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Student Swap

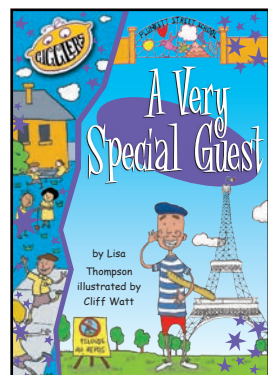
The morning bell rang at Plunkett Street School. Everyone piled into class.

"Settle down, please," said Miss Fazio.
"This morning we have a very special guest."

The whole class groaned. The last time they had a special guest, it turned out to be Ms Mingo, the librarian. She wanted to explain the 92 rules for behaving in the library. Then, she made the class cover library books.

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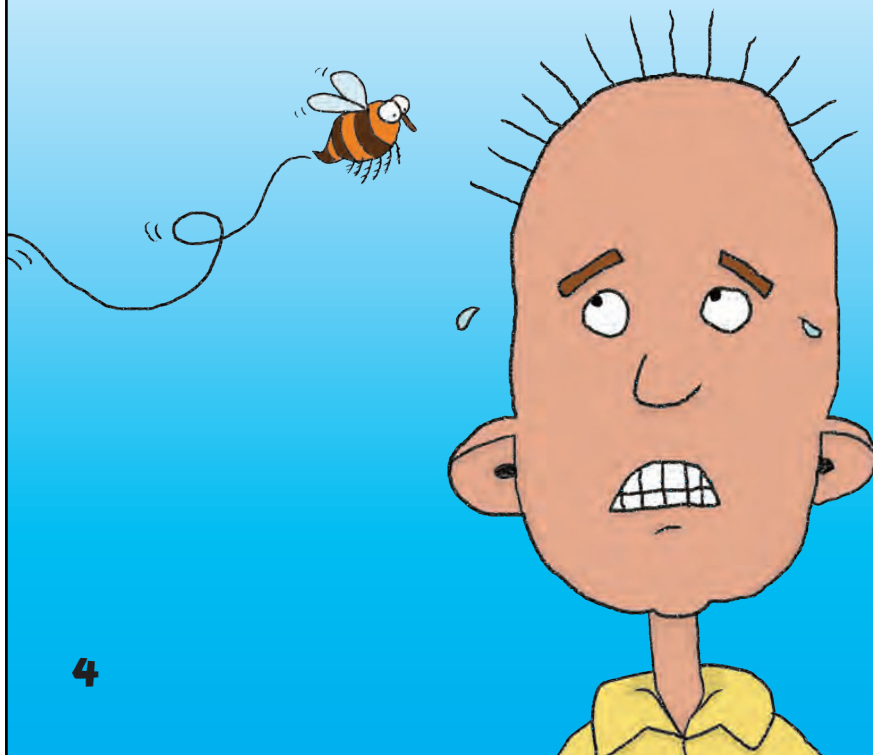
Ms Mingo



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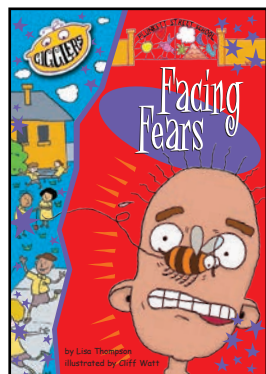
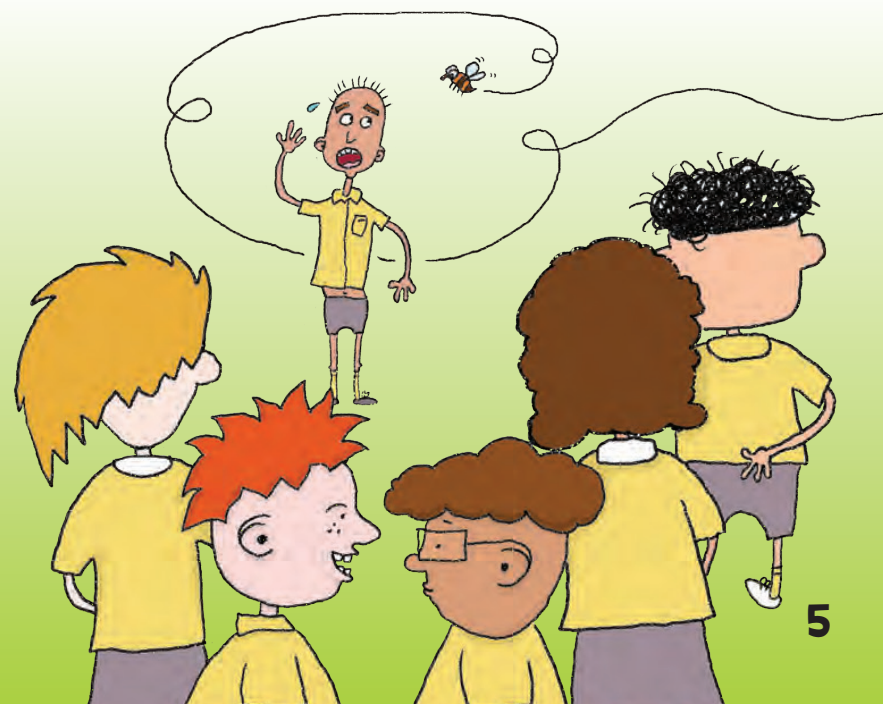
What's the Buzz?

Bruno stood frozen in the playground.
A bee buzzed around and around him.
Buzzzzzzzzzz buzz buzzzzzzzzzz.
Only Bruno's eyes moved, watching
the bee.



If there was one thing Bruno was afraid of, it was bees. Leon saw Bruno standing like a statue. He called to Miles. Leon and Miles knew about Bruno's fear. They watched Bruno and the bee. Beatrice and Brooke joined them. So did Heeni, Ruby and Holly.

"What's everyone looking at?" asked Nelson, joining the crowd.



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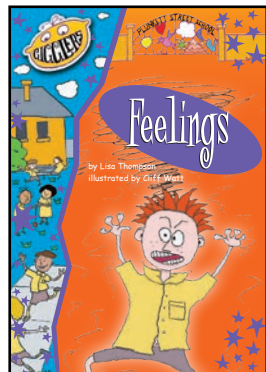
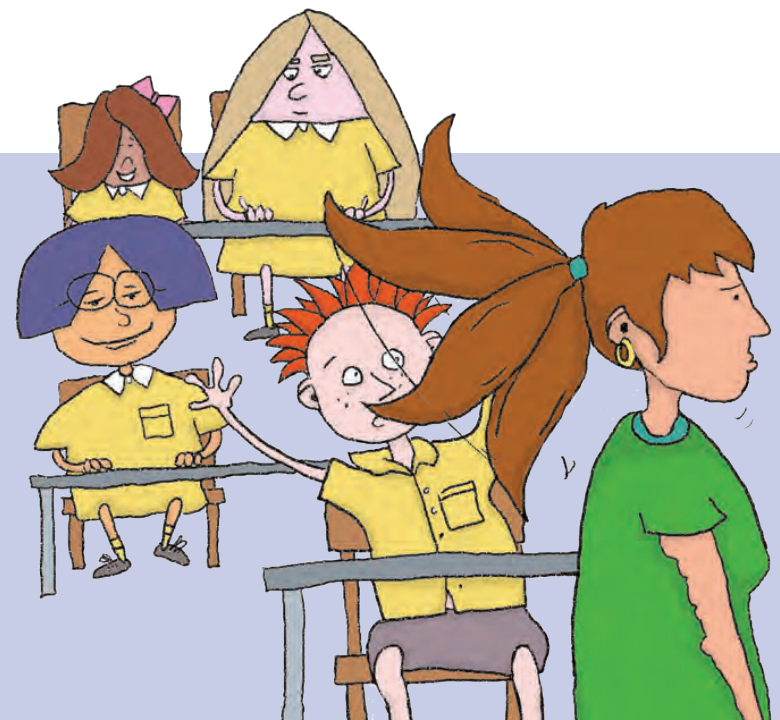
Miss Horsewood Takes Control

"Okay, everyone quiet!" Miss Horsewood boomed. She clapped her hands, high above her head. This made her arm fat wobble. Beatrice and Brooke giggled.



Miss Horsewood was a small woman, but she had a very big voice. Her long ponytail swished about sharply. It was like it was chasing away flies.

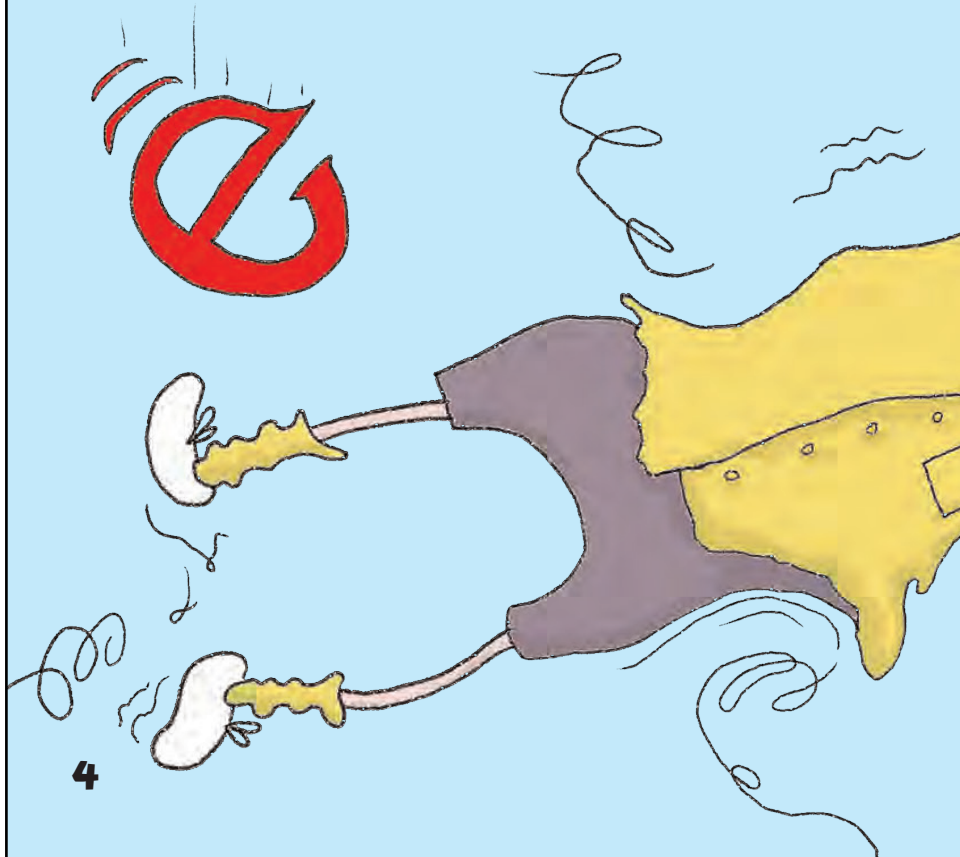
"Miss Fazio is away for this lesson," she told them, "so I shall teach you." Miss Horsewood's ponytail swished sharply. Nelson ducked out of the way, just in time.



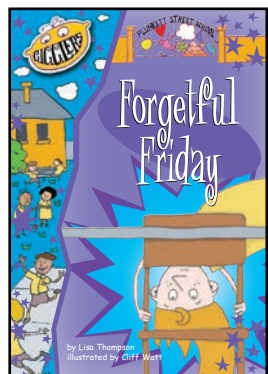
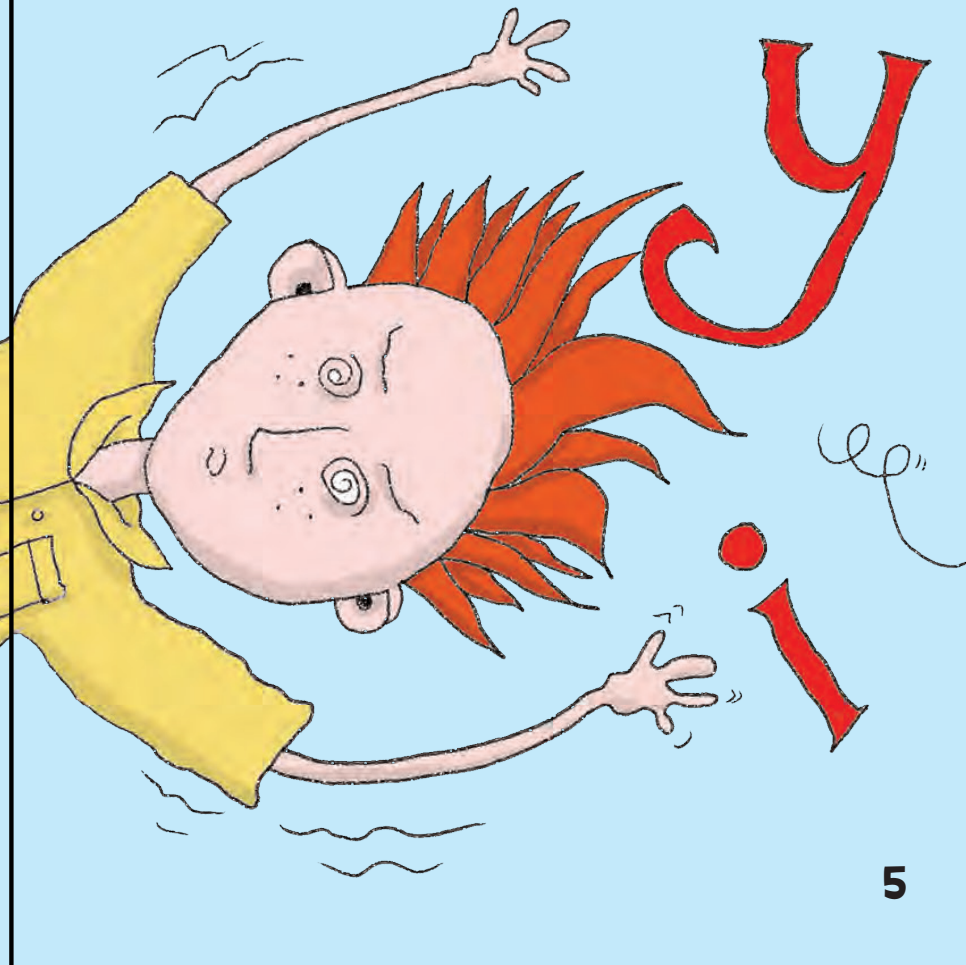
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Forget Mode

Some people love Fridays but not Nelson.
Friday was a day Nelson would rather
forget. Friday was spelling test day.



Every Friday, Nelson's brain liked to
forget his spelling words. It also forgot
the spelling rules he had learnt. Drop the
final E. Change a final Y to I. How could
he spell anything if his brain didn't help?



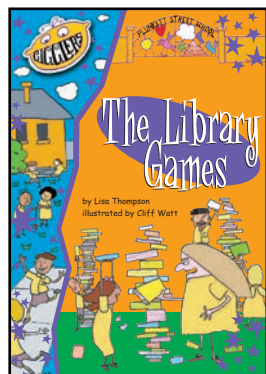
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QUIET!

Bruno shuffled into the library. He stopped to look at a pile of books near the door.

"That book is late," said Ms Mingo, the librarian. "Do you have an excuse, Bruno?"

Bruno picked up the book on top of the pile. He didn't want to tell Ms Mingo that he had never seen it before. That would mean Bruno would have to speak. Ms Mingo did not allow speaking in her library.



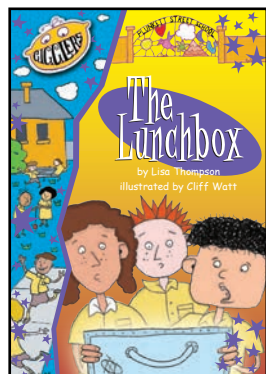
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Something Shiny

Miles was wandering around the playground. He was looking for money. So far he had found 10p. He wanted 60p, so he could buy a chewy python from the tuck shop.



Miles stopped at the classroom steps to tie his shoelace. He bent down and that's when he noticed something shiny, poking out of the dirt behind the steps. He tried reaching in through the steps to grab it. He stretched his arm and fingers as far as he could, but they were not long enough. Instead, Miles grabbed a stick and began digging the dirt away from around the shiny thing.



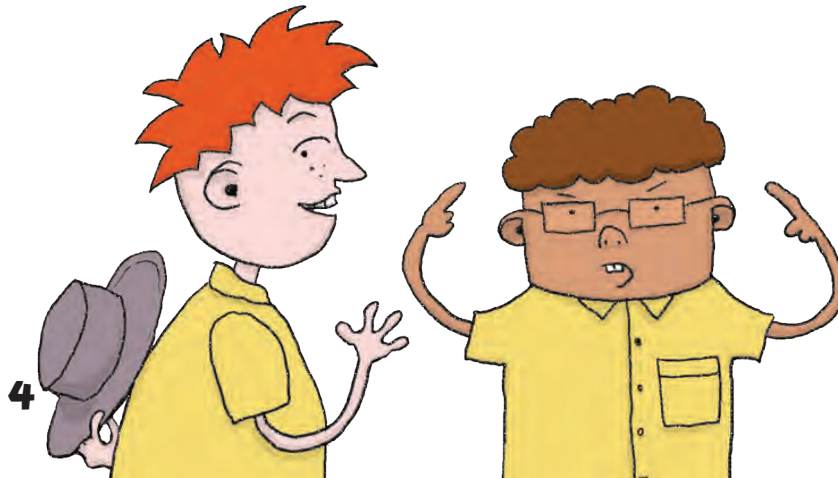
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Rahib Sees All

Nelson had been hiding Rahib's things all week. On Monday he hid his bag. On Tuesday he hid his lunch. On Wednesday he hid his homework book. On Thursday he hid his pencil case.

At break time on Friday, Nelson said to Rahib, "I bet you can't guess what I'm going to hide today."

"Sure can," said Rahib. "My hat."



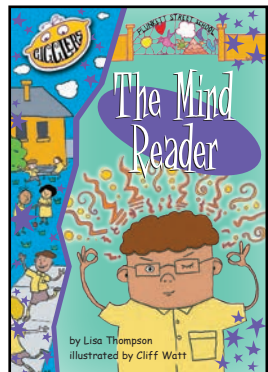
"Am not."

"Are too."

"Am not."

"Yes, you are," replied Rahib. "My uncle came over last night and showed me how to read minds."

"Yeah, right," snorted Nelson.



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Heeni Sleeps In

"Late, late, late. I am soooo late,"
panted Heeni.

Heeni had woken up late. She had
dressed quickly and rushed out the door.
When she got to the bus stop, the bus
shelter was empty.

"Arrgghh! I've missed the school bus,"
Heeni cried.



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Heeni had to catch the normal bus. It
went the long way to school. Mrs Windbank,
the school office manager, was on the
bus. Heeni tried to hide from her by
burying her head in a book.

"Can't this bus go any faster?" she
wished.

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