

The Gale



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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Read the title and look at the picture. Ask: *Have you ever been in a gale?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

Say the sounds

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

/ai/ as in **rain**, **stay**, **waves**, **eight**, **grey**

/f/ as in **feed**, **Dolphin**

Sound the words

These words practise the focus sounds and spellings for this book.

Encourage your child to say the sounds from left to right to read new words.

hailer pail wail hail afraid away

holiday stay made came make place

eight grey feed Phil

Read these words together

These words are common but children may find them harder to read.

their people called



Enjoy reading and talking about the book together!

See the inside back cover for more ideas.

The children were away on holiday.
They were staying at Dolphin Bay.



They went down to the bay.
“It’s a grey day,” said Mum, “and it
may rain.”



A strong wind had come up. The waves were big and there was a lot of spray.



A man had a loud hailer.
“My name is Phil,” he said. “You must
not go in the waves today.”



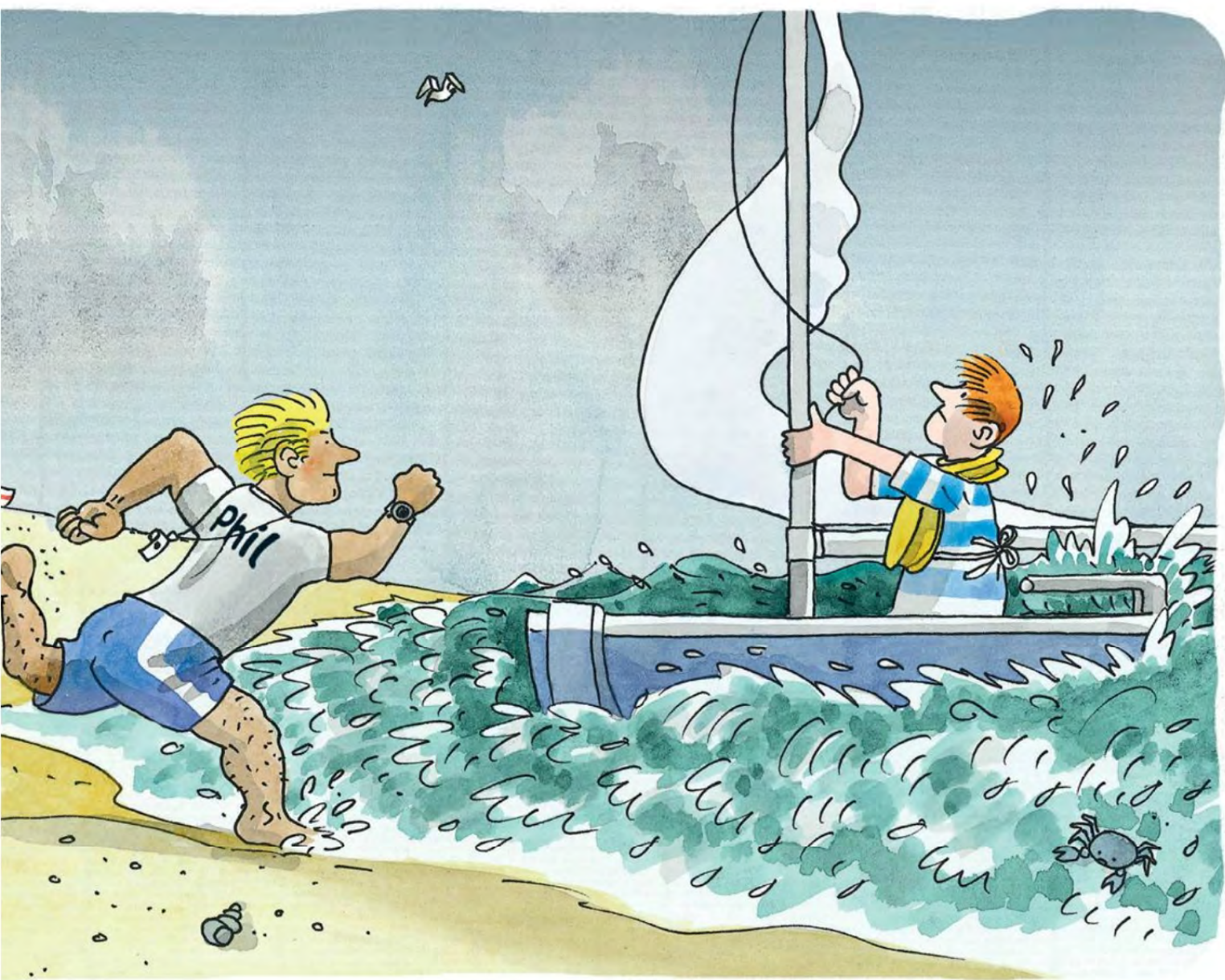
“You must stay out,” called Phil.
“The waves are too high.”



All the sailing boats had come in.
The boats were put away.



A man had a hard job to pull
down his sail. Phil ran to help him.



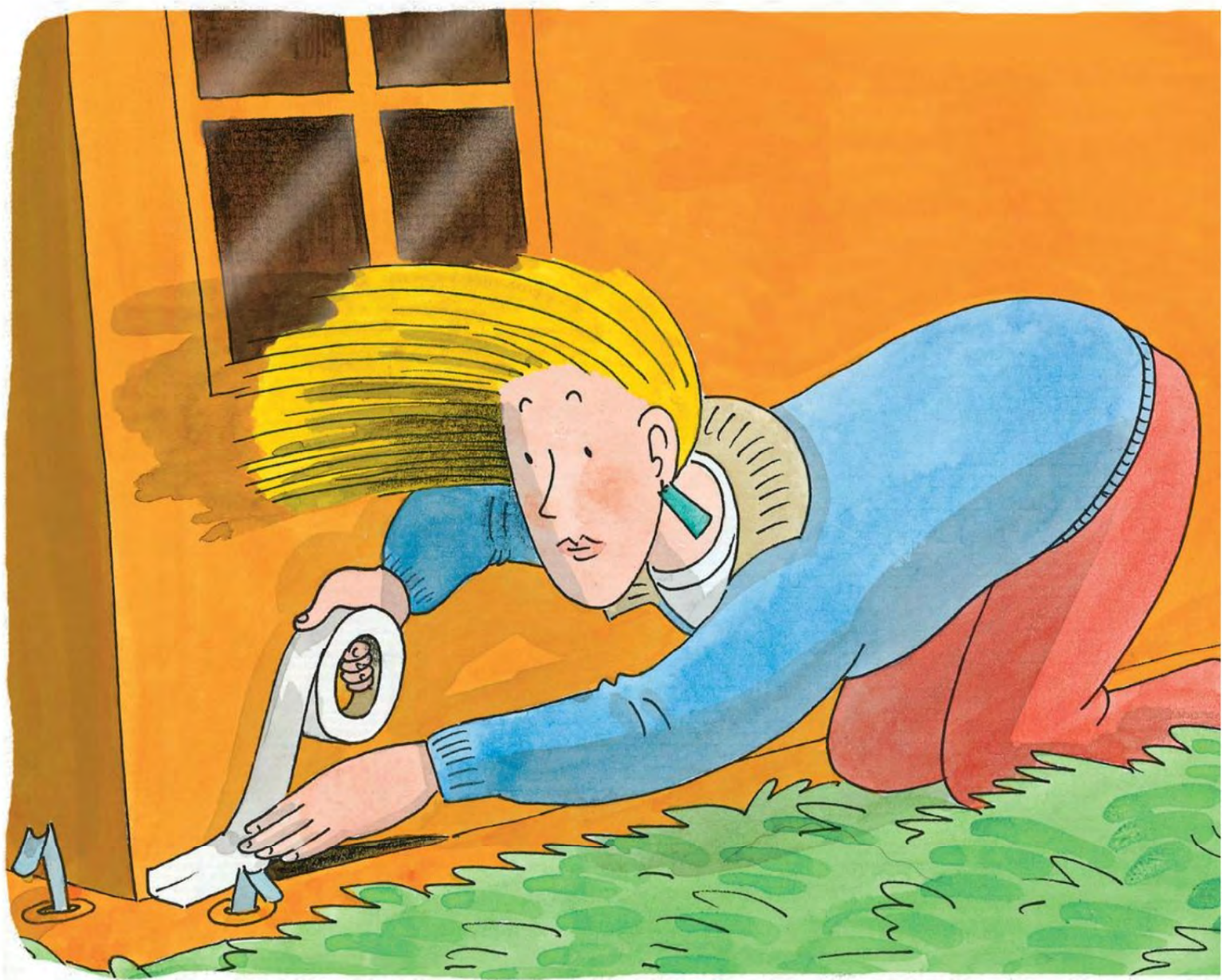
The children went back to the tent.
“There may be a gale,” said Dad.
“We must make the tent safe.”



“We must lash the tent down,”
said Mum.
They put in eight extra pegs.



The tent had a rip in one corner.
Mum had some tape to fix it.

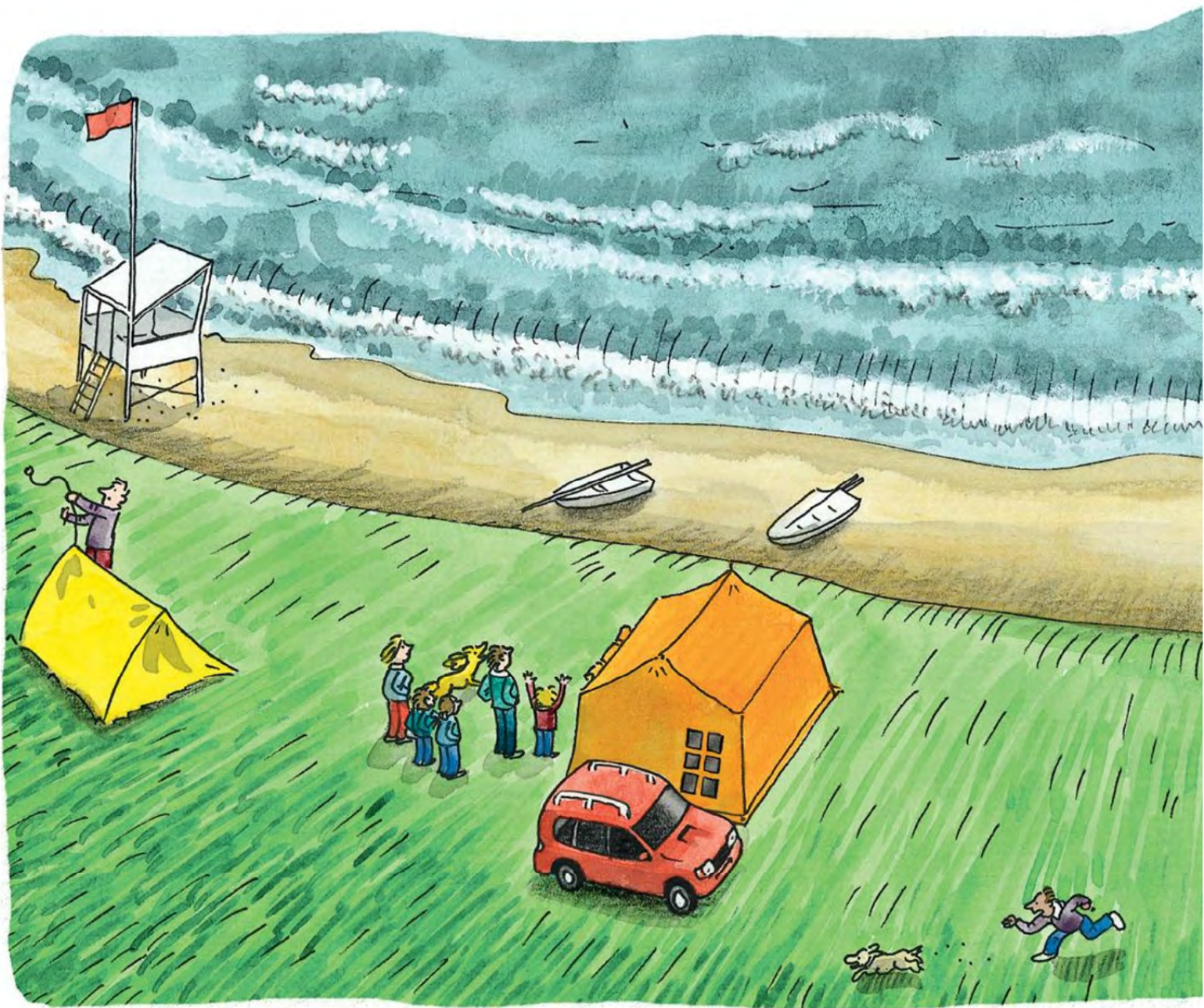


Dad got a plastic pail.

“Just in case the rain drips in,” he said.



The wind came up. It got dark.
“Not long to wait,” said Dad.



Then the storm came.



It began to rain. It came lashing down.
The wind began to wail.



Floppy was afraid. He did not like the gale, and he began to howl.



It was a bad storm. It shook the tent.
Some hail came down.



But it was snug in their tent. The children played a game. They played snakes and ladders.



In the end, the storm went away.
The sun came out.



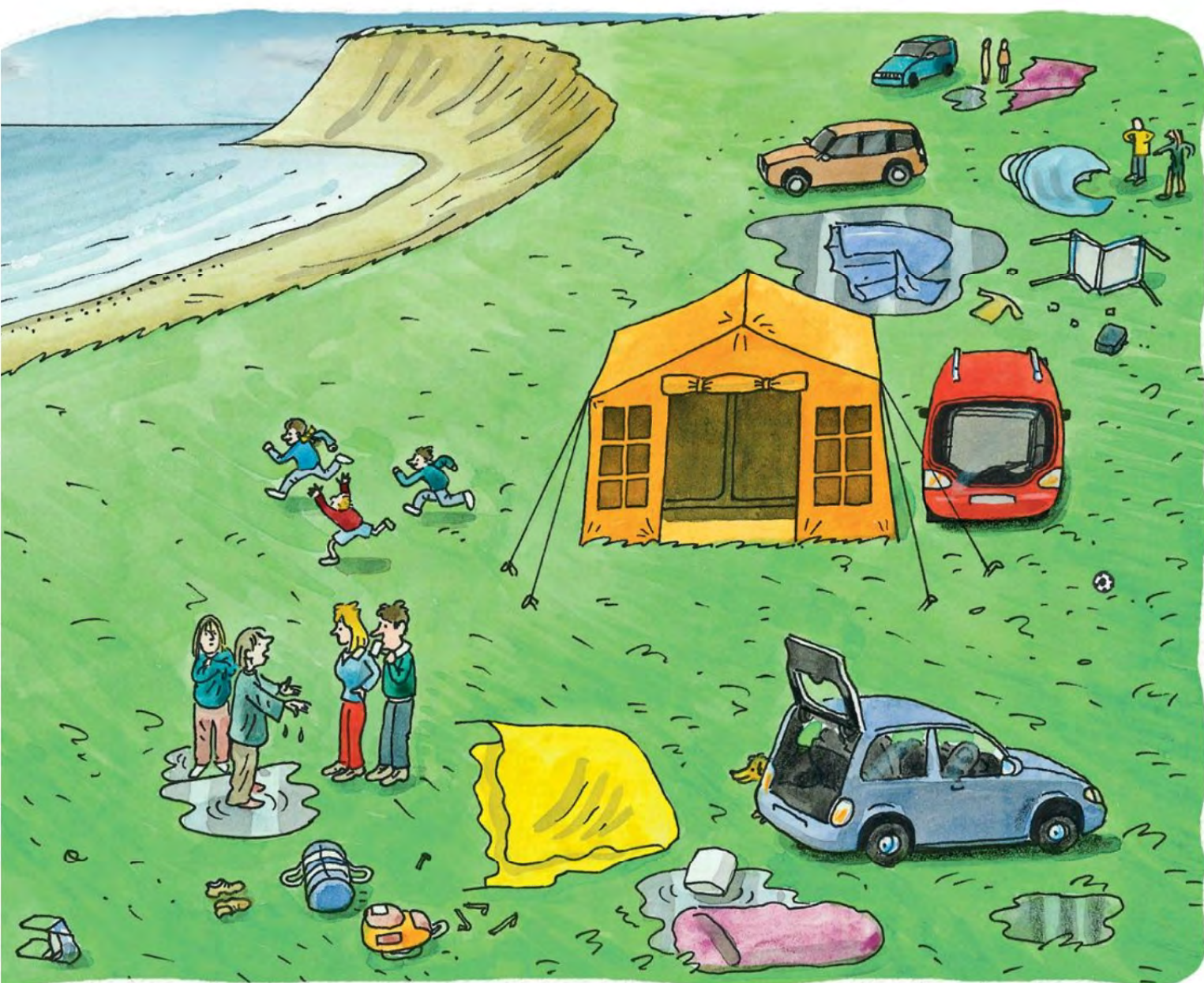
“It was a good job we made the tent safe,” said Dad. “Look!”



Lots of tents had come down. People were upset. Mum, Dad and the children went to help.



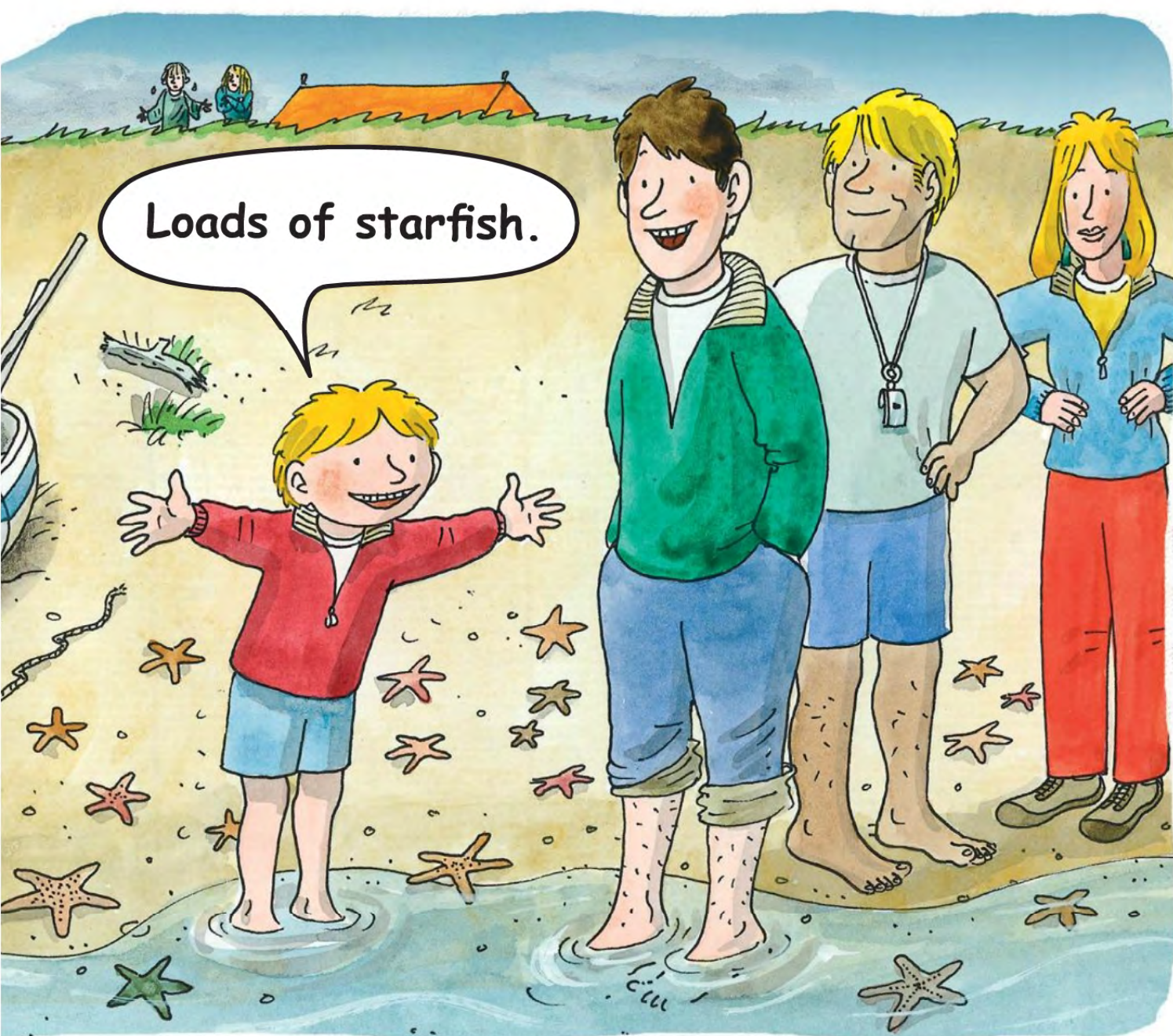
“We have to pack up,” said a man.
“We are too wet to stay.”



They went down to Dolphin Bay.
“Wow!” said Chip. “How amazing.”



There were lots of starfish on the sand.



“They came in on the waves,” said Phil.
“Let’s call it Starfish Bay, now!”
said Biff.



AFTER READING

Hunt for spellings of the /ai/ sound

- Remind your child how the same sound can be spelled in different ways. On page 2, how many different spellings of the /ai/ sound are there? (e.g. *bay*, *grey* and *rain*)

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. **h-o-l-i-d-ay** **holiday**



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Floppy's Phonics

Fiction

The Gale

There is a big gale.
The family make
their tent safe.

Alternative spellings:

ai (as in *rain*): ay ai a-e eigh ey

f (as in *feed*): f ph

Alternative pronunciations:

u (as in *but, put*)



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Letters and Sounds Phase 5



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