



The duck sits on the nest.

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The duck has eggs.

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Moggy the cat is dull.



She sleeps, sleeps, sleeps!

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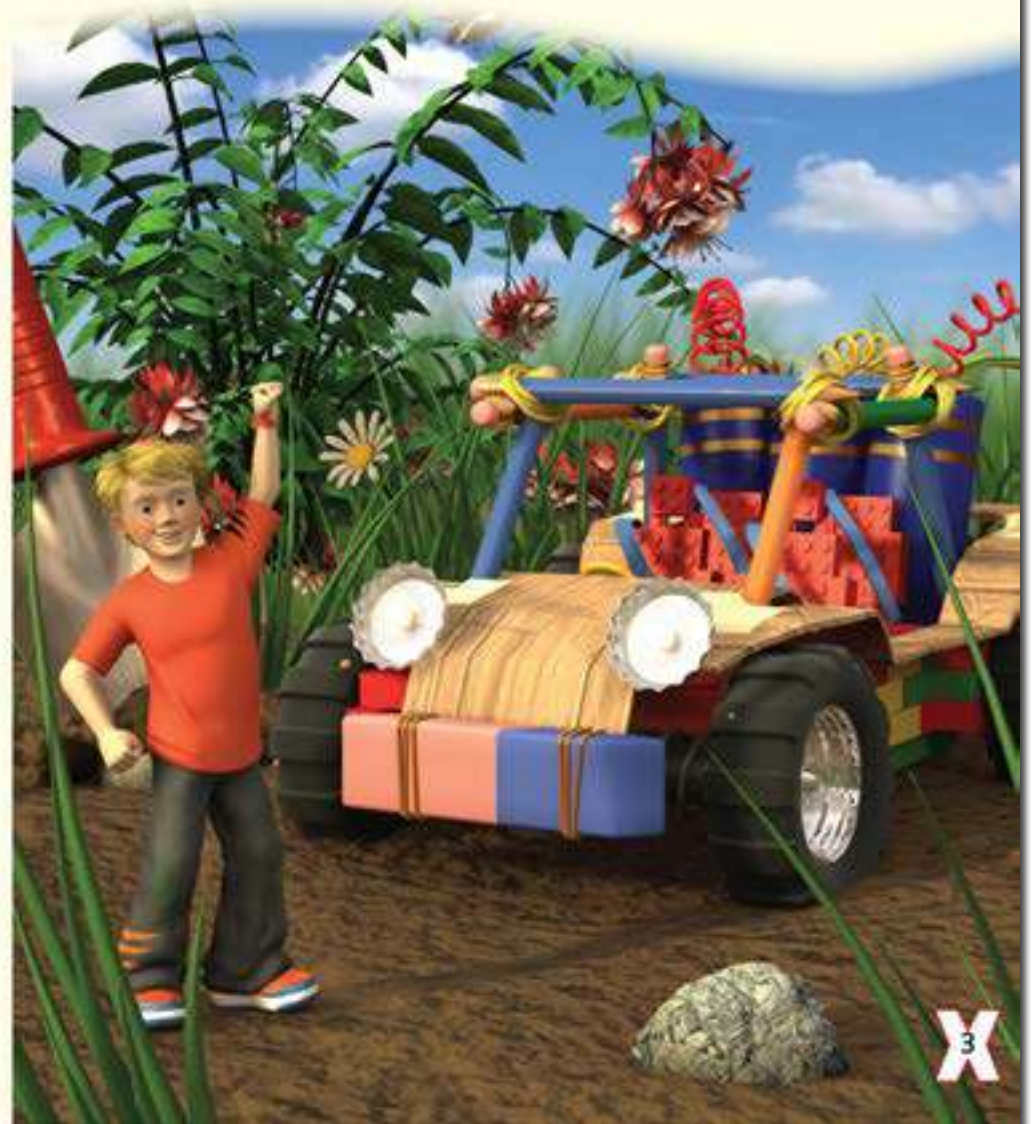


Cat and Tiger pushed the buttons.
Time to play – but what to do?



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Tiger had a micro-buggy.



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A noisy start

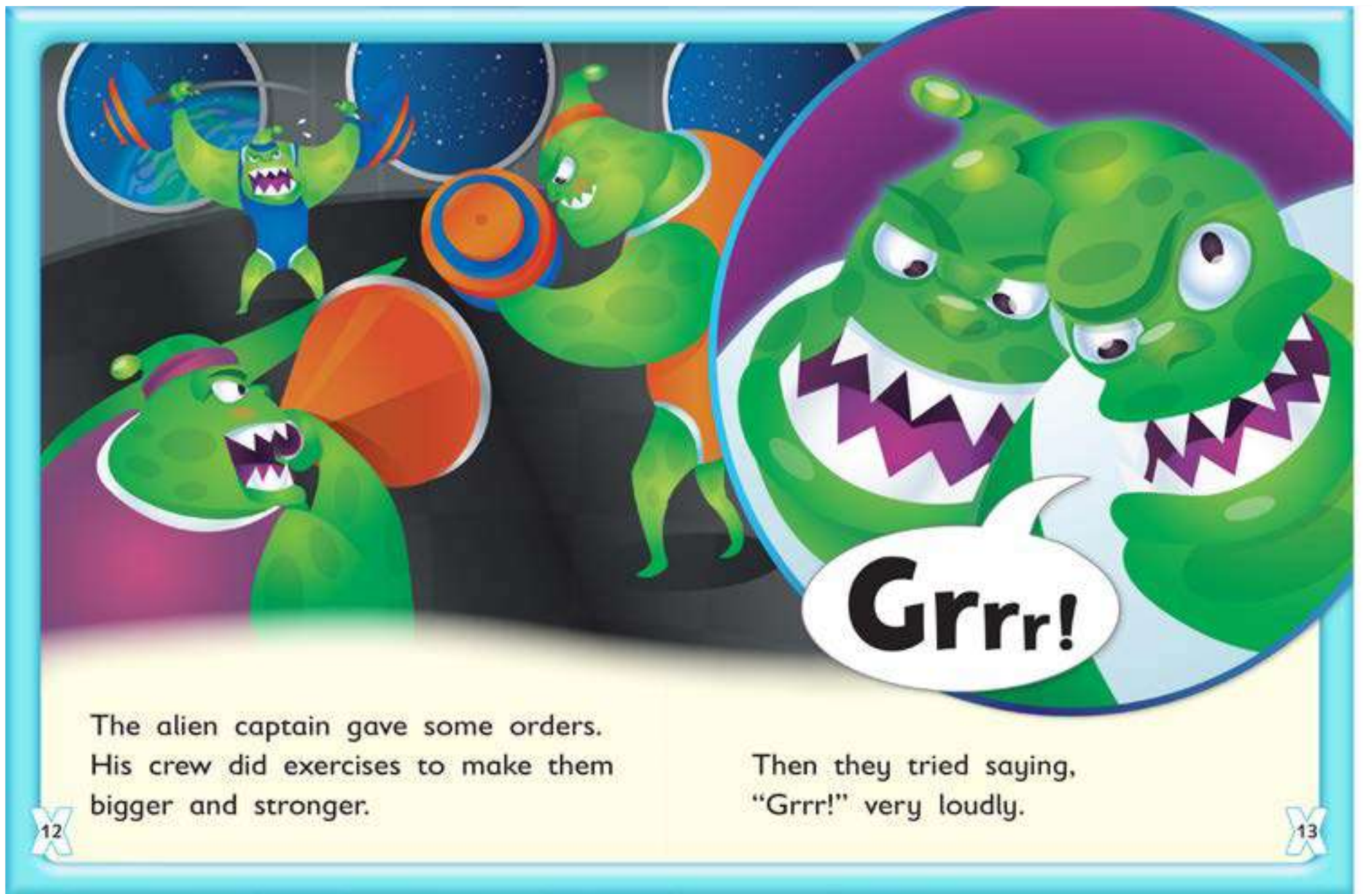
We all make noise.
We start as soon as
we are born.



Noise is measured in
decibels. A baby crying
is 60 decibels on the noise-o-meter.

That is as
loud as my
alarm clock!





The alien captain gave some orders.
His crew did exercises to make them
bigger and stronger.

Then they tried saying,
“Grrr!” very loudly.

Dragon stories

About 100 years ago, people began to hear stories about real-life dragons. The dragons lived on an island called *Komodo*.

Look out! It's a dragon!

An **explorer** in New York heard about the dragons. He wanted to go to Komodo. He wanted to find out if the stories were true. His name was *W Douglas Burden*.



Komodo is a long way from New York.

Ant finished the note.

"Carnivore!" read Tiger in alarm. He turned and stared up into Sydney's open mouth. He looked at Sydney's sharp pincers. "Help!" he yelled.



Tiger dived to one side just in time. The centipede snapped its pincers together angrily. Tiger scrambled towards the hatch. The centipede was close behind.

"I'm not going to make it!" he yelled.

Previously ...

In the book *The Thing in the Cupboard*, micro-sized Tiger meets a strange robot. It looks like a scary metal spider.



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Tiger escapes but the Thing gets squashed. Max asks Miss Jones if he can try and fix it.

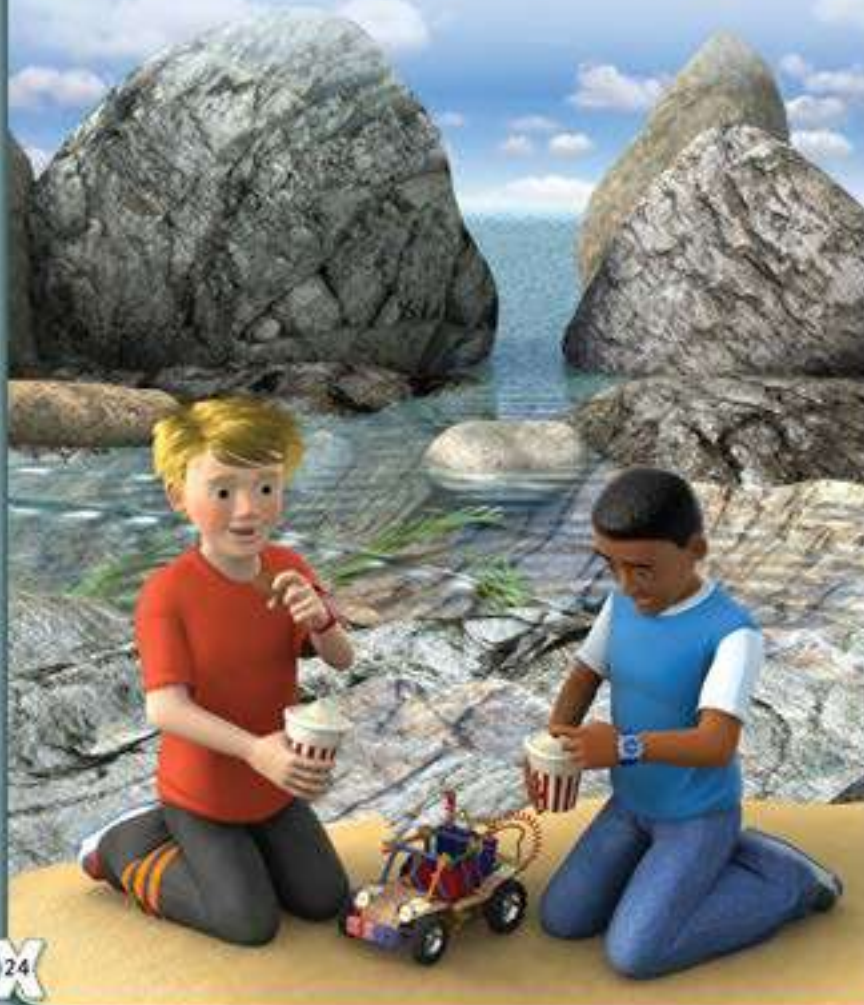


Miss Jones thinks the Thing is just a toy. Max is not so sure ...



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Sometimes the micro-surfboards broke.
The children didn't mind – it just meant that
they had to eat more ice cream!



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The day before the competition, they had
a last practice session. This time they didn't
practise in the shelter of a rock pool. They
found a quiet part of the beach and practised
in the sea.

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"Oh, come on, Joe," Leo begged.

"I'll make a deal. You wanted to borrow my rubber spider to hide in Hayley's school bag, remember? Well, I'll bring it in on Monday."

The big green eyes sparkled with delight and winked at the other ice cream cone.

"Is it a deal?" grinned Leo.

The ice cream cone gave the thumbs up and led the boys into O'Neil's Ice cream Parlour.



While the sharks polished off their ice cream, Mrs O'Neil moaned about McHaddock's serving cheap ice cream and stealing her customers.

"That ice cream was cool, Joe – ice cool!" joked Leo. "So it's a deal. One scary spider in Hayley's bag on Monday."

Suddenly Matt gave Leo a nudge. Joe O'Neil wasn't in the ice cream suit at all. In fact, Joe had just walked into the ice cream parlour.