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What's this story about?

The family takes some old things to the jumble sale, including some of the children's old toys. The children buy something there and Mum and Dad are not too pleased!

Talk together

Talk about what happens to old toys and clothes. Ask, "What happens at a jumble sale? What might you buy there?"

Read the story

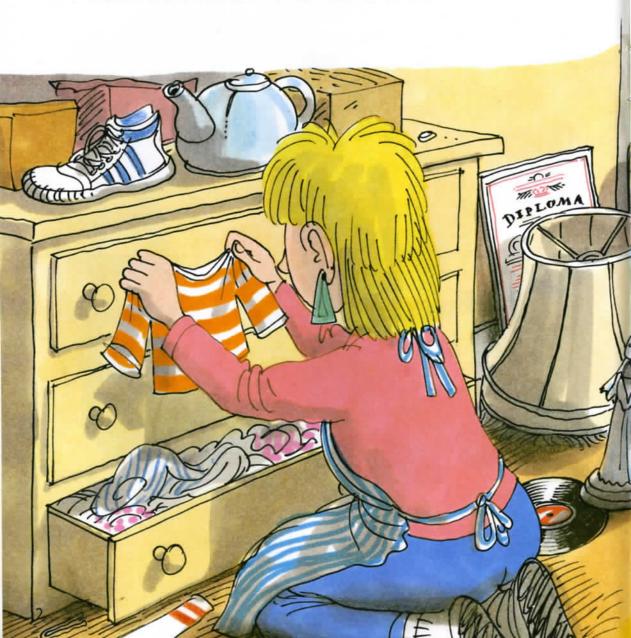


- Read the title on the cover and notice what is in the boxes and on the table.
- Page 1, find the word 'spring-cleaning'. Explain what it means.
- Page 4, ask, "Do you know what 'junk' means?"
- Page 9, read the poster. Notice that it is written in capital letters.
- Page 15, ask, "What do you think is in the bags?"
- Page 16, ask, "Why do you think they wanted their old toys back?"



Mum and Dad were spring-cleaning.

Mum looked in a drawer.

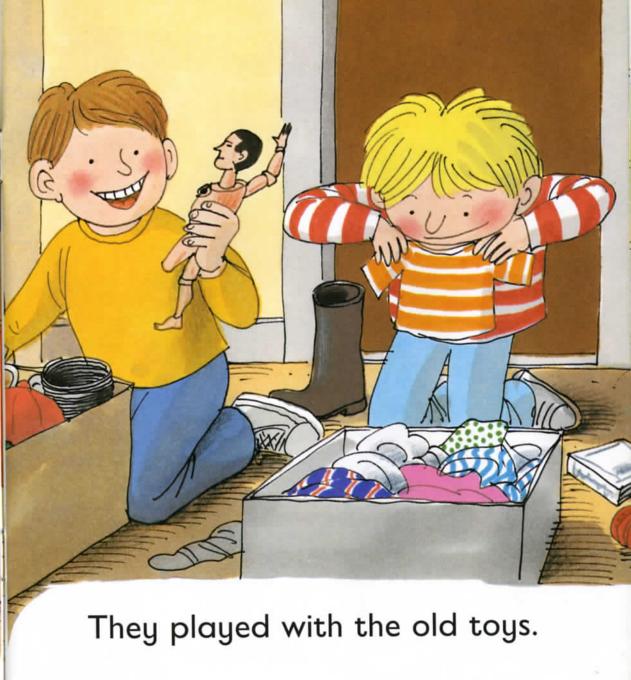




Dad threw things out.



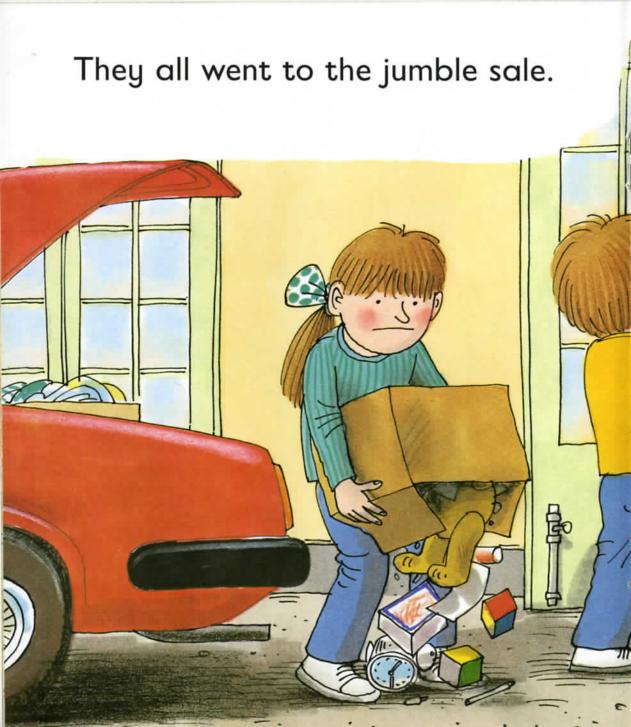




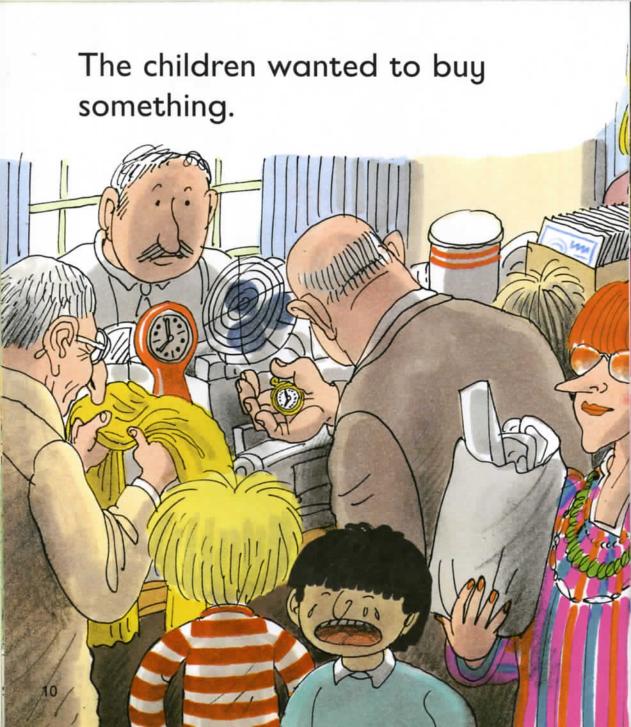
Mum put the old toys in the car.

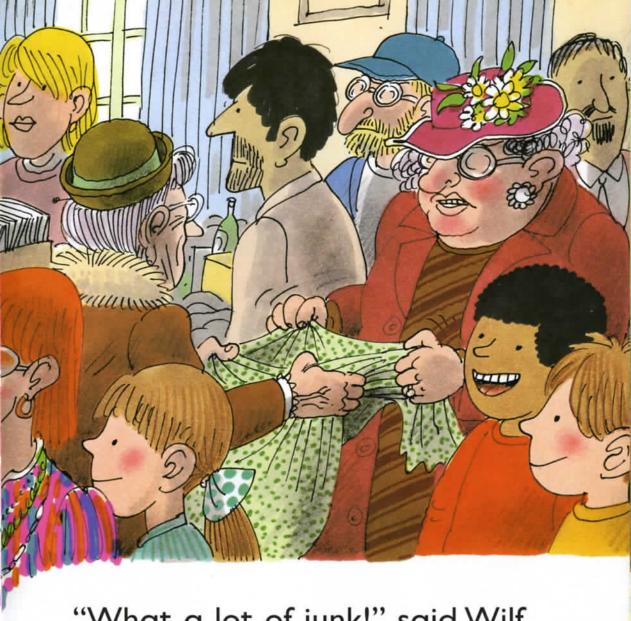


The children were sad.

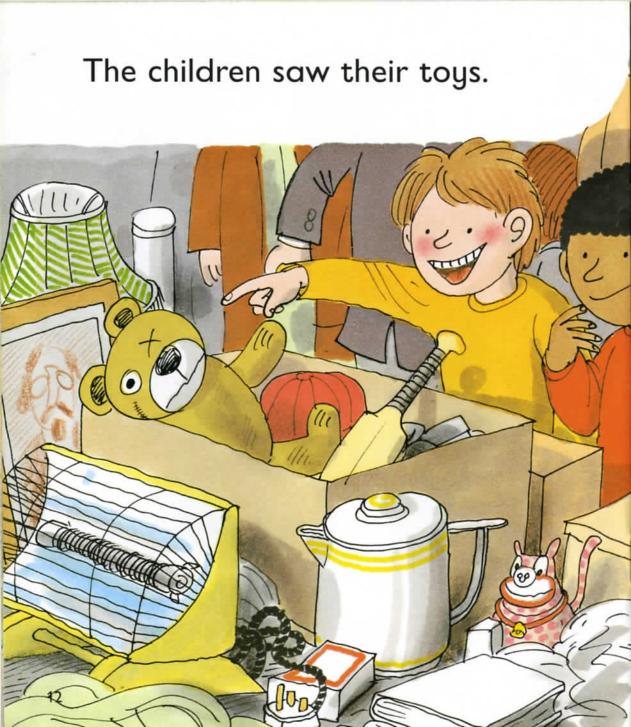


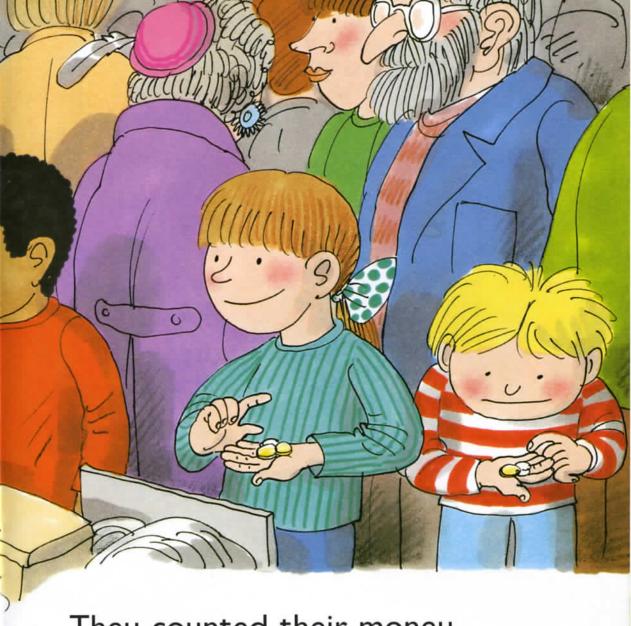




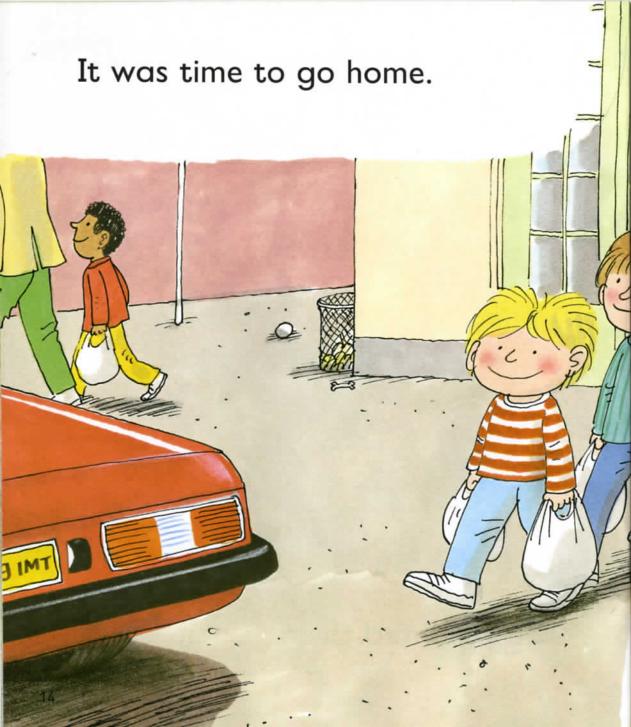


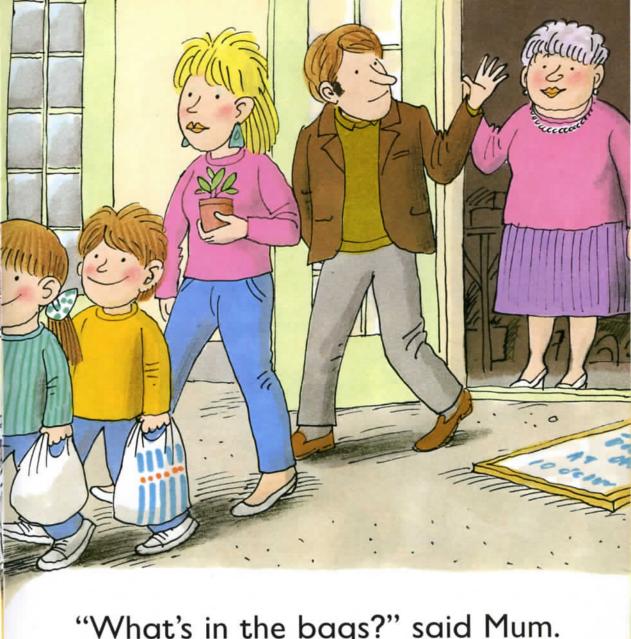
"What a lot of junk!" said Wilf.





They counted their money.





"What's in the bags?" said Mum.



Oh no!

Play a game

Words inside words

This helps children to notice how words are spelt.

- Open the book, e.g. page 1, and say, "I can see 'we' inside were".
- Then the child looks for a word inside a word. If they find this
 difficult, suggest a word that appears often in words, such as 'in'
 ('spring', 'cleaning', 'things', etc.).
- Have two or three turns each.

Other ideas

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

- Find words that end in 'ed'. Cover the 'ed' and read the remaining word.
- Choose a picture and play 'I spy', e.g. on pages 8–9 say, "I spy
 with my little eye, something beginning with 'b'." ('ball', 'boxes',
 'bear', 'brick', 'boot', 'bolt')



The Jumble Sale

Mum throws out the old toys.

This story practises these words:

home old put saw some(thing) their
time want(ed) were what with

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