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# Good Dog



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### **What's this story about?**

Floppy is showing how good he can be – carrying the paper, sitting when told, fetching the ball, and staying when told. But when he sees a cat all his training is forgotten!

### **Talk together**

Talk about other stories that feature Floppy. Ask the child what he/she knows about him. Ask, "Is he usually a good dog?"

### **Read the story**

**W** = Word recognition **G** = Language comprehension

- G** Before reading the story, look through the pictures together to see what happens in the story.
- Read the story together.
- W** Pages 1 and 2, find the rhyming words 'me'/'see'.
- G** Pages 2 and 3, ask, "Why do you think Floppy is being very good here?" (Point out the meat shop, if necessary!)
- W** Pages 4 and 5, find the rhyming words 'sit'/'it' and 'call'/'ball'.
- G** Page 7, point out the cat in the picture. Ask, "What do you think Floppy will do?"
- Praise the child if he/she guessed correctly that Floppy would chase the cat.
- Go back to the beginning and read through the story again. Encourage the child to tell you when he/she hears the rhyming word each time.

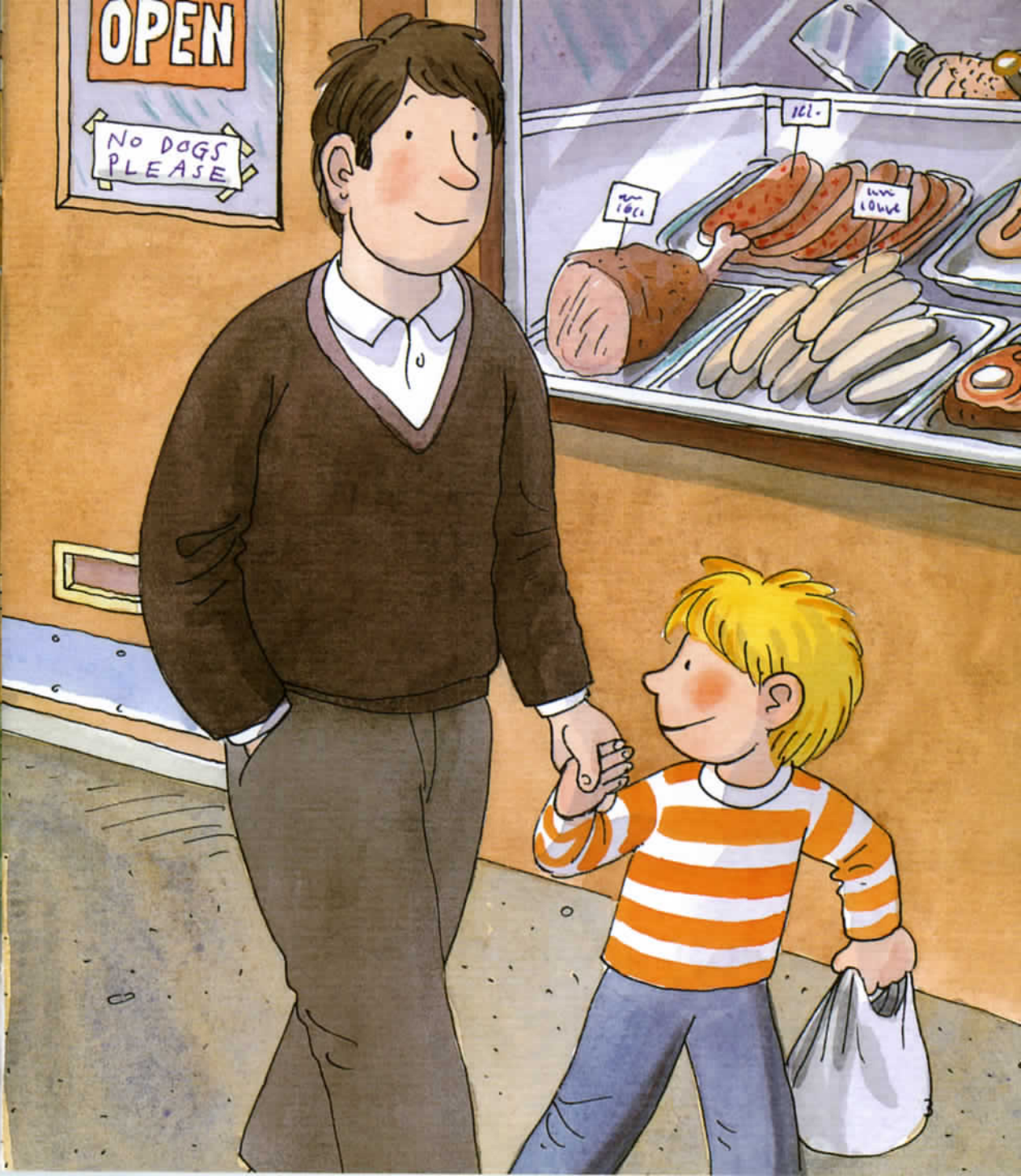


I'm a good dog.  
Look at me.





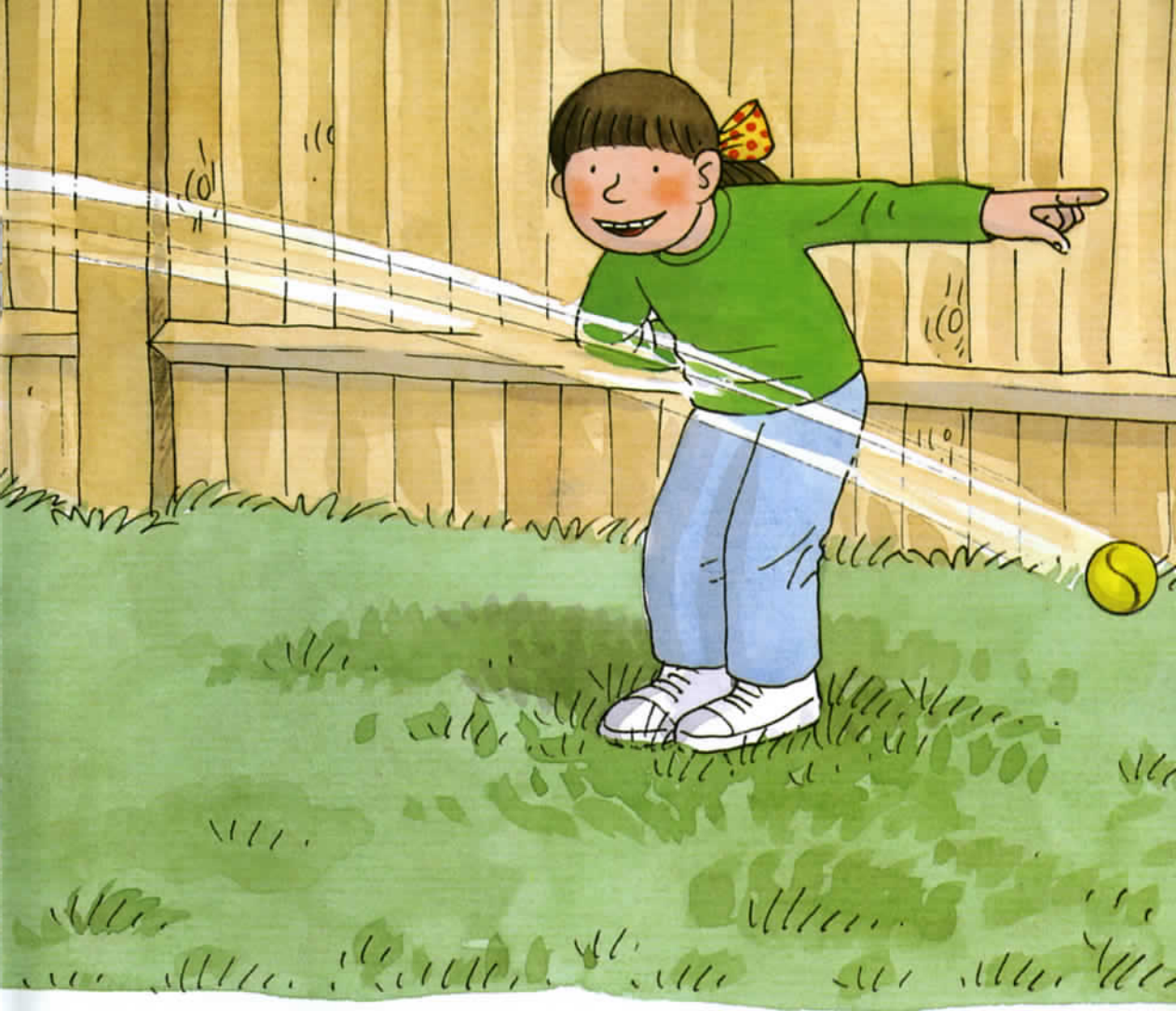
I'm very good, as you  
can see.







You say, "Sit," I sit.  
That's it.



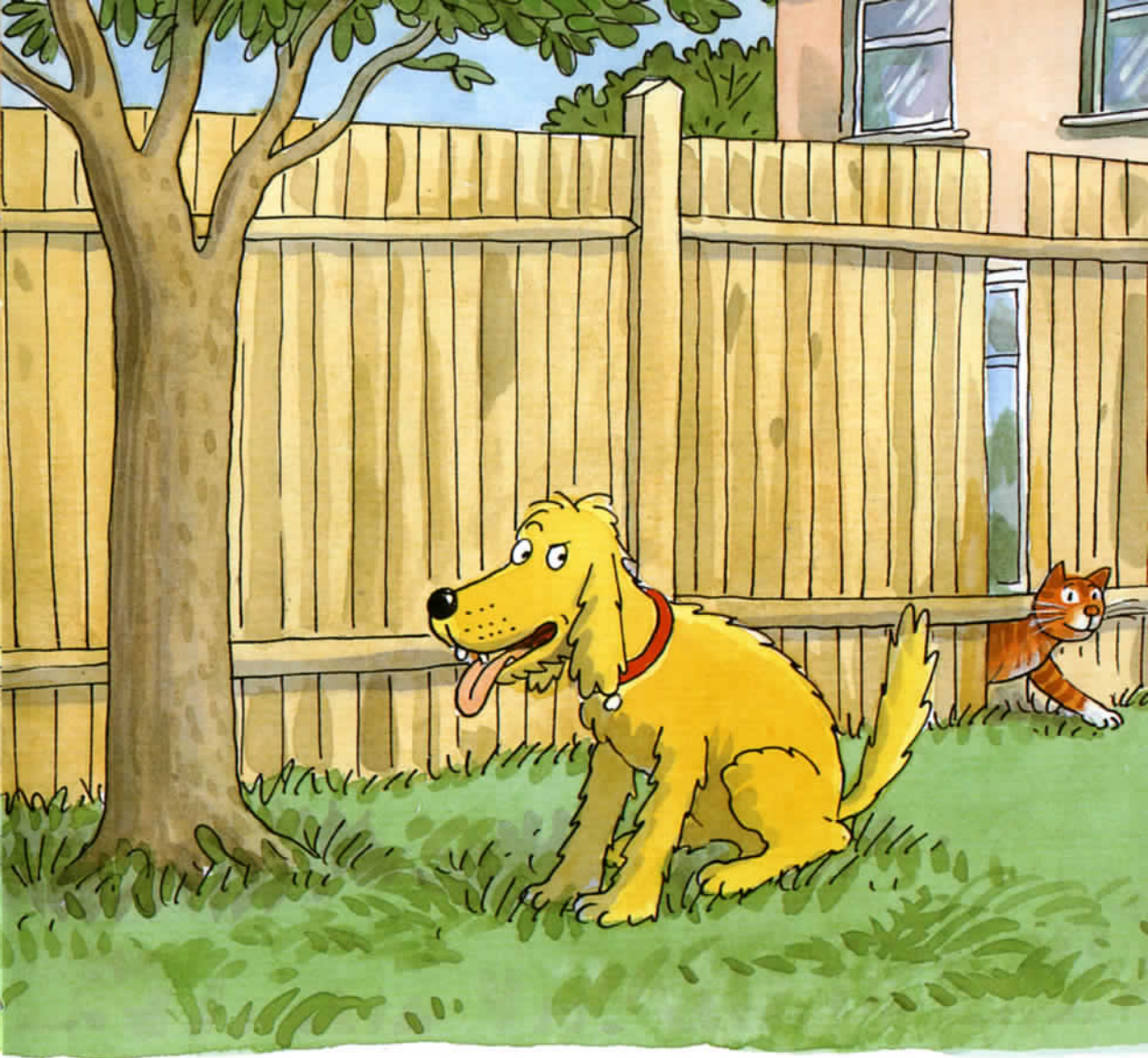
If you call,  
I get the ball.



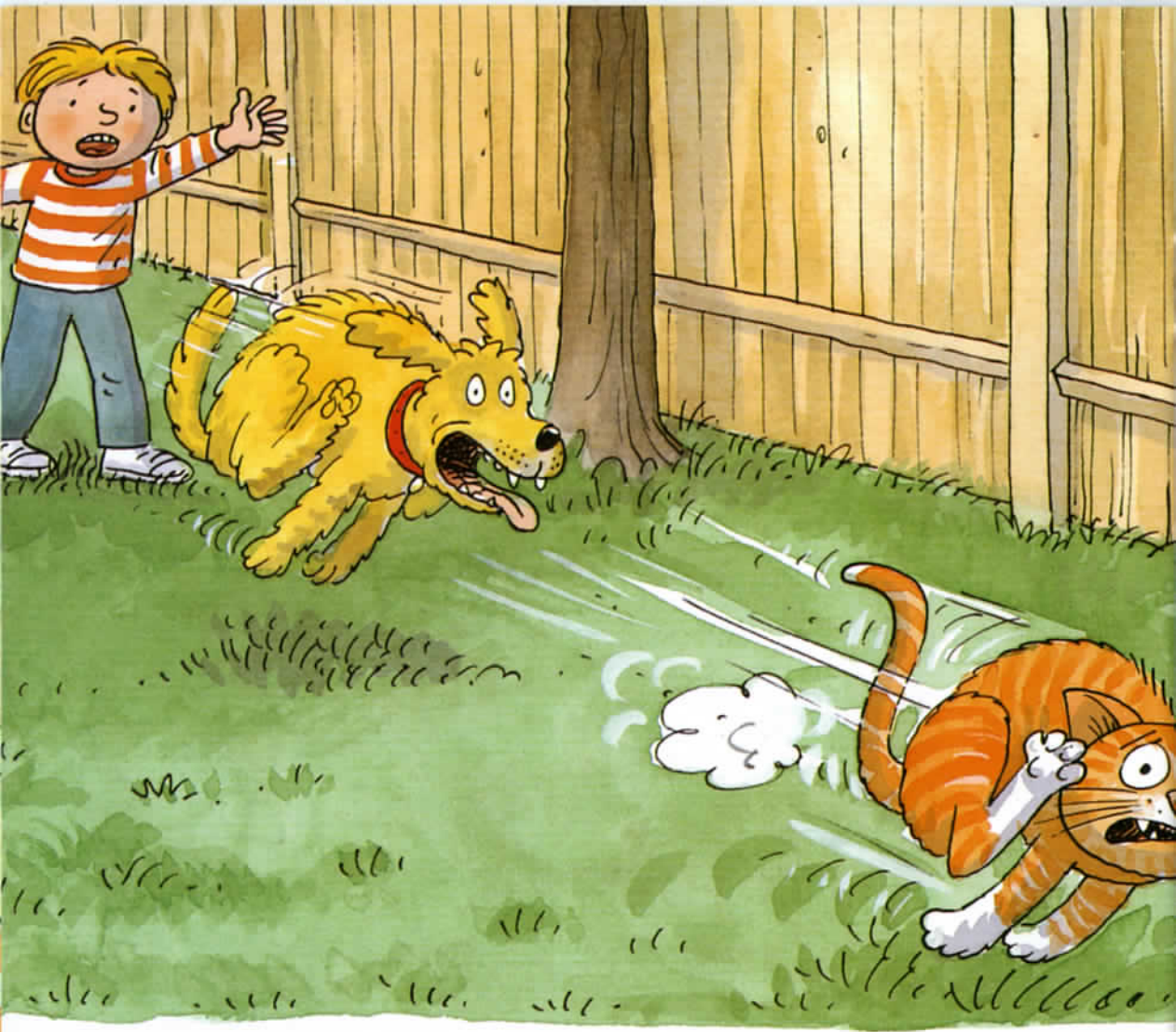


You say, "Stay," I stay.





That's that.



But not if I can  
see a cat.



## ***Play a game***

### ***'b' words***

***To help the child to recognise letters.***

- Choose a page, e.g. page 5, and say the beginning sound of a word in the story, e.g. 'b'. Ask the child to find the word ('ball').
- Then the child chooses a page and says the beginning sound of a word for you to find.
- Have two or three turns each.

### ***Other ideas***

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

- Play 'I spy' using initial sounds (not letter names) of objects in the pictures of the story, e.g. page 1: "I spy something beginning with 'b'" (pronounced 'buh').
- Take turns to throw a dice. Whoever throws the highest number draws one part of Floppy's body. See who gets to draw the last part – his tail.

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Is Floppy a good dog?



This story practises these words:

a at can cat dog get I it look me  
see the you

*This story also practises CVC words (see Teaching Notes).*

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