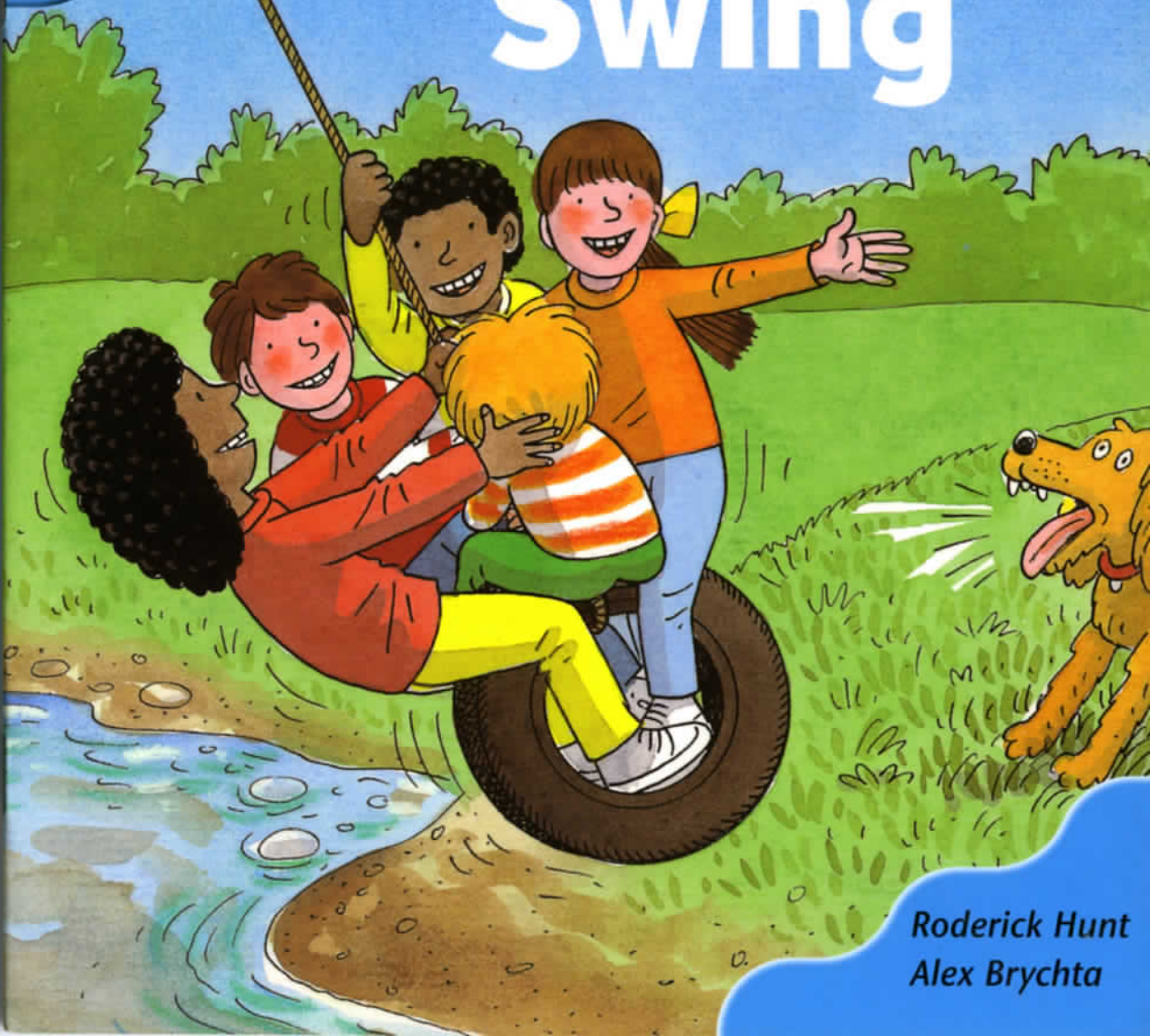


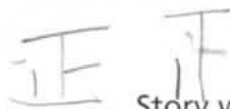


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# The Rope Swing



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### **What's this story about?**

The children play on a swing over a stream. Floppy has noticed that the rope is about to break but more and more children get onto the swing. He can hardly bear to look!

### **Talk together**

Talk about swings the child likes to play on. Look at the swing on the cover. Ask, "Do you think it looks safe?" Talk about the dangers of playing near water.

### **Read the story**

**W** = Word recognition    **C** = Language comprehension

- Read the story together.
- C** Before turning each page, ask, "What do you think will happen next?"
- C** Page 3, ask, "Why is Floppy looking worried?"
- W** Help the child read the tricky words, e.g. 'climbed' on page 6.
- W** Encourage the child to sound out the letter sounds in 'swing' and 'splash'.
- C** Page 16, ask, "Was that how you thought the story would end?"



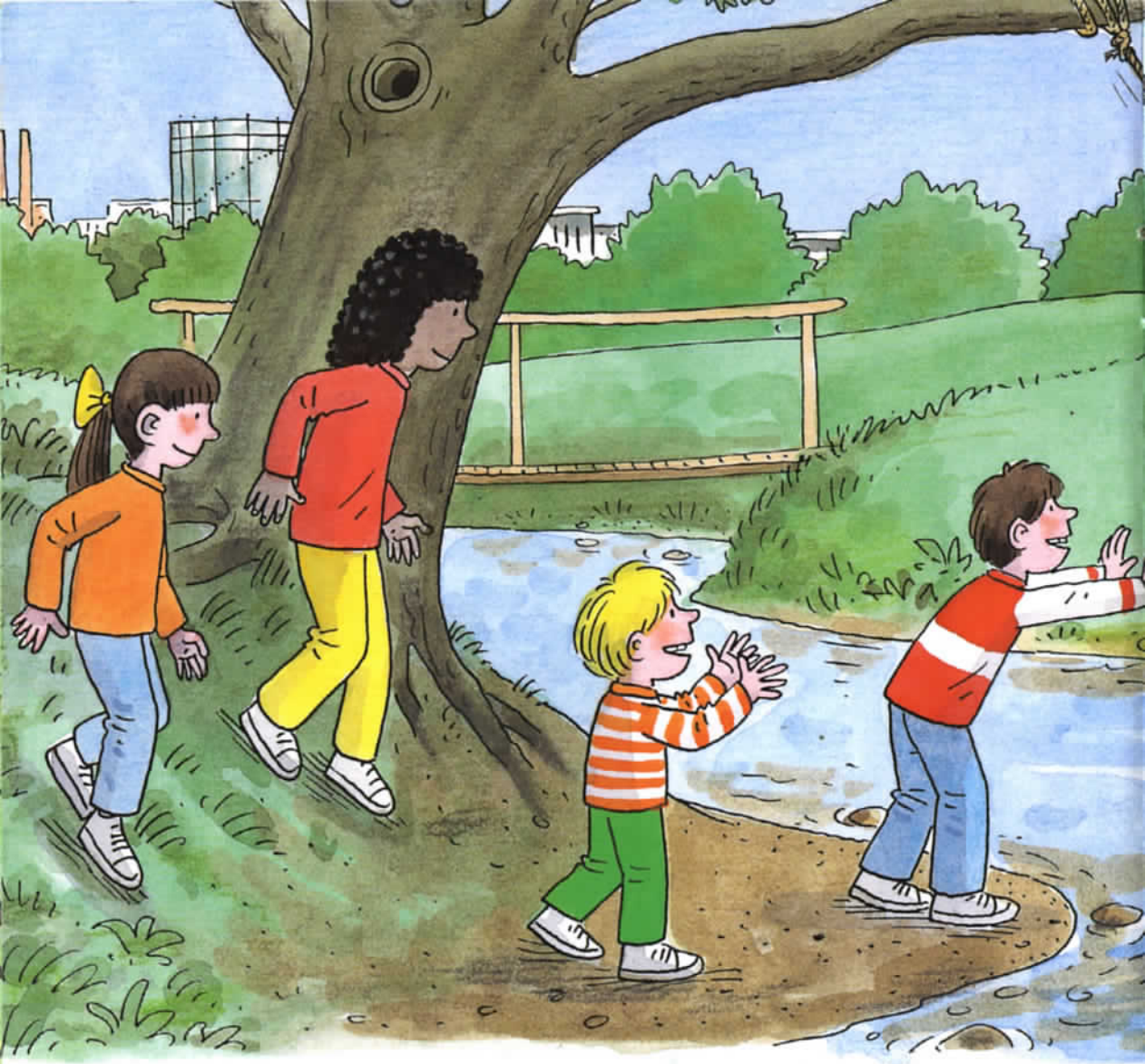
The children went to the stream.



They looked at the swing.



Wilf climbed on the swing.



Chip pushed Wilf.



Floppy looked at the rope.



Biff climbed on the swing.



Floppy barked and barked.



Chip climbed on the swing.



Floppy barked and barked and barked.



Kipper went on the swing.



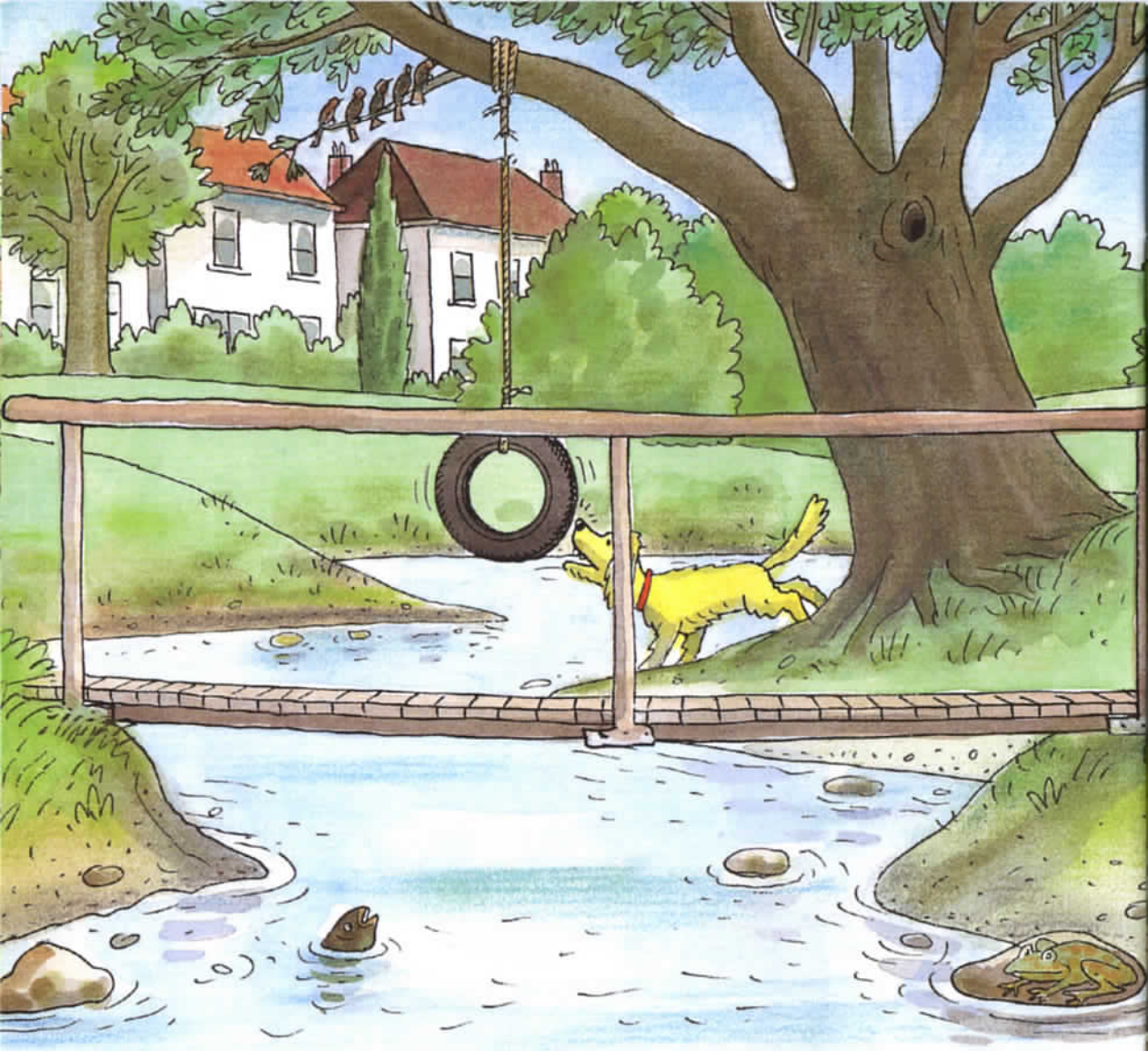
“What a silly dog!” said Kipper.



Wilma went on too.



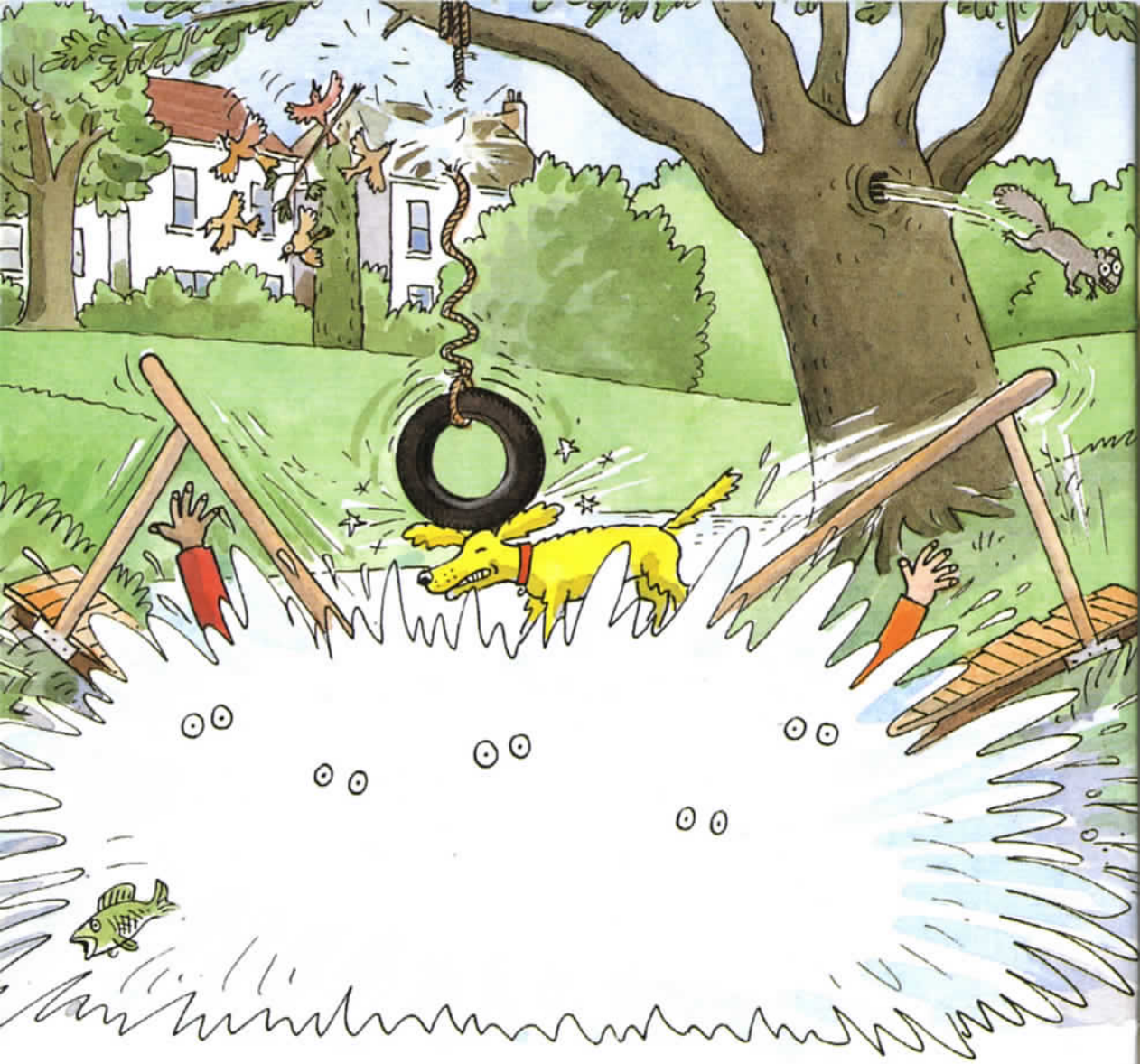
“What a silly dog!” said Wilma.



The children went home.



Floppy looked at the rope.



Splash! Oh no!

## ***Play a game***

### ***Think of a rhyme***

*To help the child find rhyming words to aid reading and spelling.*

- Open the book at any page and choose a word.
- Ask the child to think of a word that rhymes with that word, e.g. 'ring' rhymes with 'swing'.
- Swap roles.

## ***Other ideas***

*You can use these ideas straight away, or on another day.*

- Find and name all the animals in the pictures.
- Look for words that end in '-ed'. Count the number of different 'ed' words.

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What will happen to the rope swing?



This story practises these words:

home push(ed) said they  
too what went

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