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The Barbecue



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What's this story about?

The dads light a barbecue but everything goes wrong and the children get hungry. The children are happy when they give up and go to town for a burger instead.

Talk together

Talk about barbecues. Ask, "Would you rather have a barbecue in the garden, or go and get a burger in town?"

Read the story

W = Word recognition **G** = Language comprehension

- W** Show how to break down 'barbecue' into three words: 'bar-be-cue'.
- G** Pages 4–9, talk about the pictures, noticing the trouble the dads are having with the fire. Ask, "What is everyone else doing?"
- W** Read the story together, and help to work out new words.
- W** Ask the child to point to each word as you both read. Remind him/her to use the first letter sound.
- W** If necessary, tell the child the word. At the end of the story go back and find the tricky words again. Read the whole sentence together.



Wilf's dad wanted a party. He
put up some lights.

Wilma and Dad made a
barbecue.





Wilf and Mum took the food
outside.

Everyone helped.





The dads lit the fire.

The fire went out.





The children were hungry.

The dads lit the fire again.

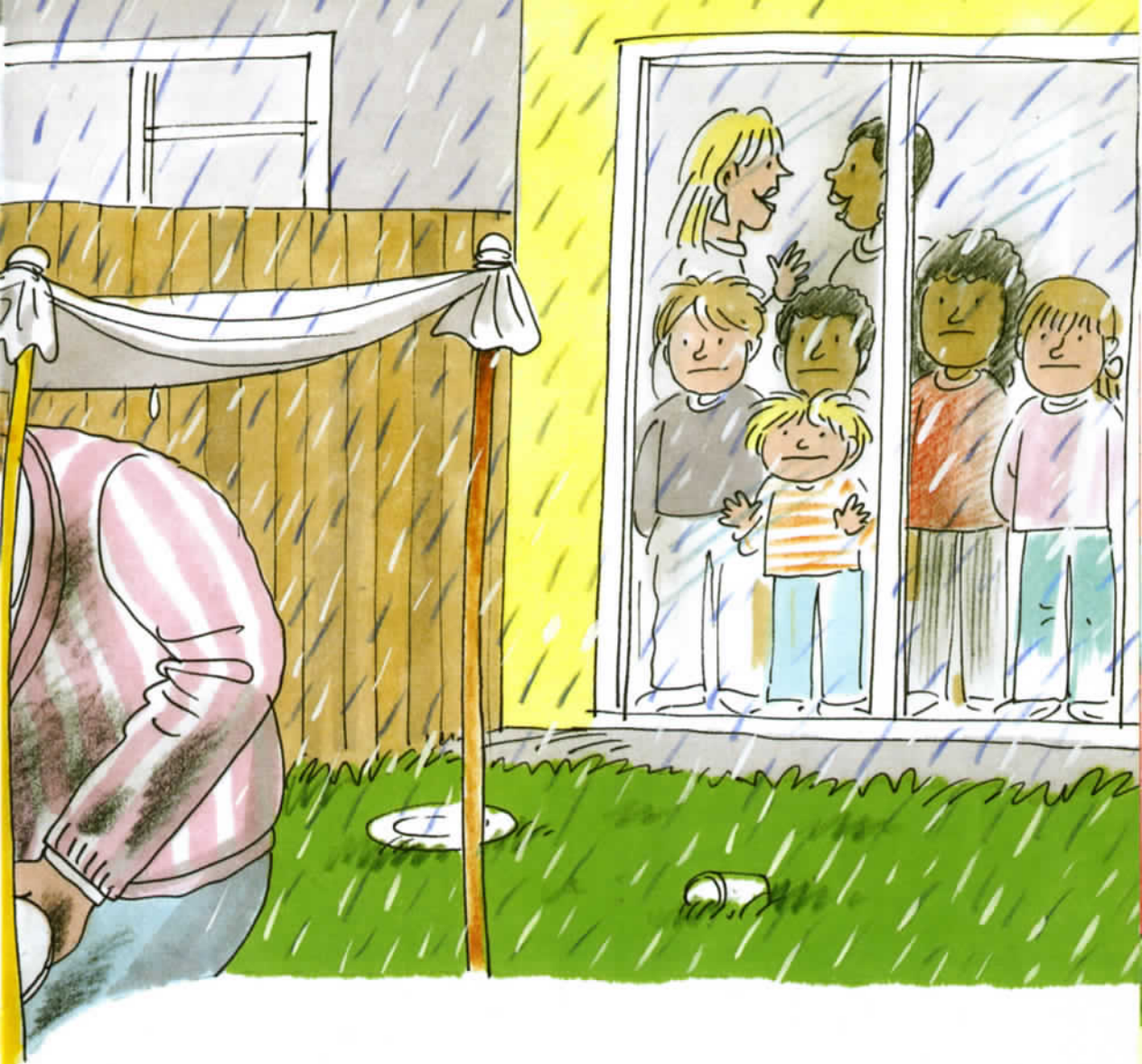




It began to rain.

The dads cooked burgers.





The children were fed up.

The burgers burned.





“Yuk!” said Chip.

Oh no!





The dads got wet.



“Hooray!” said the children.

Play a game

Rhyming game

To help children recognise the spelling and sound of a common grapheme.

- Pages 8–9, find 'rain' and 'again'. Look to see which letters are the same.
- Take turns to think of words that rhyme with rain: 'brain', 'drain', 'gain', 'main', 'pain', 'stain', 'train', 'vain'.

Other ideas

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

- Practise spelling some of the three-letter words in the story, saying the letter names: "'t', 'h', 'e' spells 'the'".
- Talk about the pictures on pages 12 and 14. If possible, set up a water play activity. Explore how heavy water can be.

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The dads have a barbecue.

This story practises these words:

again got help(ed) made out put some
took want(ed) were

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