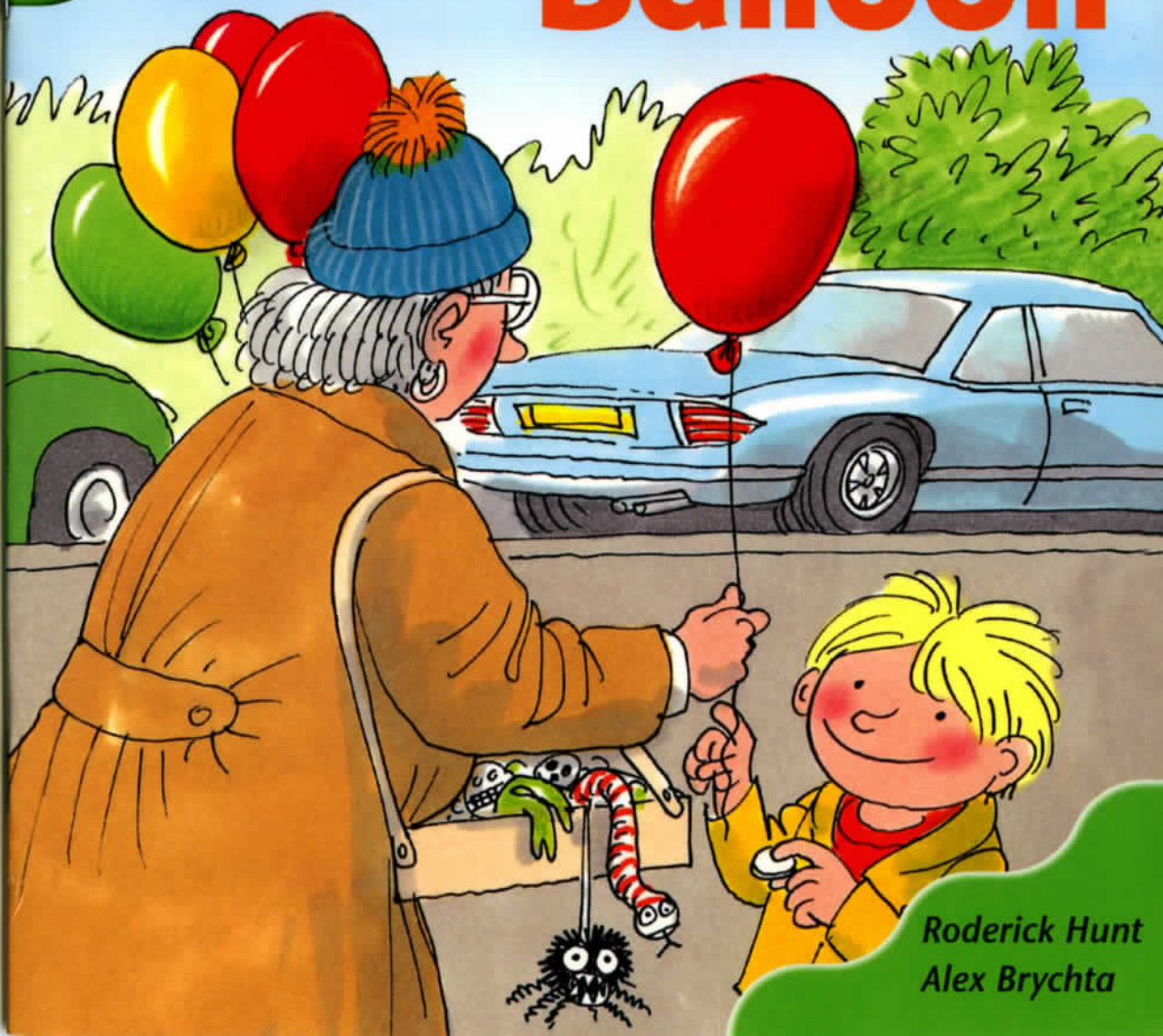




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Kipper's Balloon



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What's this story about?

In town, Kipper buys a balloon, but it soon bursts. While Dad goes to the toilet, Kipper buys another balloon. When Dad comes out, he sees a balloon blowing down the street and thinks it's Kipper's. He eventually gets it but discovers that it isn't Kipper's balloon after all!

Talk together

Talk about times when the child has had a balloon. Ask, "Where did you buy it? Did you manage to stop it from bursting?" Look through the pictures to see what happens to Kipper's balloon in the story.

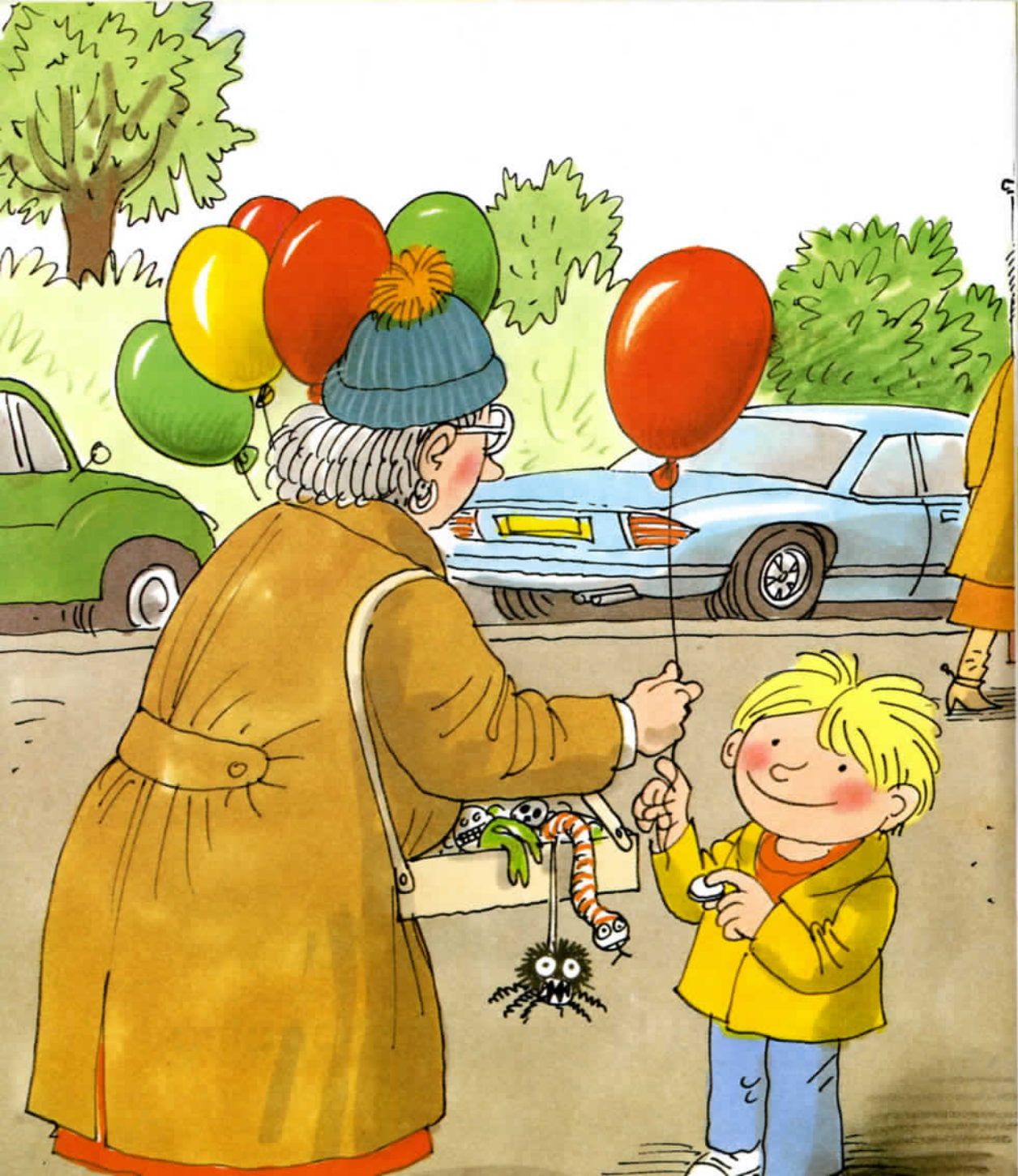
Read the story

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

- W** Read the story together. If the child stumbles on a difficult word, sound out the letters.
- W** Page 3, help the child to work out 'bought' from the picture and the first letter.
- C** Page 5, ask, "How did Kipper's balloon burst?"
- C** Page 6, ask, "Why didn't Kipper buy another a red balloon?"
- C** Page 9, ask, "Why didn't Dad know that Kipper's new balloon was green?"
- W** Page 14, help the child to work out 'statue' by sounding some letters and looking at the picture. Ask, "Why was the policewoman angry?"
- C** Page 16, talk about what Dad and Kipper might have said to each other.



Mum and Dad went shopping.





Kipper bought a balloon.

They went to the supermarket.





The balloon went bang.

Kipper bought a new balloon.





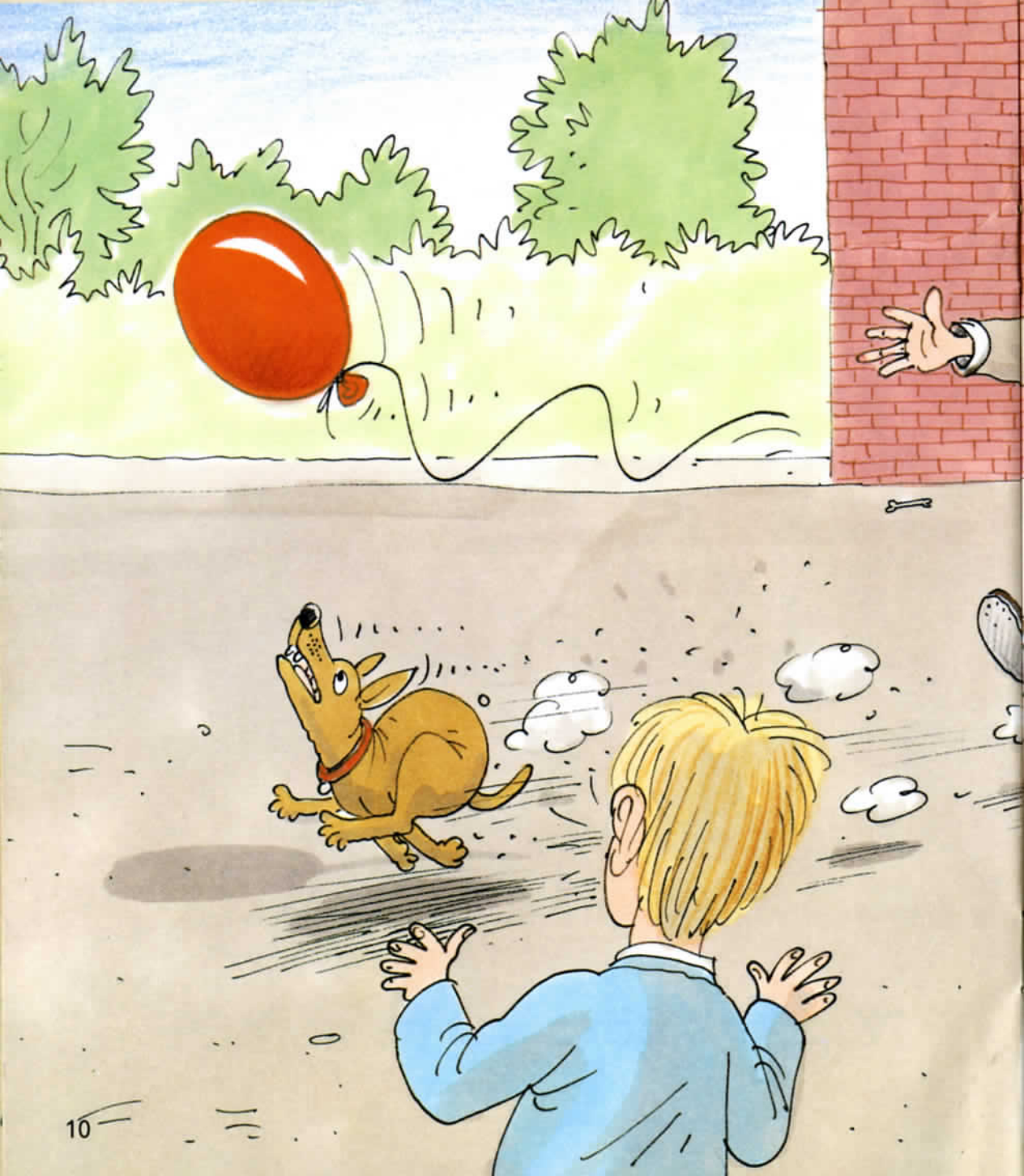
Dad went to the toilet.

Dad saw a balloon.





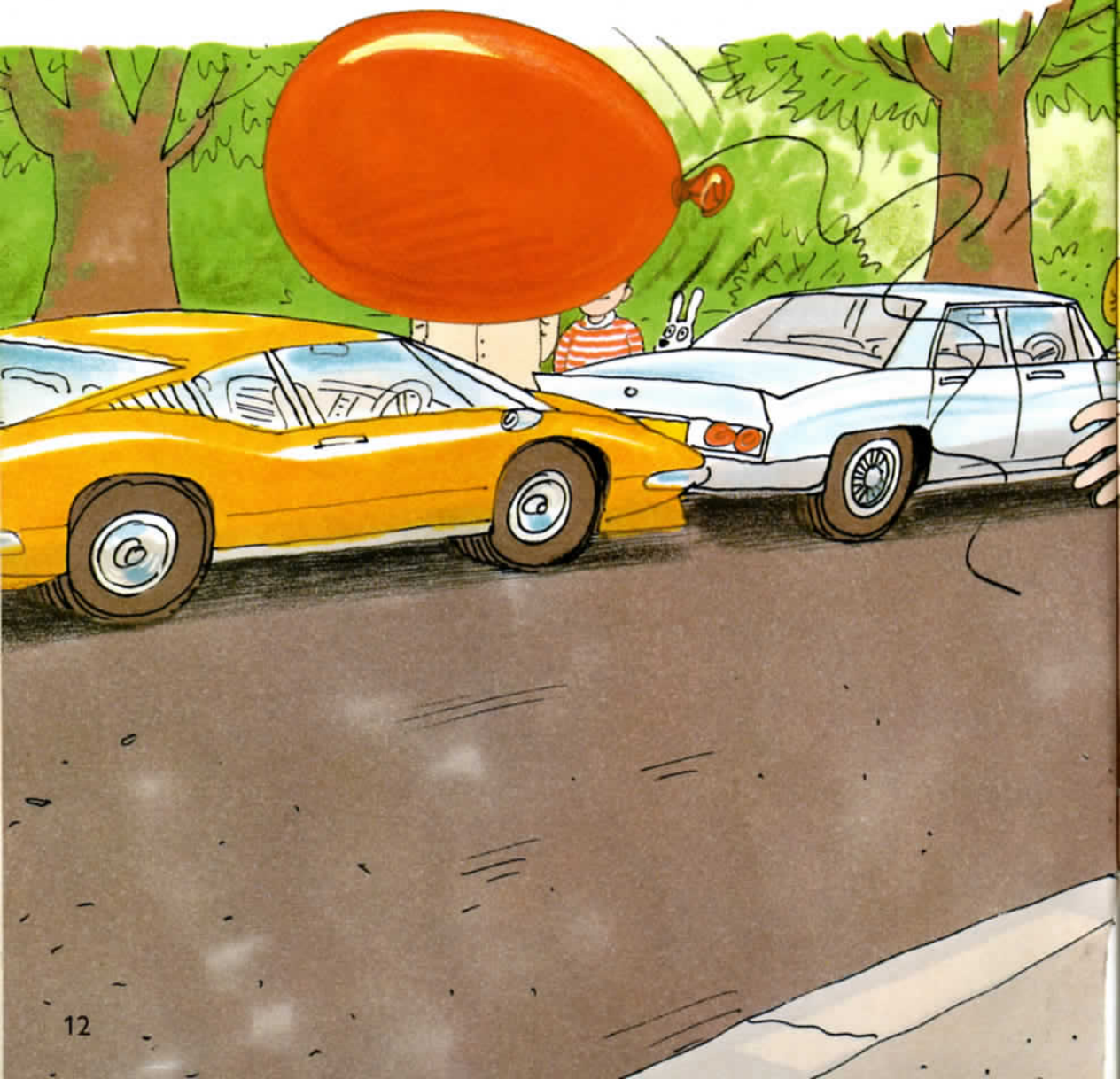
“Kipper’s balloon!” he said.





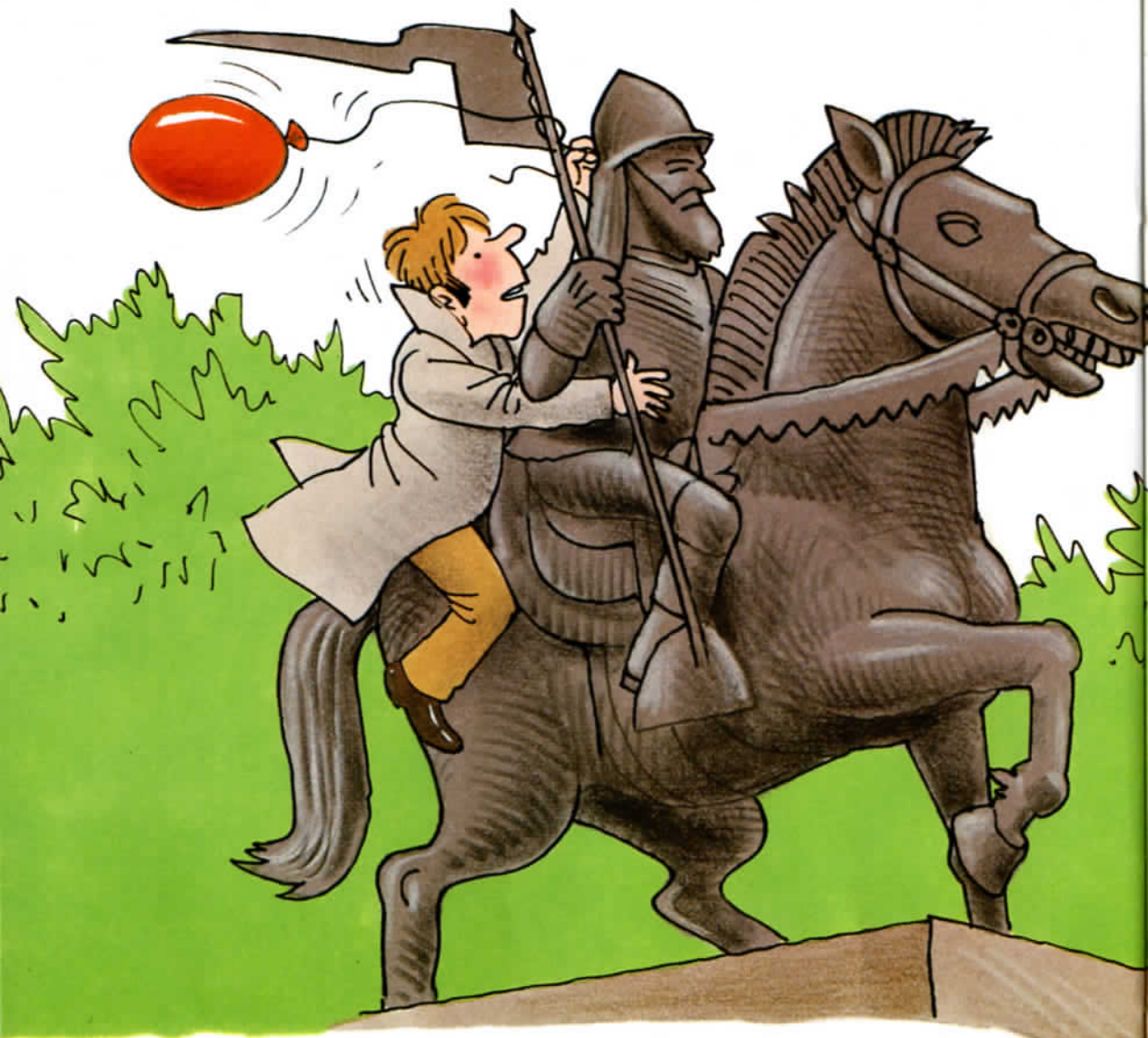
Dad ran after it.

The balloon flew away.





Dad chased it.



The balloon was on a statue.

Dad got it down.





“Oh no!” said Dad.

Play a game

'b' words

To help the child to recognise words starting with 'b'.

- Ask the child to find a word that begins with 'b', read the word, and then read the sentence.
- Have two or three turns each.
- Think of other words you know that begin with 'b', or look for them in a different story book.

Other ideas

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

- Look through the story, finding all the notices and shop names. Notice which ones are in capital letters.
- Blow up a balloon and use it to help the child learn how to catch – as it moves slowly it is easier to catch than a ball.

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Kipper loses his balloon.

This story practises these words:

a and away dad he it mum no on
said the they to was went

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