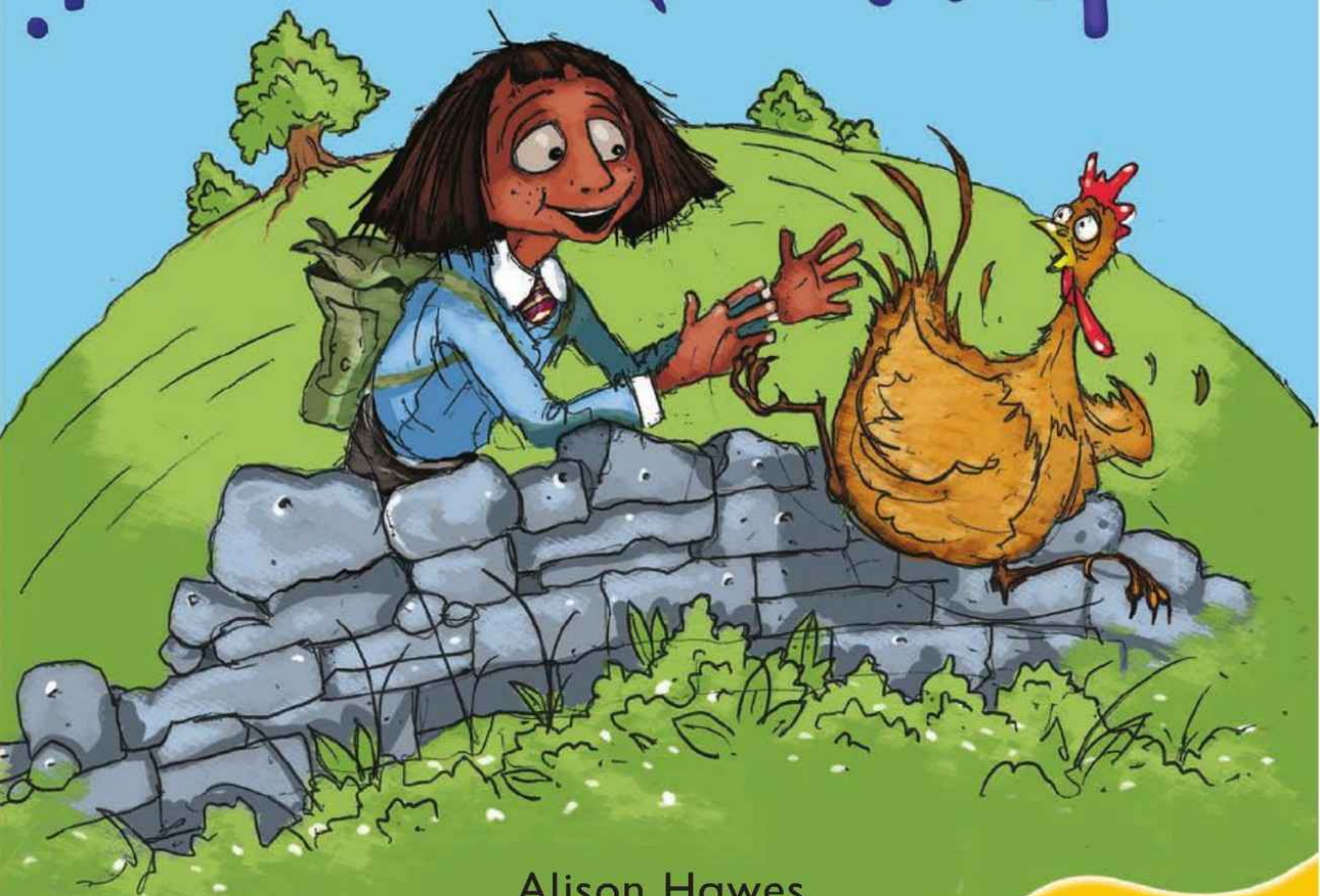


Snapdragons

The School Trip



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What is the story about?

Tom wrote this account of a farm trip. Mrs Hood, the farmer, asks the children not to make a noise around the animals, but Aneesa is noisy in front of the hens, horses and lambs. Mr Bell, the teacher, is cross. When the geese start to chase Tom, noisy Aneesa comes to his rescue and frightens the geese away.

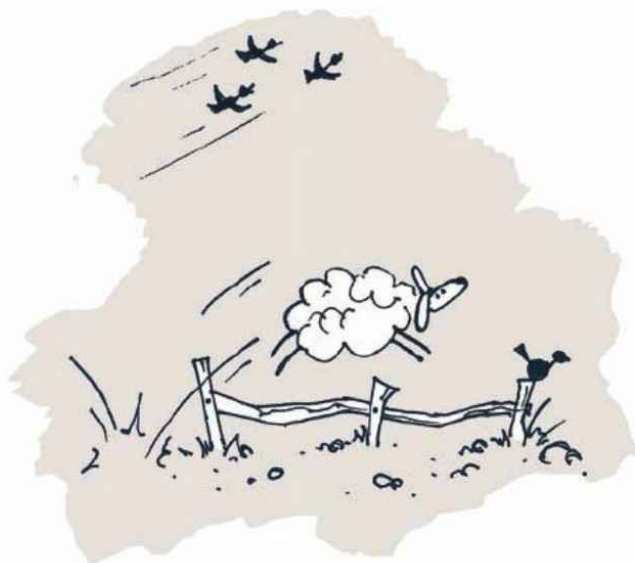
Talk together

Read the title together. Look through the pictures, naming the farmer, the teacher and Aneesa. Say, "Let's read the signs and the speech bubbles." Make sure your child knows the difference between ducks and geese.

Read the story

- Show enthusiasm as your child reads aloud. Allow time for working out unfamiliar words.
- On pages 2 and 4, clarify the difference between 'Mr' and 'Mrs'.
- On pages 4 and 5, ask, "Why did the children have to be quiet?"
- On page 6, cover parts of Aneesa's name. Say, "Try reading each part, and then put them together."
- On page 6, ask, "Why was Mr Bell cross?"
- On page 19, ask, "Was Tom naughty to feed the ducks?"
- On page 20, ask, "Why did the geese run after Tom?"
- On page 23, ask, "Why wasn't Mr Bell cross with Aneesa?"

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Our teacher's name is Mr Bell. Last week he took us on a school trip. We went to a farm. We went there in the school bus.

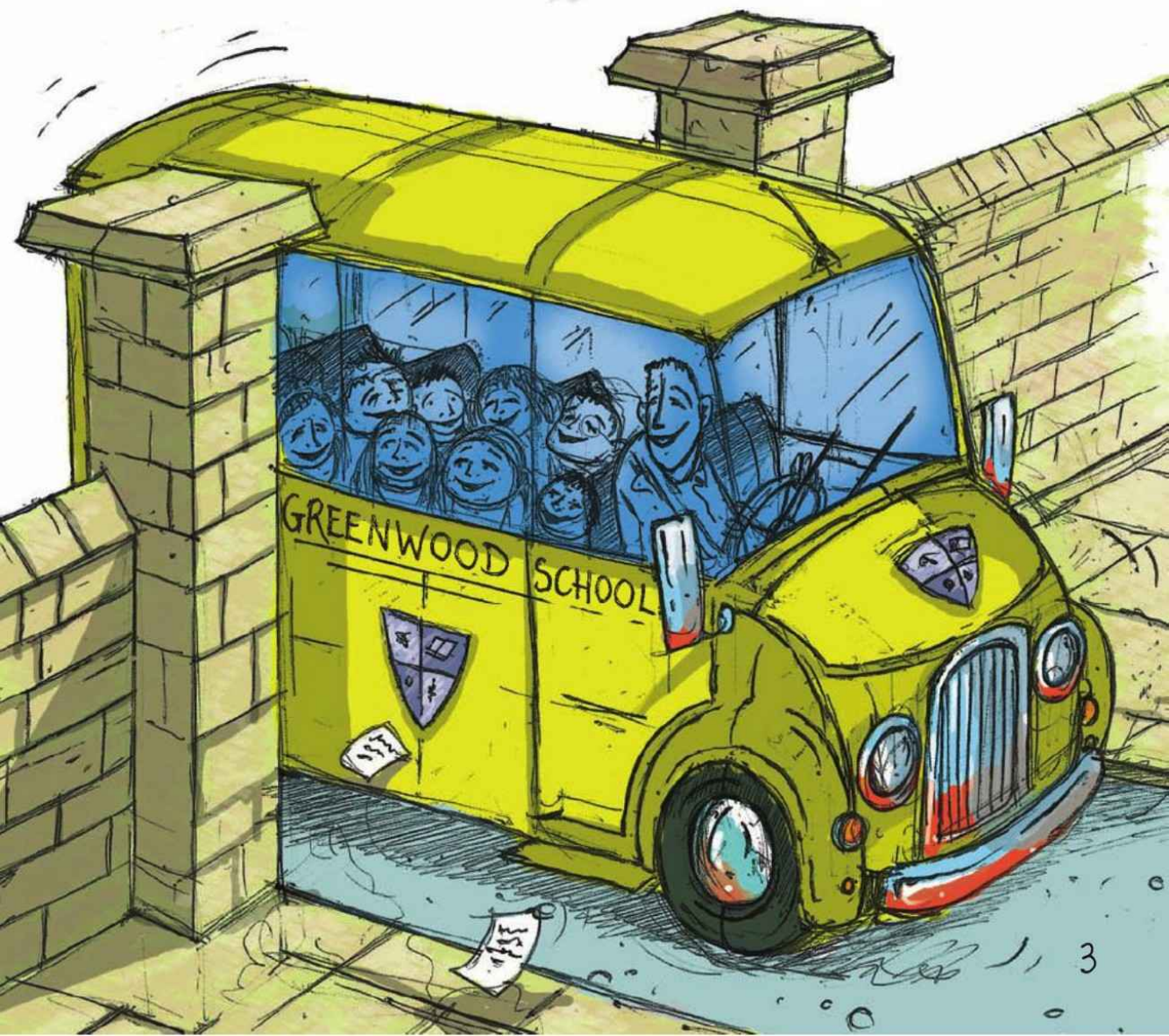
This is me.
My name is Tom.



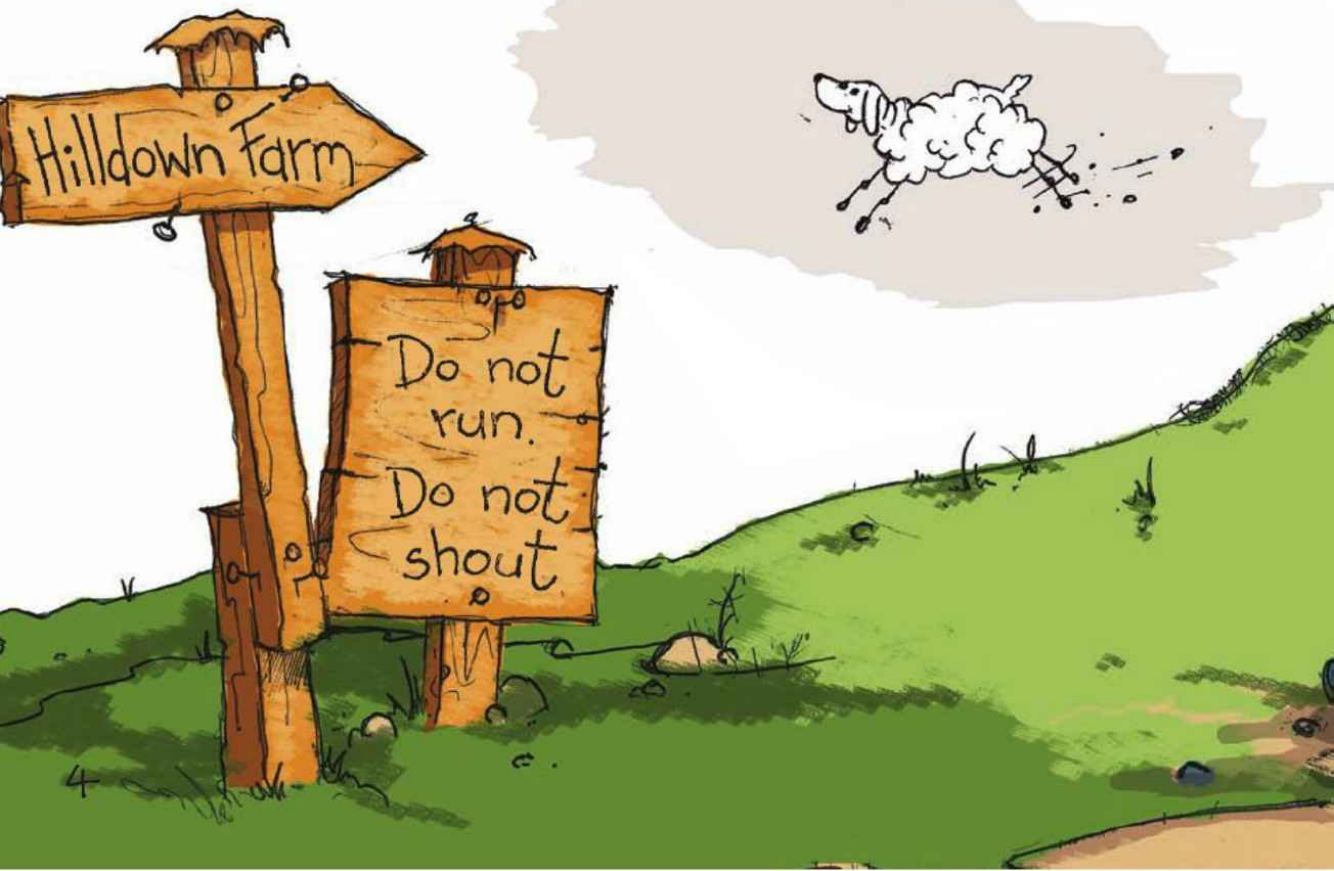
This is Mr Bell.



Our school bus

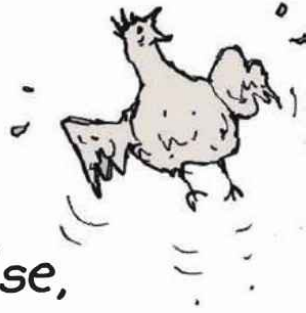


The farmer came out to meet us.
Her name was Mrs Hood. She
took us to see the farm animals.
She said, "The animals do not like
a lot of noise, so do not run or
shout at them."





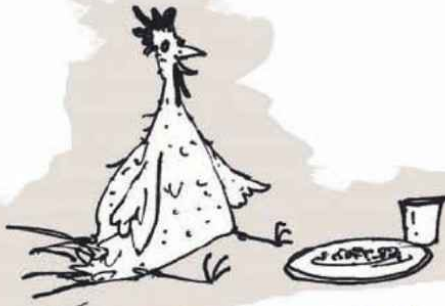
She took us to see the hens first.
But Aneesa made a lot of noise.
She made so much noise that the
hens ran away.
Mr Bell was cross.
He said, "Don't make so much noise,
Aneesa."



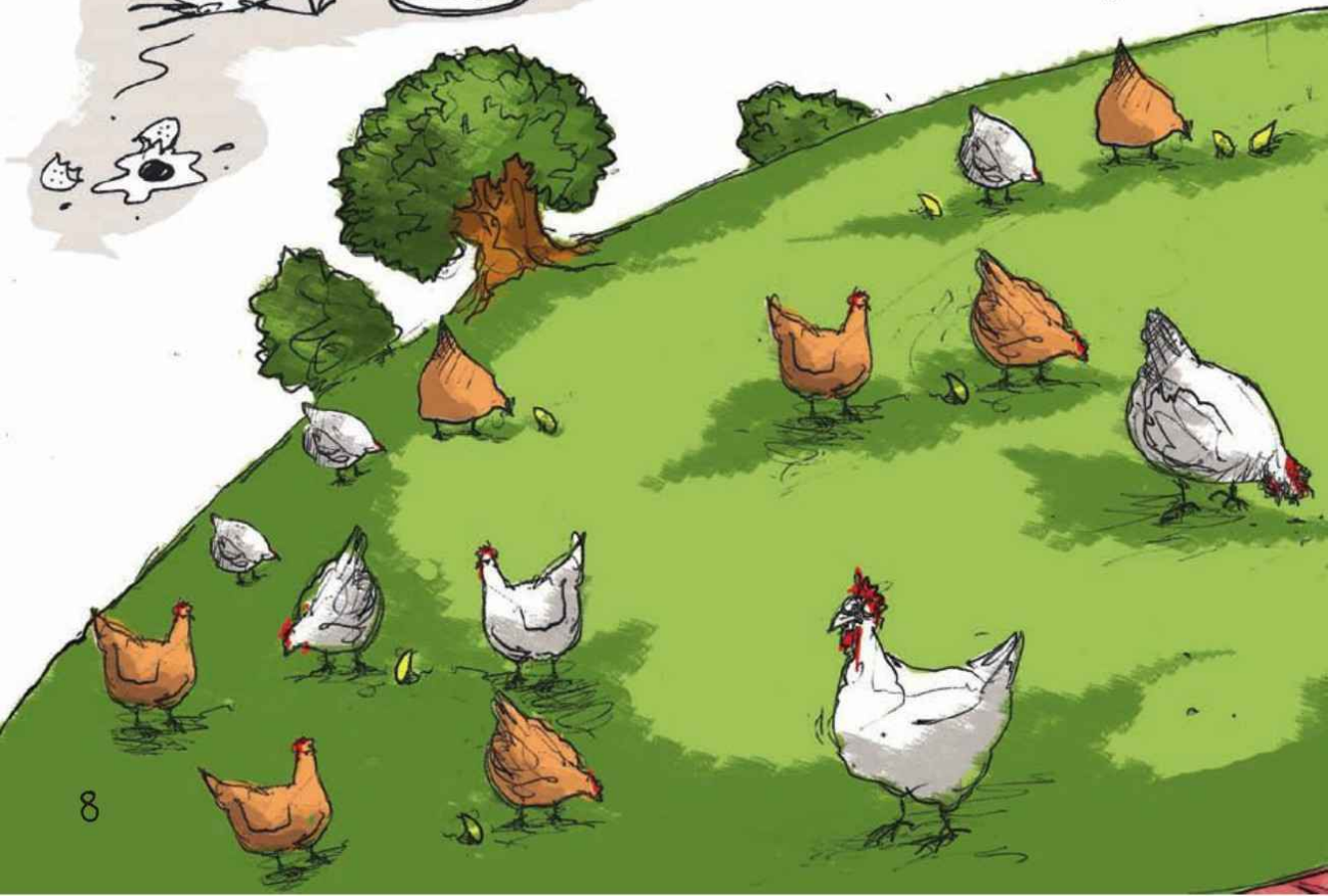




Mrs Hood got the hens to
come back. Then she let us
feed them!



Chook, chook, chook!

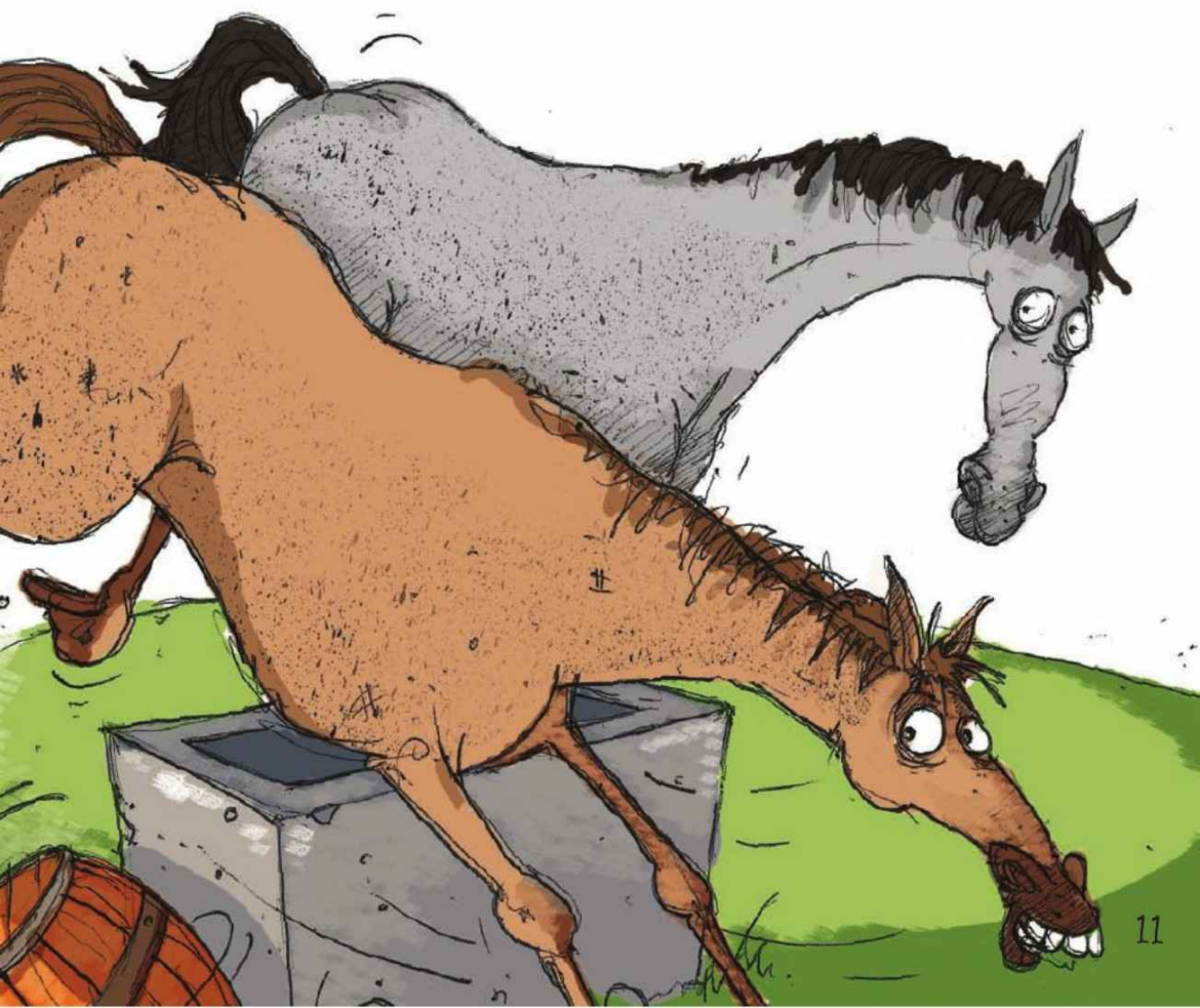




She took us to see her horses next.
Their names were Star and Poppy. But
Aneesa made so much noise that the
horses ran away.



Mr Bell was cross.
He said, "Don't make so much
noise, Aneesa!"



Mrs Hood and Mr Bell got the horses
to come back. Then they let us have
rides on Poppy and Star.



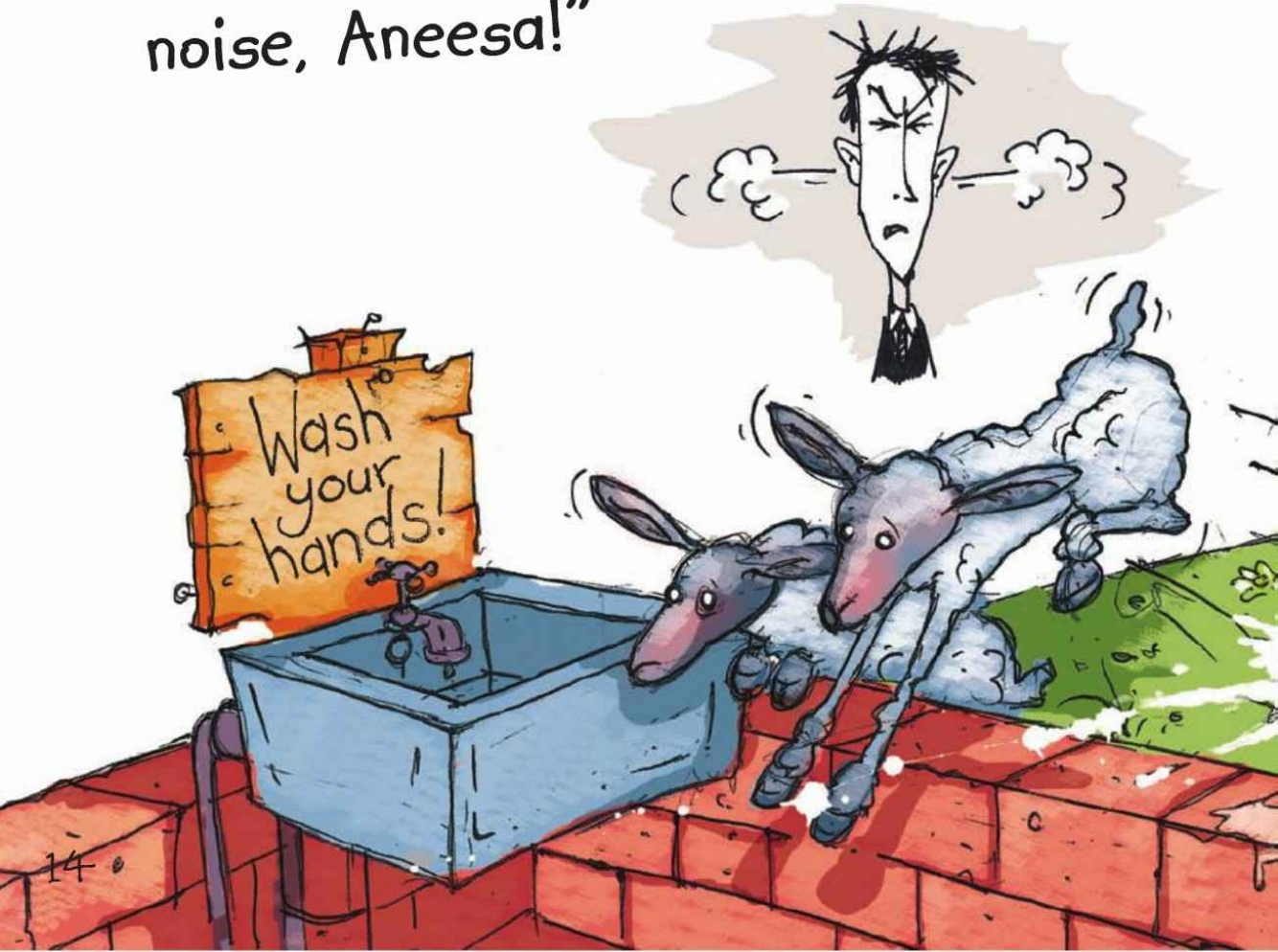


Mrs Hood took us to see the lambs next. But Aneesa made so much noise that the lambs ran away.



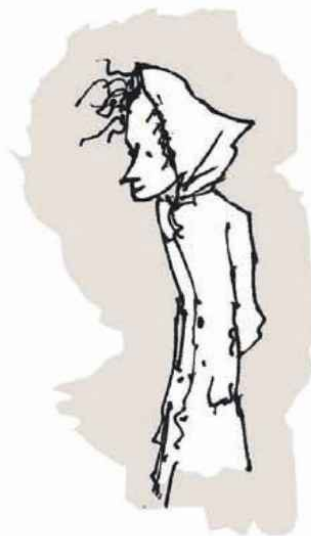
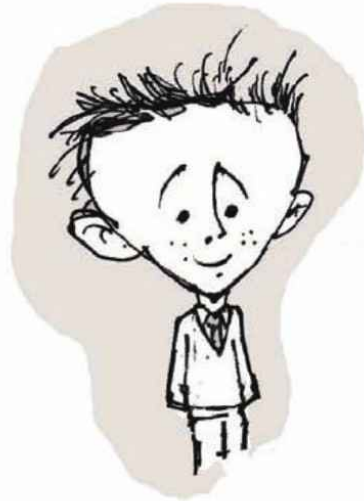
Mr Bell was very cross.

He said, "Don't make so much noise, Aneesa!"





Come here
little lambs.



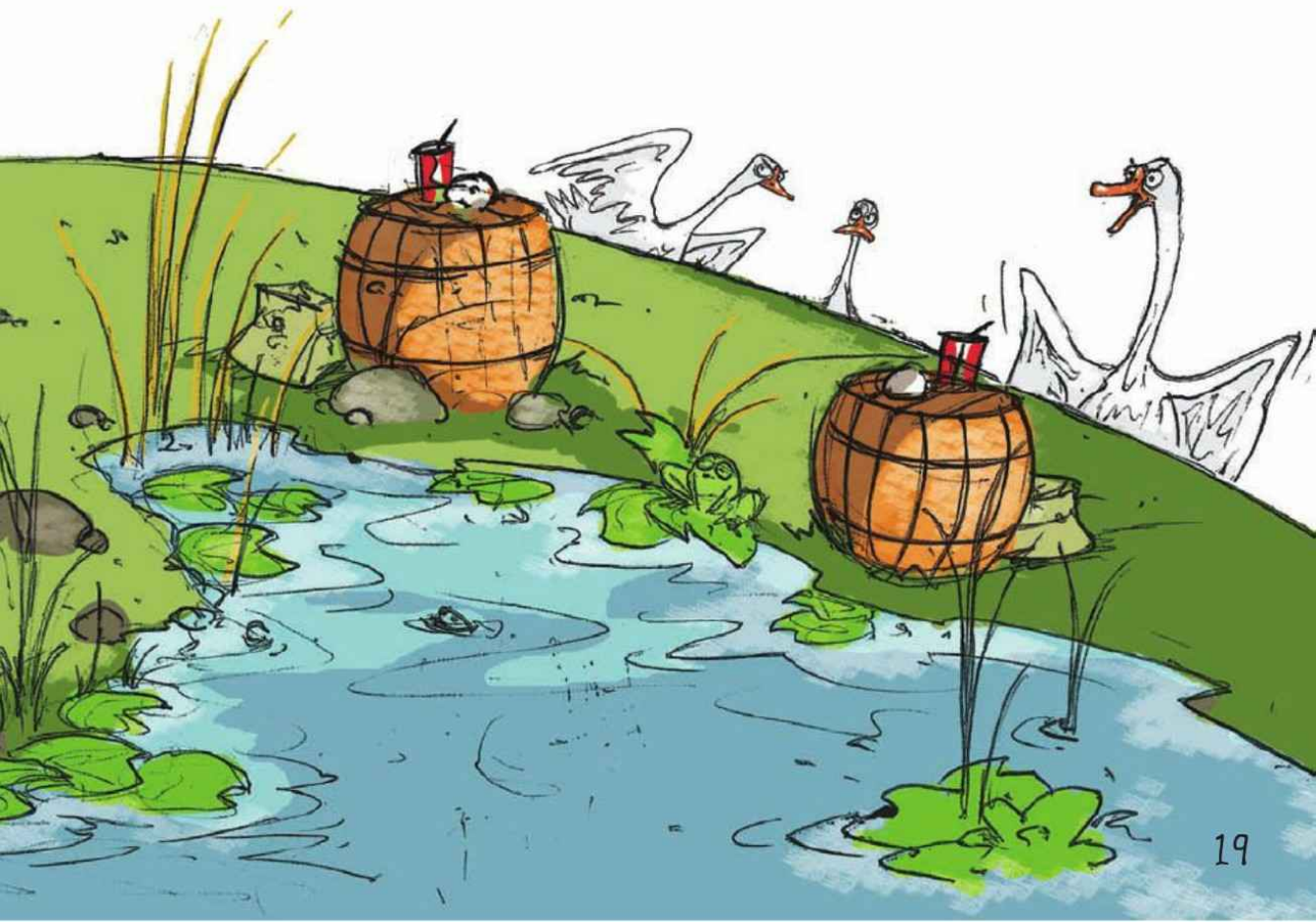
Mrs Hood got the lambs to come back.
Then she let us hold them and feed
them.



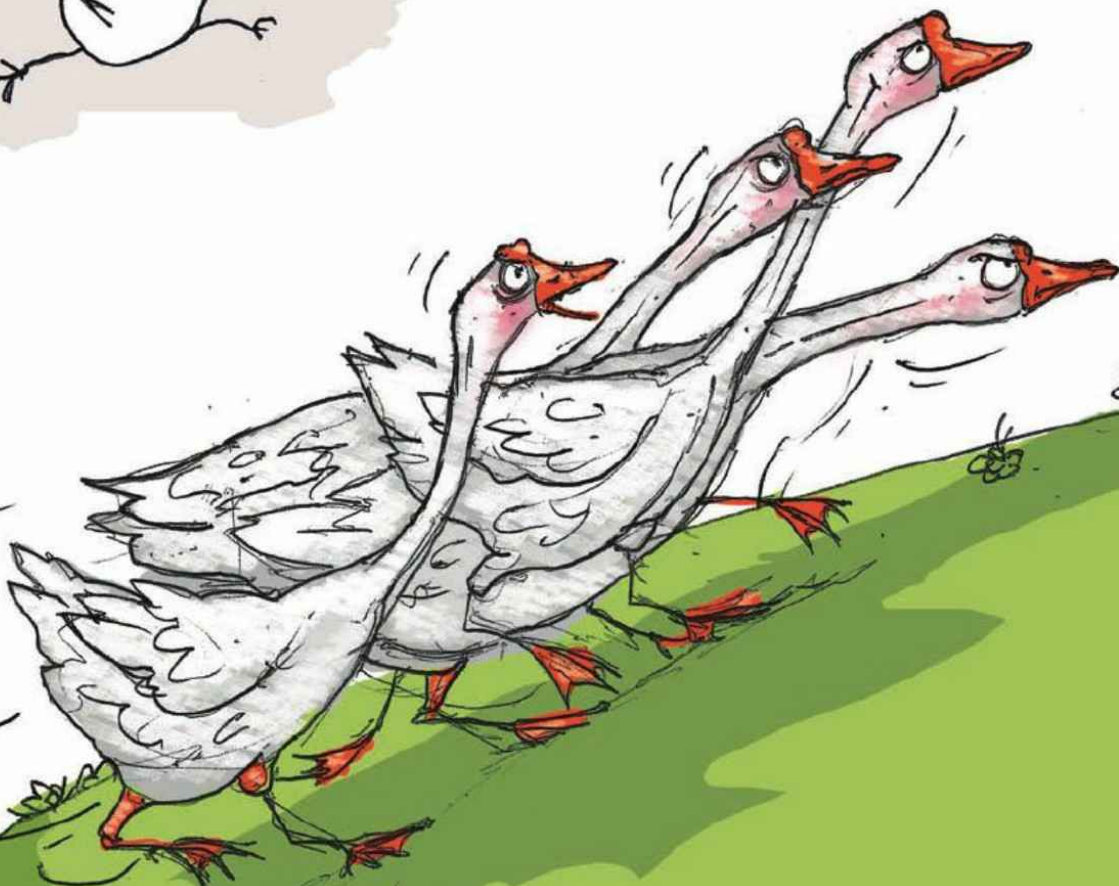
We had lunch by the duck pond.
There was a sign.
It said: "Do not feed
the ducks."



I didn't see it and I fed some of
my lunch to the ducks. Some geese
wanted my lunch, too.

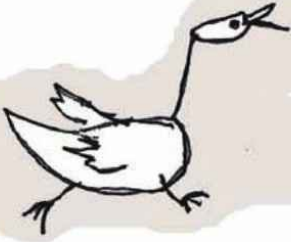


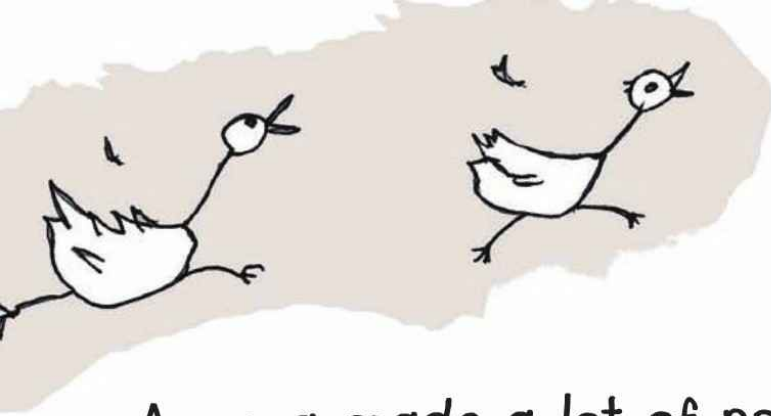
The geese ran up to me and made
a lot of noise. I did not like
the geese, so I ran
away, but they ran
after me.



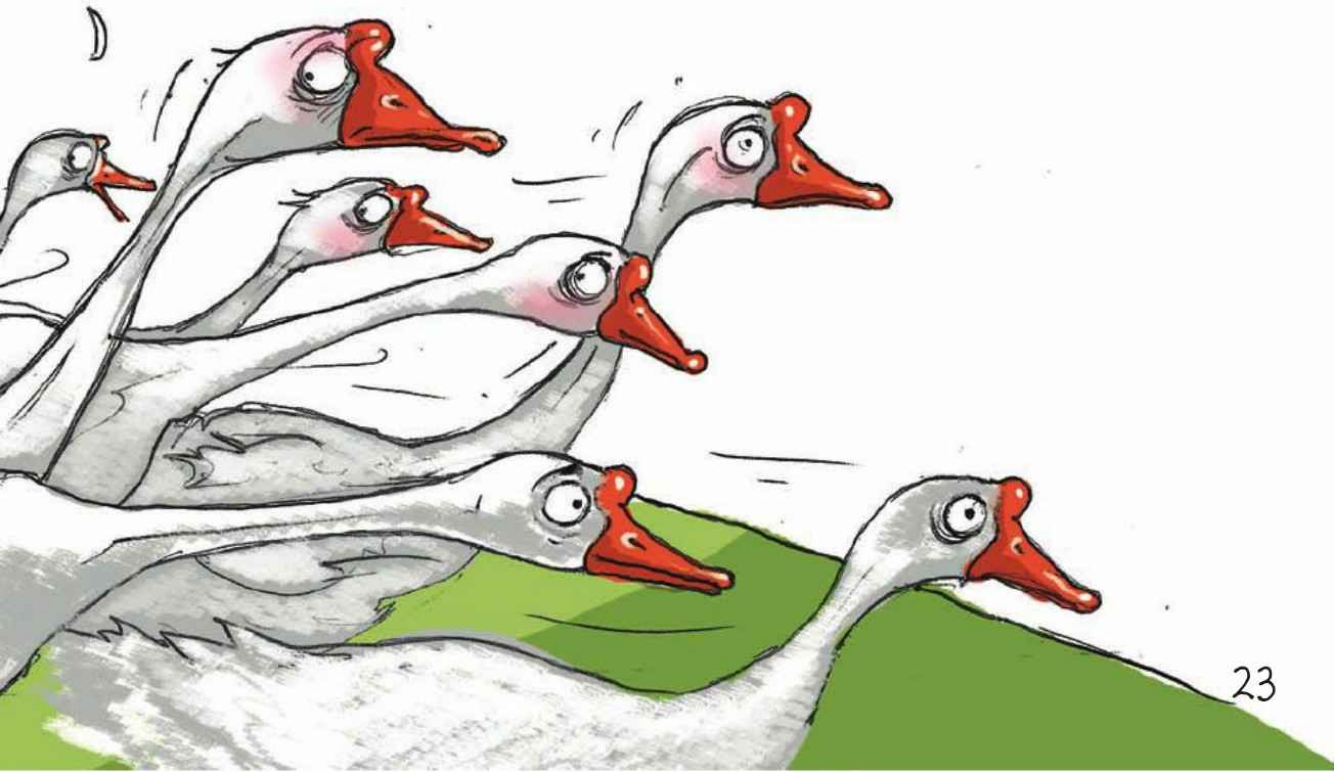


Aneesa saw the
geese running
after me, so she
ran up to them.





Aneesa made a lot of noise. She made so much noise that the geese ran away! Mr Bell was not cross with Aneesa this time.



Then we all made a lot of noise on the way back to school!



Play a game

Reading with expression

This game helps your child understand the full meaning when reading. It will also help with story writing.

- Tell your child that you are going to read just the speaking parts of the story. Suggest that your child plays Mr Bell, and you read Mrs Hood's words.
- Select the speech on pages 4, 6, 10 and 11, and 14. Encourage your child to sound crosser as the story progresses.

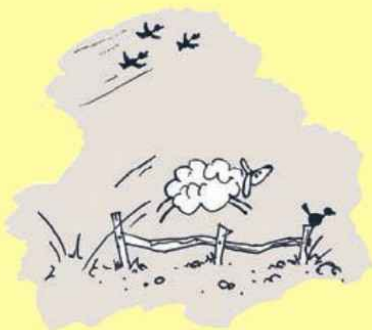
Other ideas

- Take your child to visit a farm, or read books about farm animals. Discuss why animals are kept on farms and what they provide, for example, eggs, milk and wool.
- Help your child to write about a visit to a farm, a zoo or an aquarium. This could take the form of a letter or a homemade book. Help him/her to illustrate it with drawings or pictures cut from magazines.

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Aneesa just can't stay quiet on the school trip to the farm.



This story practises these words:

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