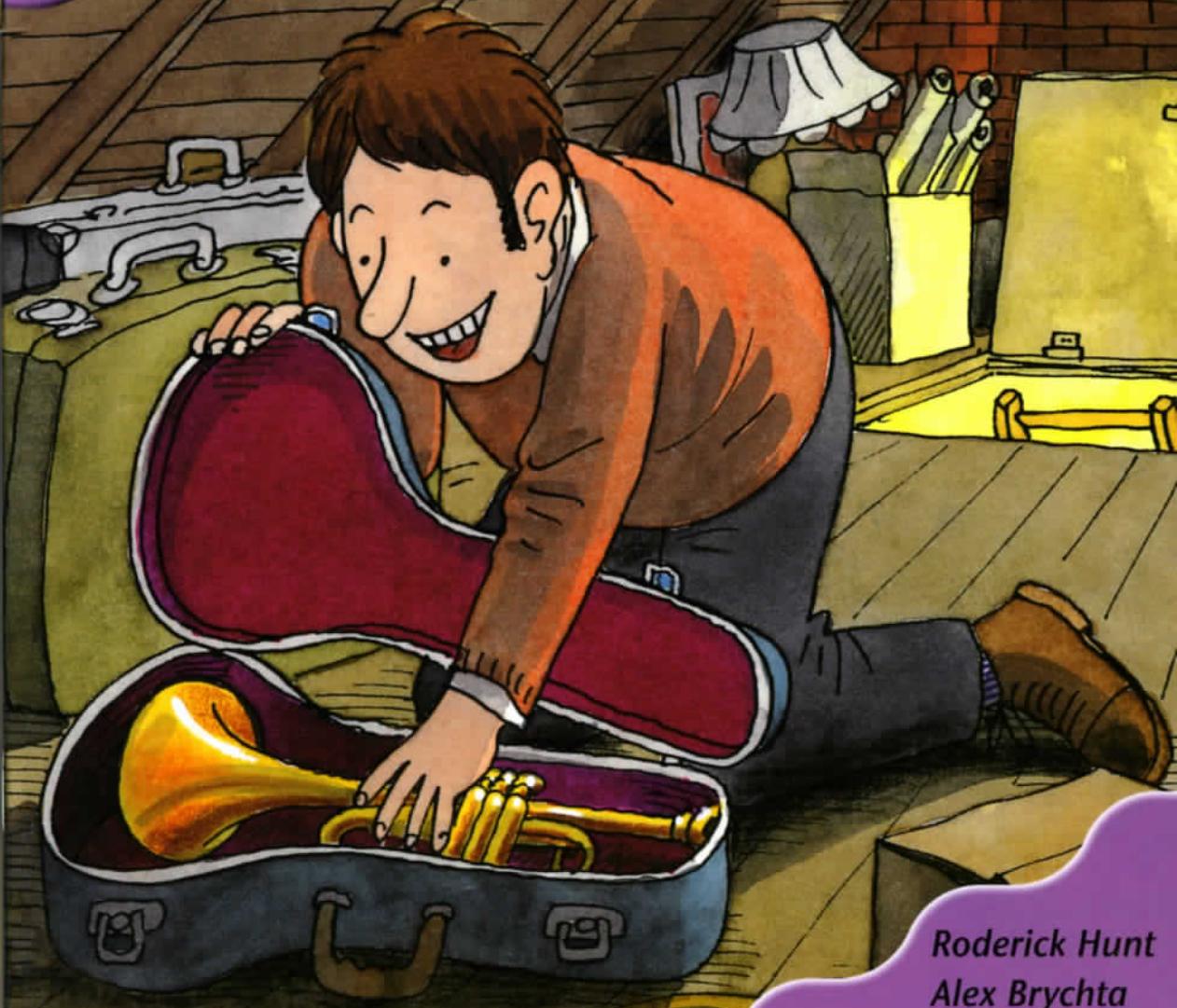




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The Headache



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What's this story about?

Dad starts to play the trumpet. Soon the children join in and give Mum a headache.

Talk together

Talk about the sound a trumpet makes. Look through the book and name all the instruments.

Read the story

W = Word recognition **C** = Language comprehension

- W** Page 1, sound each phoneme in 'Dad' and 'had' and 'trumpet' together ('D-a-d', 'h-a-d' and 't-r-u-m-p-e-t').
- W** Encourage children to sound the phonemes in 'drum' independently ('d-r-u-m').
- C** Ask, "What do you think Dad does when the children join in?"
- C** Page 8, ask, "Why do you think Mum has a headache?"



Dad had a trumpet.



Chip had a drum.





Biff had a recorder.





Kipper had a guitar.





Mum had a headache.

Play a game

Playing instruments

To help empathise with story characters.

- Ask children to choose an instrument from the story and mime playing it while you guess what it is.
- Then it is your turn.
- Have two turns each.
- Add other instruments from children's own experience.

Other ideas

You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.

- Find 'had' in the story. Use plastic letters: h, a, d, m, b, p and s. Make and read new words ending 'ad'.
- Play 'I went shopping and bought...' using musical instruments. Add another instrument to the cumulative list each time until one of you forgets something.

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Mum gets a headache.



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