

Toads in the Road





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover picture together and read the title. Ask: *What is Kipper doing?* Talk about why roads are dangerous, especially for wild animals.
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

Say the sounds

These are the focus letters and sounds your child will practise in this book.

oa ur

Sound the words

These words practise the focus letters and sounds for this book. Encourage your child to say the sounds from left to right to read the words.

toad road load coat coach hurt turn

Read these words together

These words are common but children may find them hard to read at this stage.

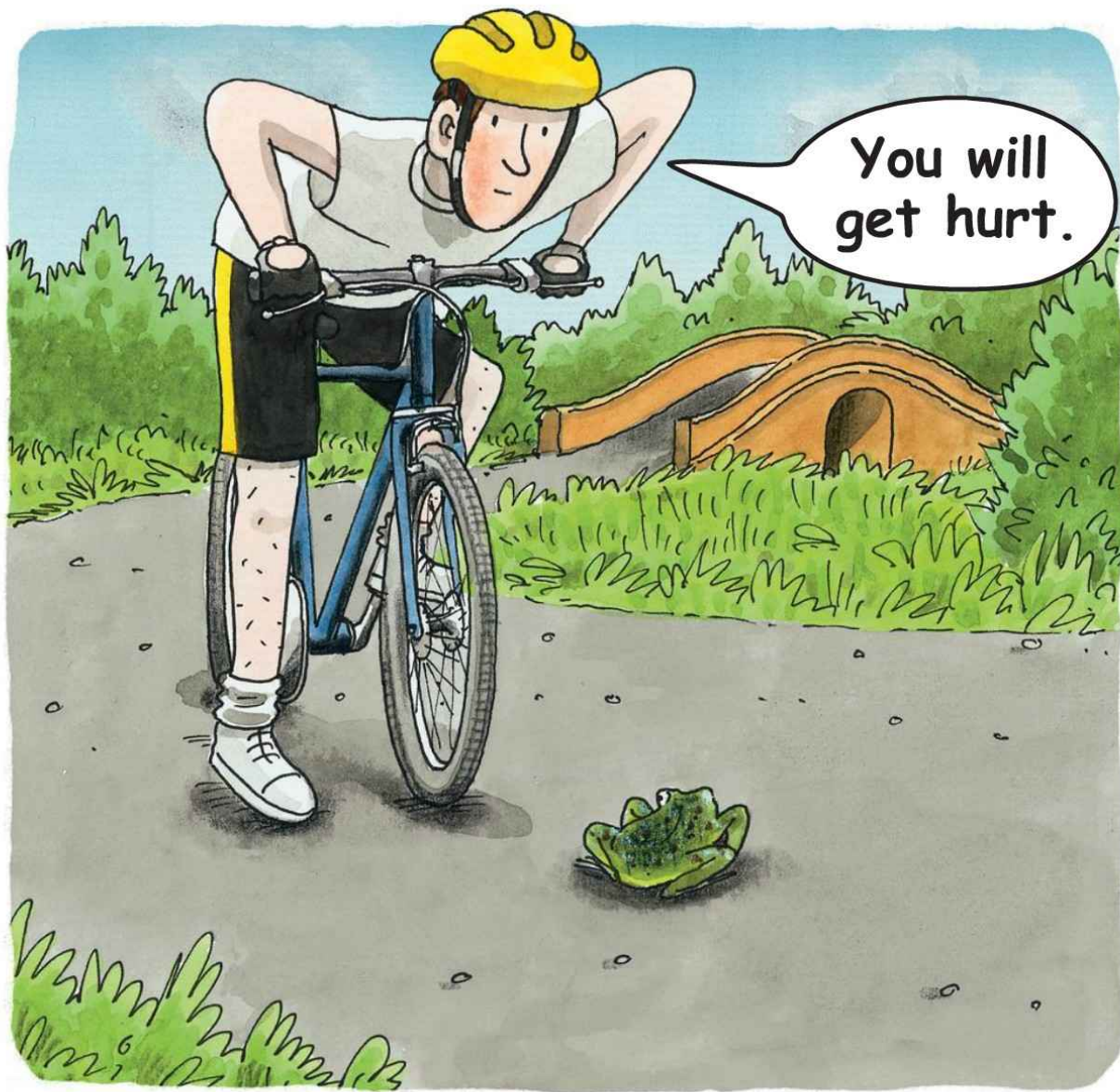
we was you they are



Enjoy reading and talking about the book together!

See the inside back cover for more ideas.

A toad was on the road.



Dad put the toad down.

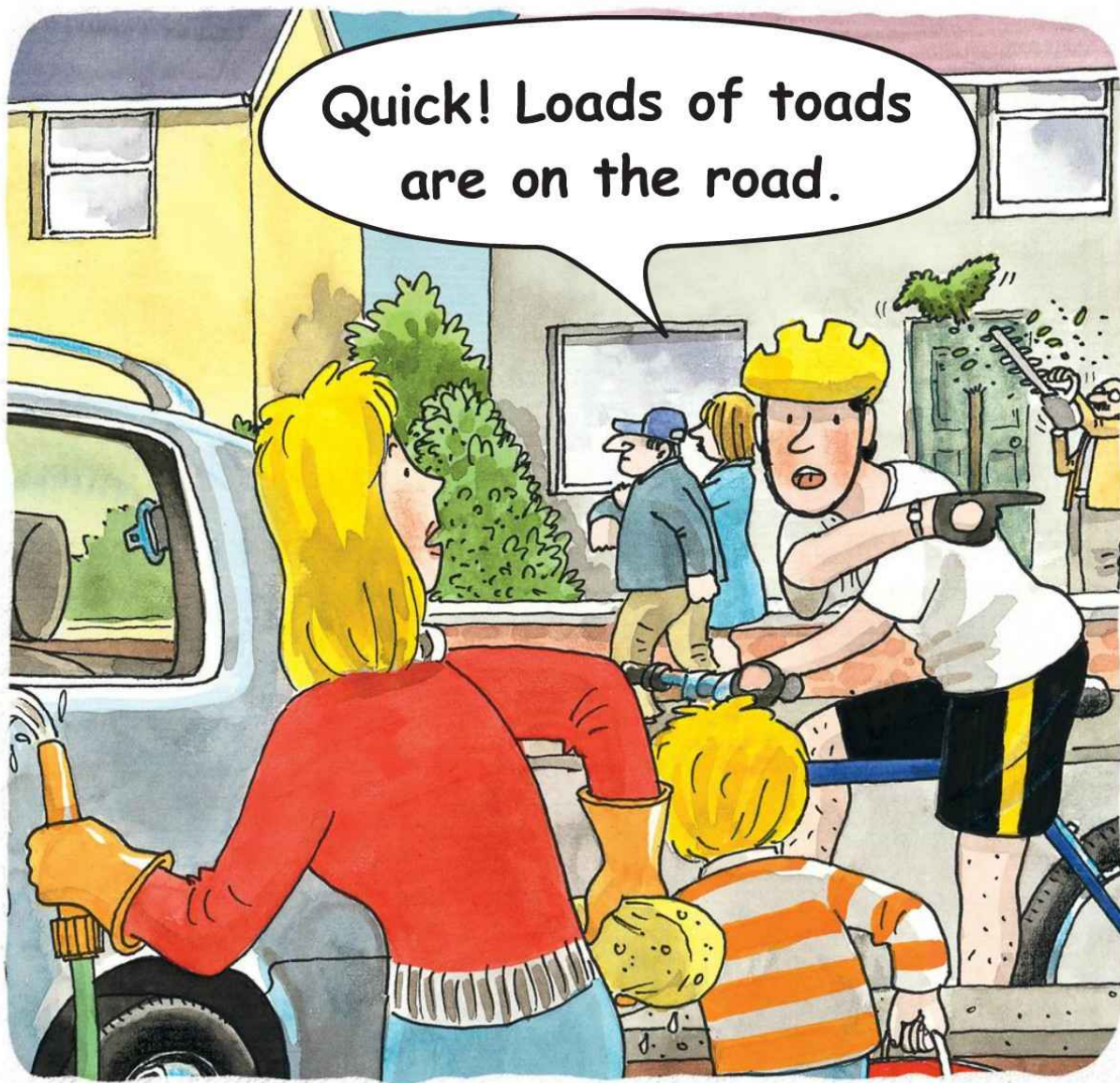
You will not
get hurt, now.



Loads of toads!



Dad ran to get Mum.

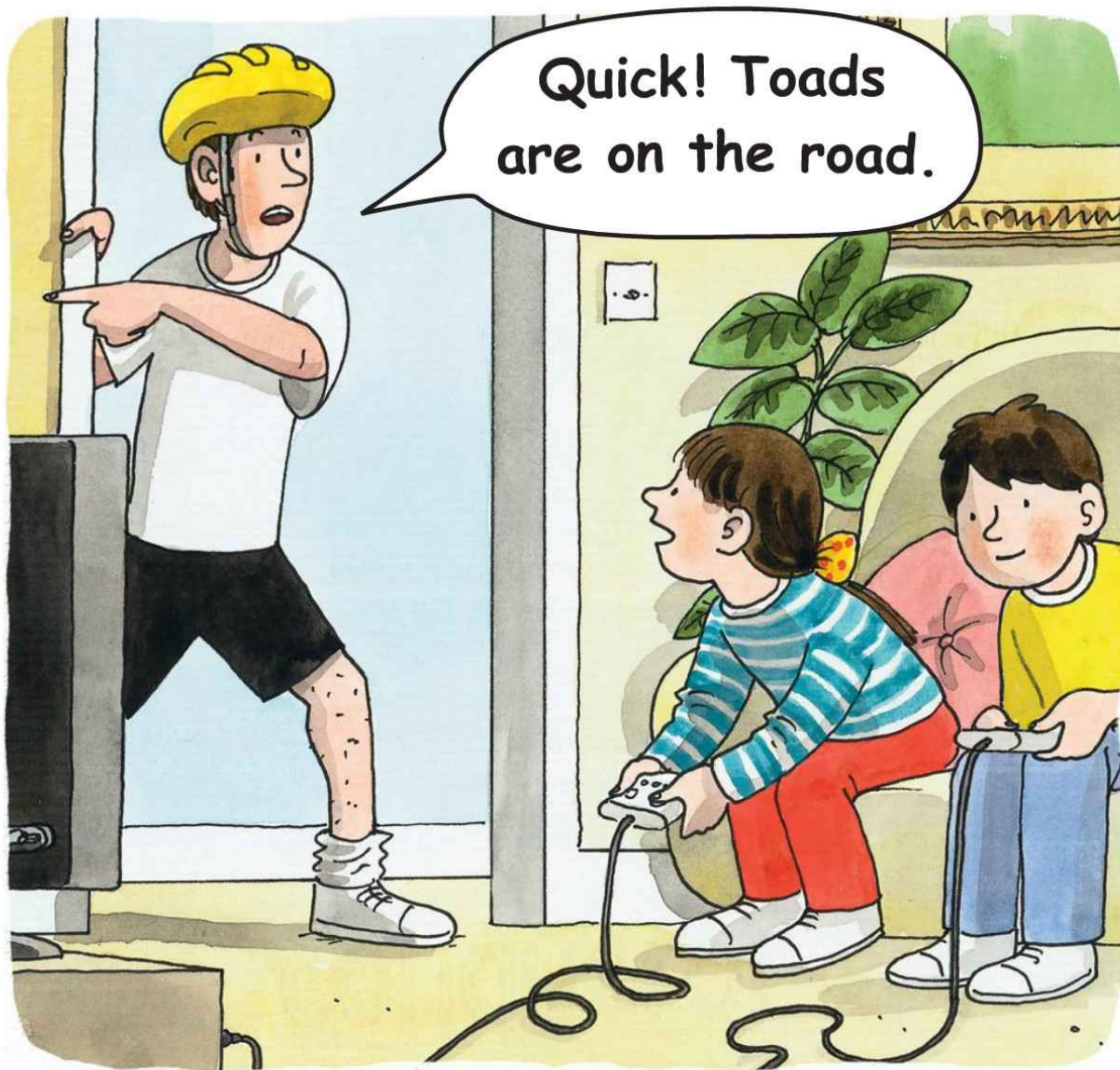


Mum rang Wilma's mum.



Dad got Biff and Chip.

Quick! Toads
are on the road.



Wilma's mum had a big coat for Dad.
Dad put the coat on.

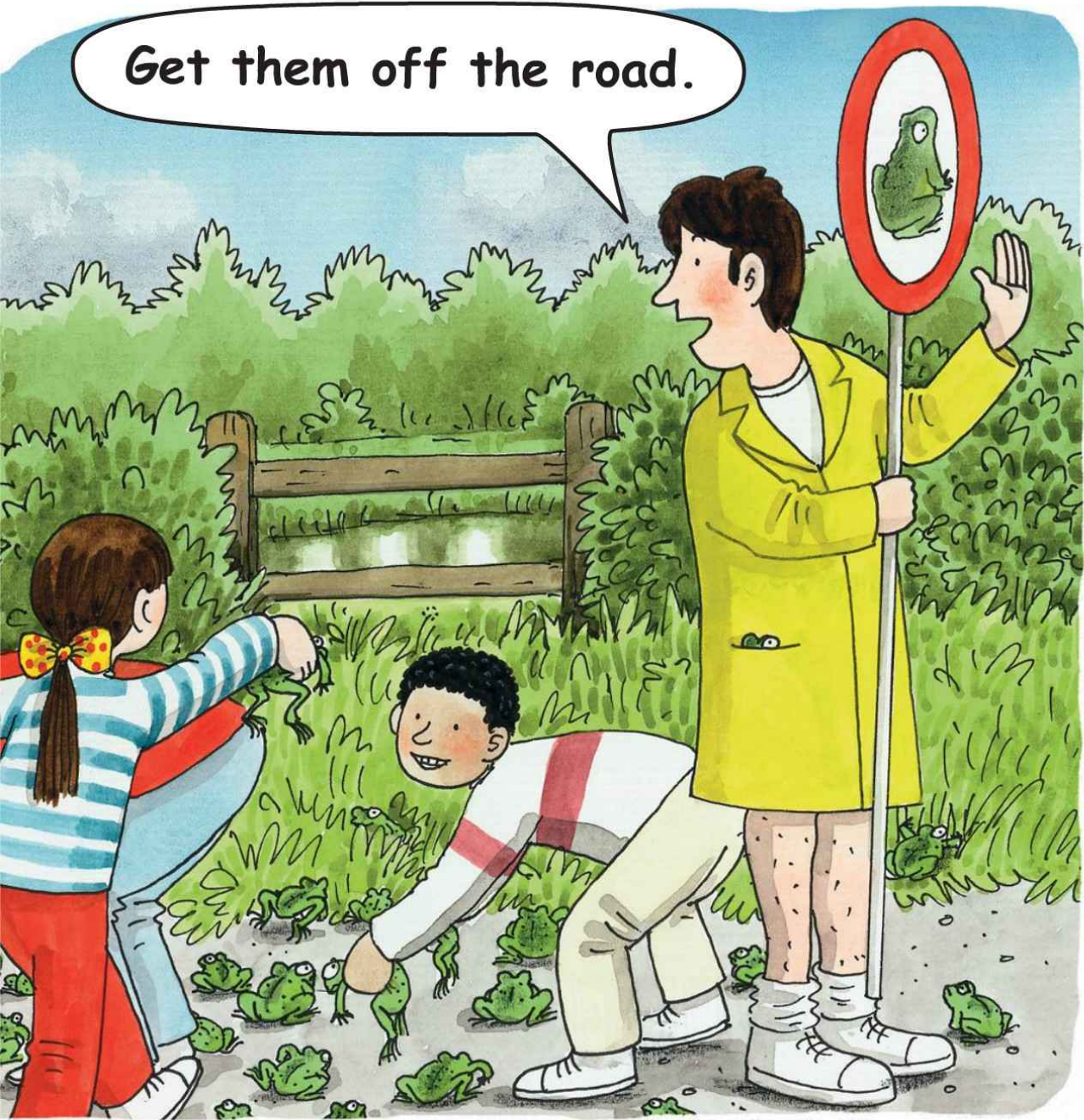


They ran to get the toads.

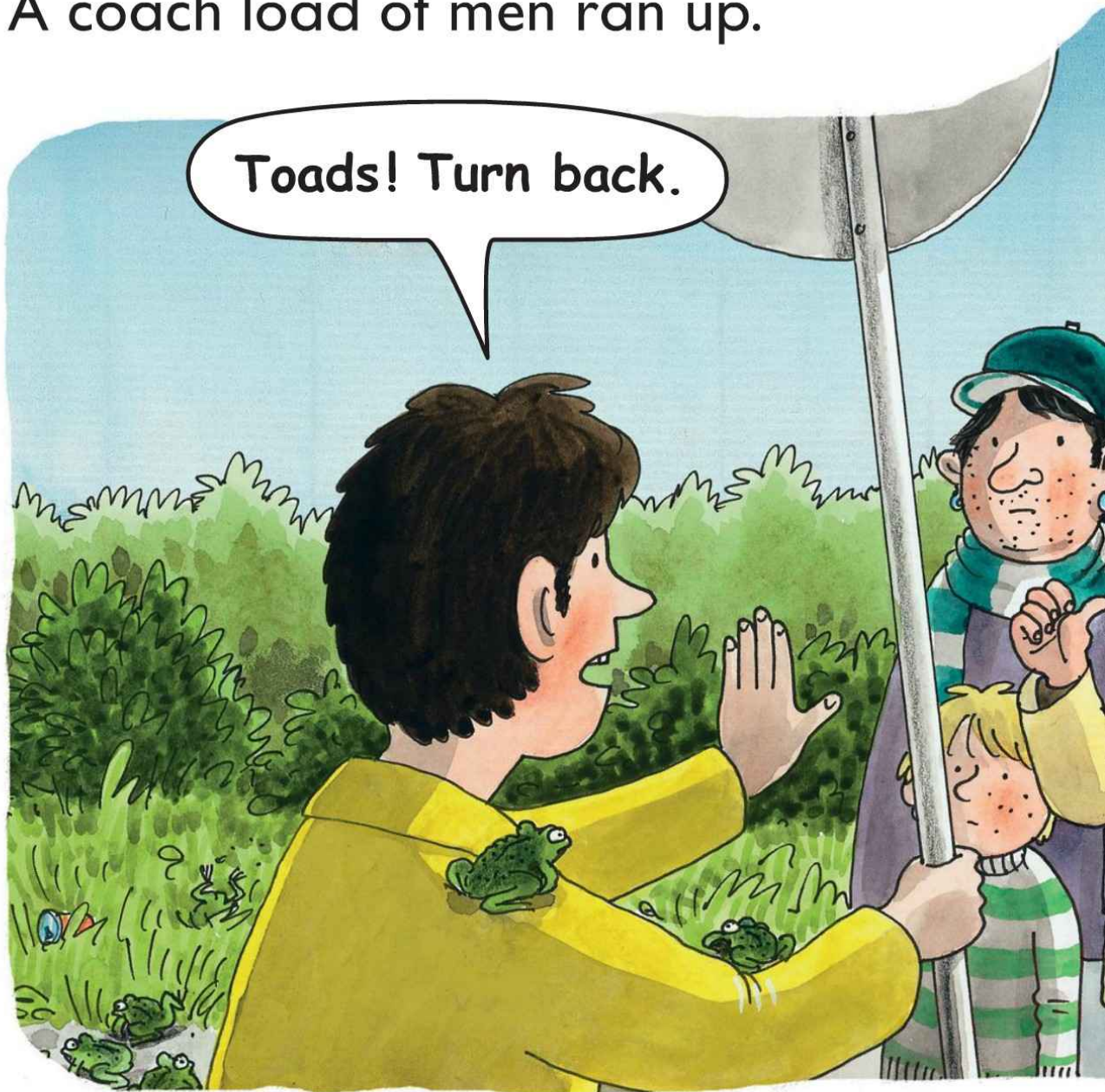
Pick up the toads.



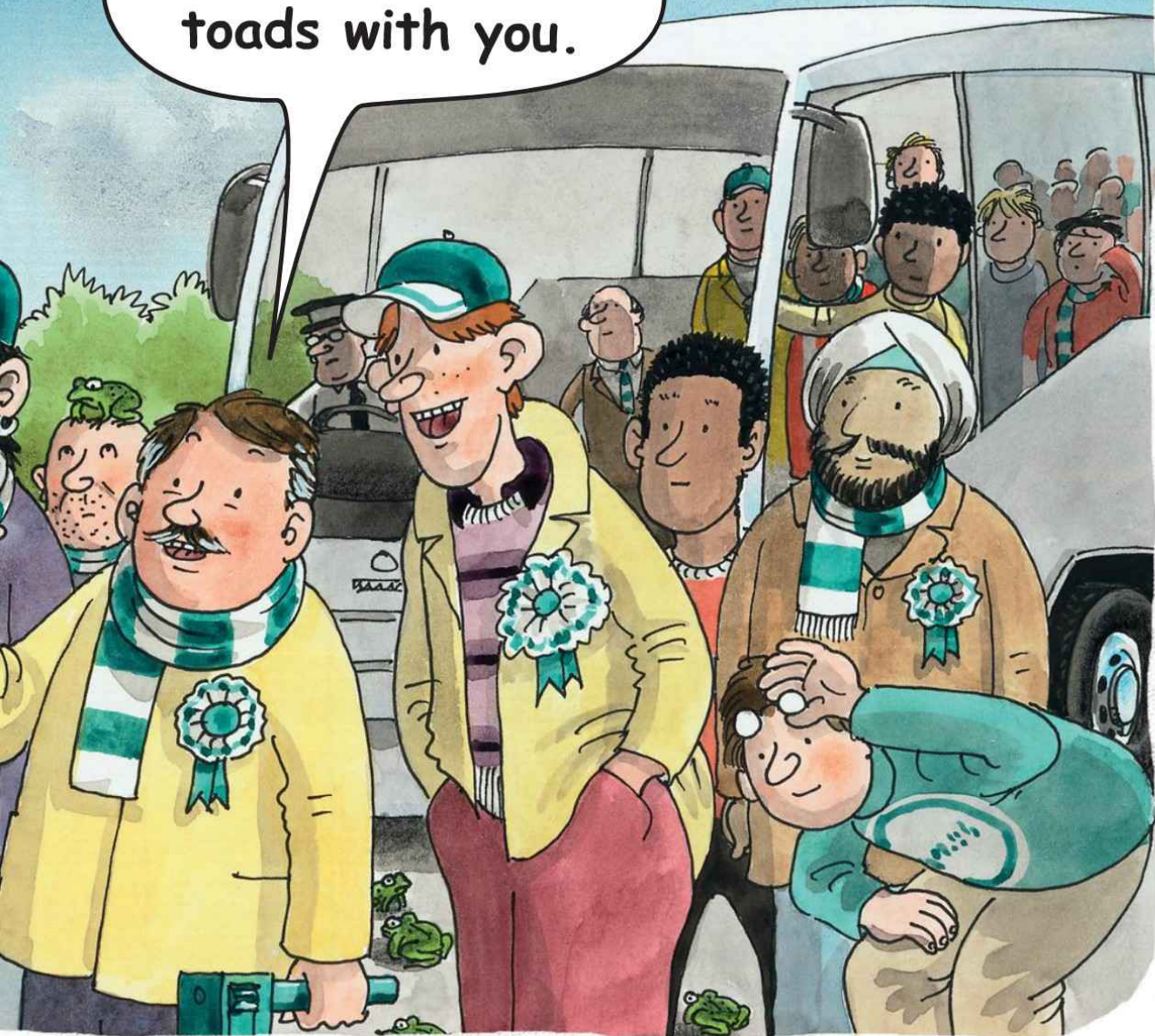
Get them off the road.



A coach load of men ran up.

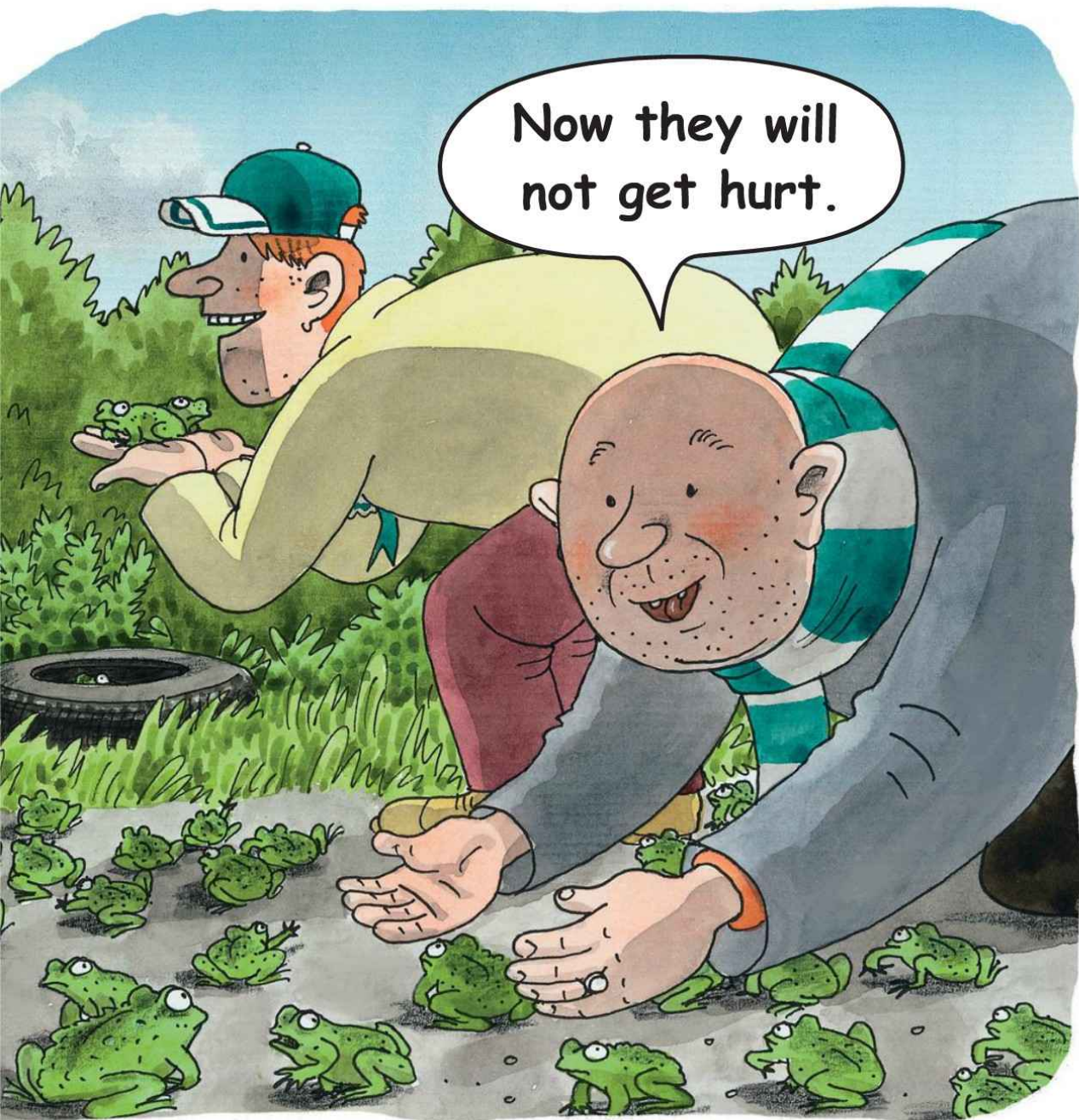


We can pick up
toads with you.



The men ran to pick up the toads.

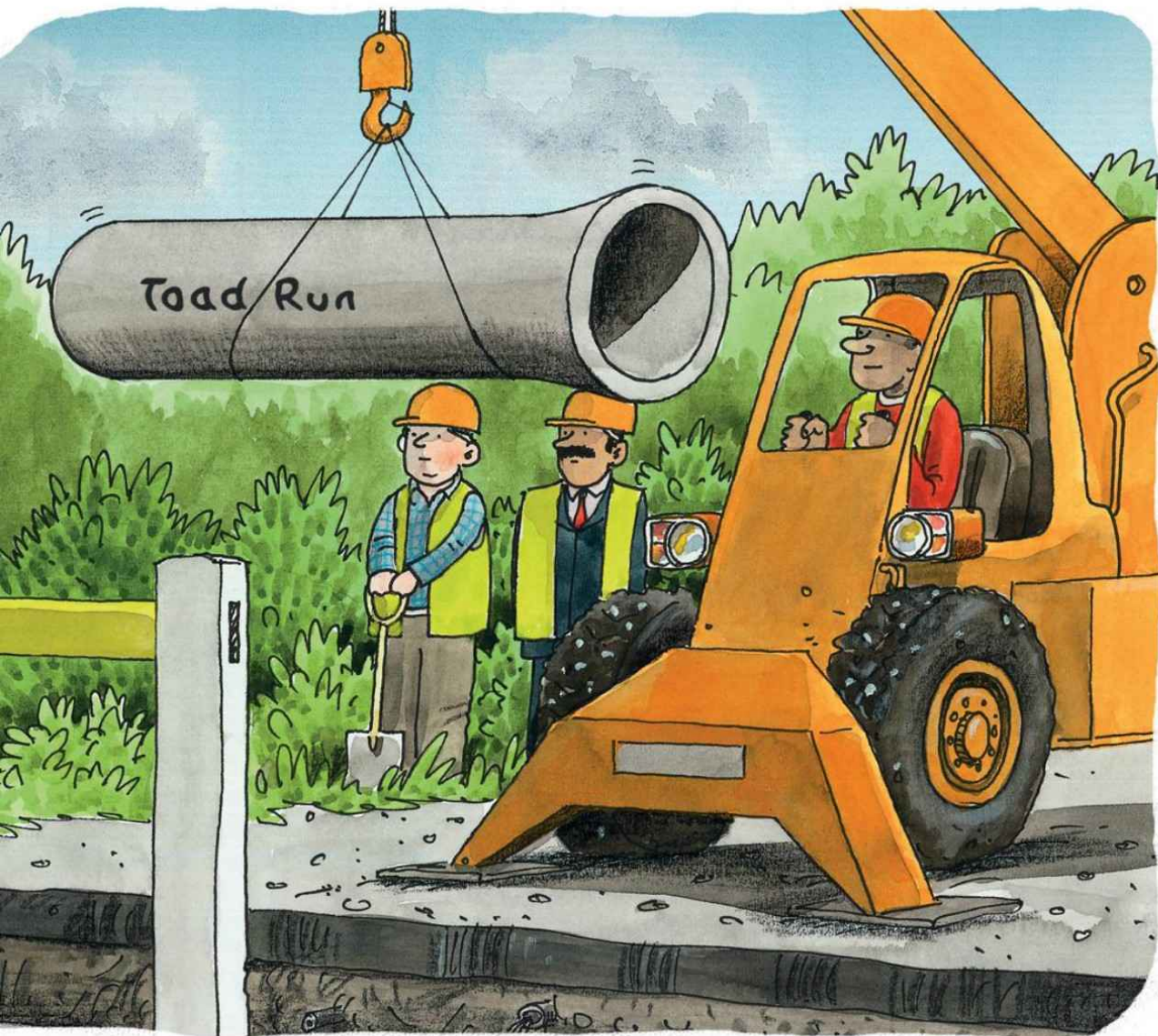




The road was shut.
Men dug it up.



They put a toad run in the road.



The toads will
not get hurt, now.



AFTER READING

Toad rhymes

- Ask: *How many words can you find in the book that rhyme with toad? (two: road, load)*

WHAT IS BLENDING?

For reading (decoding) say the sounds from left to right of the word and blend the sounds to hear the whole word.

How to blend

Point under each grapheme (letter or letter group) as you say the sound, then run your finger under the whole word as you say the whole (or blended) word.

e.g. **t-oa-d toad**



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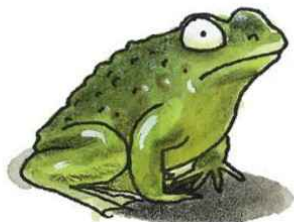
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