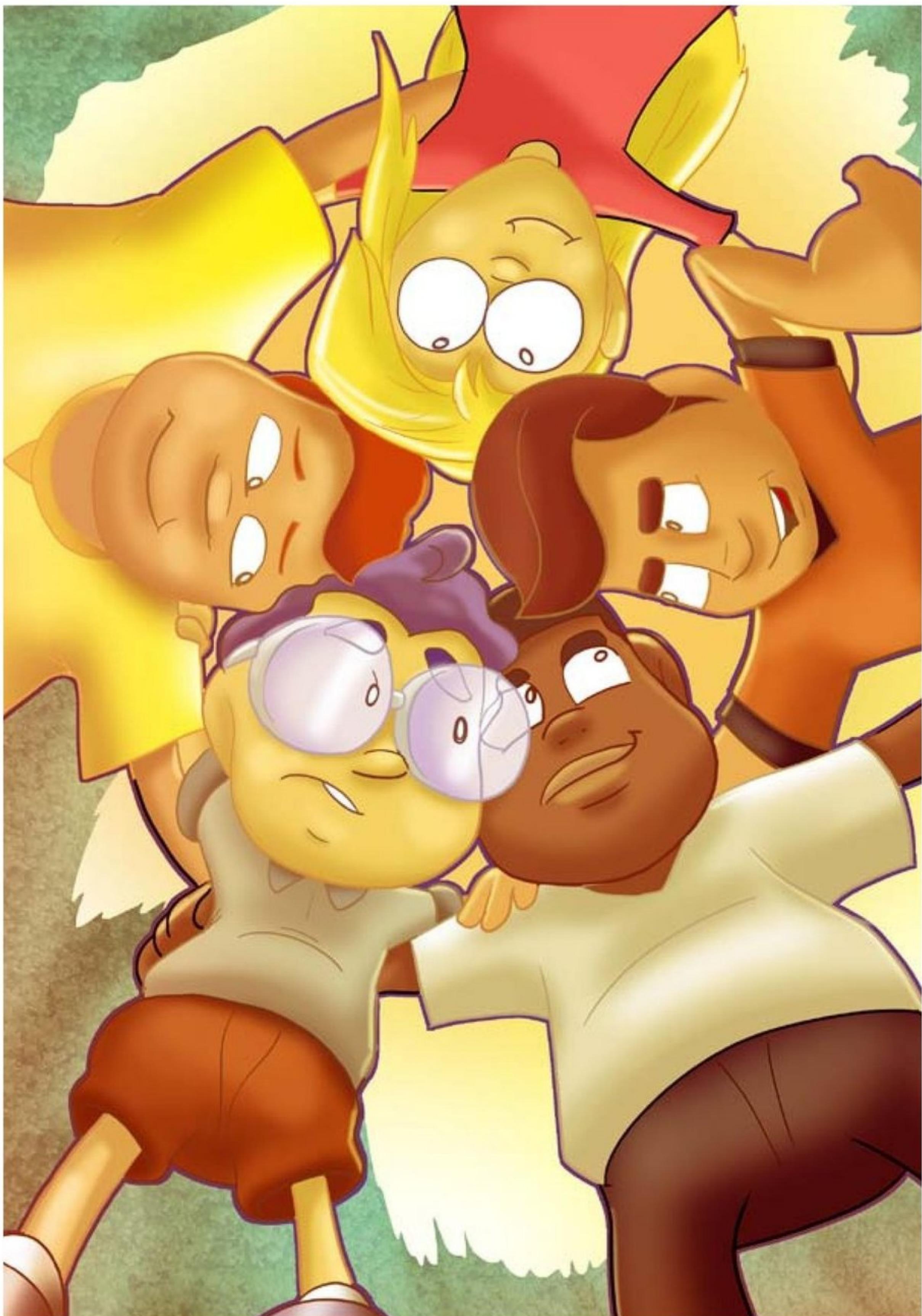


Zorb was mad.

He took a deep breath and
counted to ten.

“Can I play?” Zorb asked.

“Sure,” the boy said.



Zorb hadn't played kickball before.
The kids taught him.
No one made fun of him.



A boy rolled the ball.

Zorb kicked it over the fence.

The team cheered.



Zorb saw two people watching
the game.

“Did you learn your lesson?”
the man asked.

“Dad, Mom, is that you?” Zorb asked.



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“Yes,” his dad said.

“Do you still want to take over
Earth?” his mom asked.

“No. I just want to take over this
game,” Zorb said.

Glossary

blasters (n.)	fictional weapons that shoot beams of energy (p. 3)
kickball (n.)	a game similar to baseball in which a large rubber ball is kicked (p. 6)
lesson (n.)	an experience that teaches something useful or valuable (p. 5)
spaceship (n.)	a vehicle used for traveling in space (p. 5)
suit (n.)	a set of clothes or coverings used or worn for a specific purpose (p. 9)
take over (v.)	to take control of something (p. 3)

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