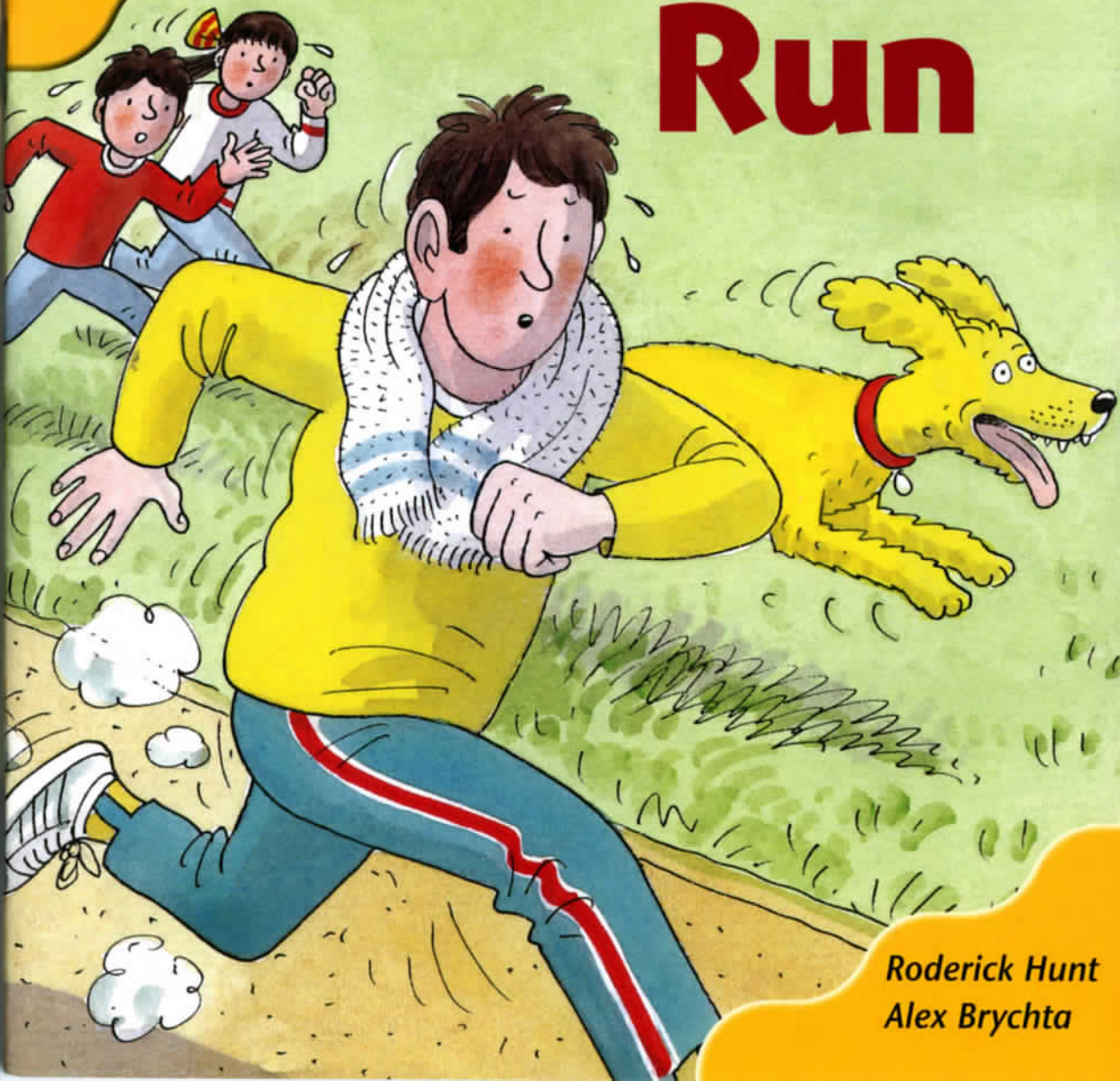




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# Dad's Run



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

Dad decides to enter a fun run for Children in Need. He is doing well until his foot slips down a hole. It looks as if he will have to drop out until Wilf has a good idea.

### **Talk together**

Talk about any running races that the child might have heard of or been involved with.

### **Read the story**

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

- Look at the pictures. Read the story together.
- W** Page 4, help the child read the tricky word 'idea'.
- W** Praise the child for sounding out the letter sounds to work out new words, such as 'rest' on page 13: 'r-e-s-t'.
- G** Page 14, ask, "What is Chip carrying?" "What were they used for?"
- G** At the end, ask, "Who was the most tired, Dad or Mum and the children?"

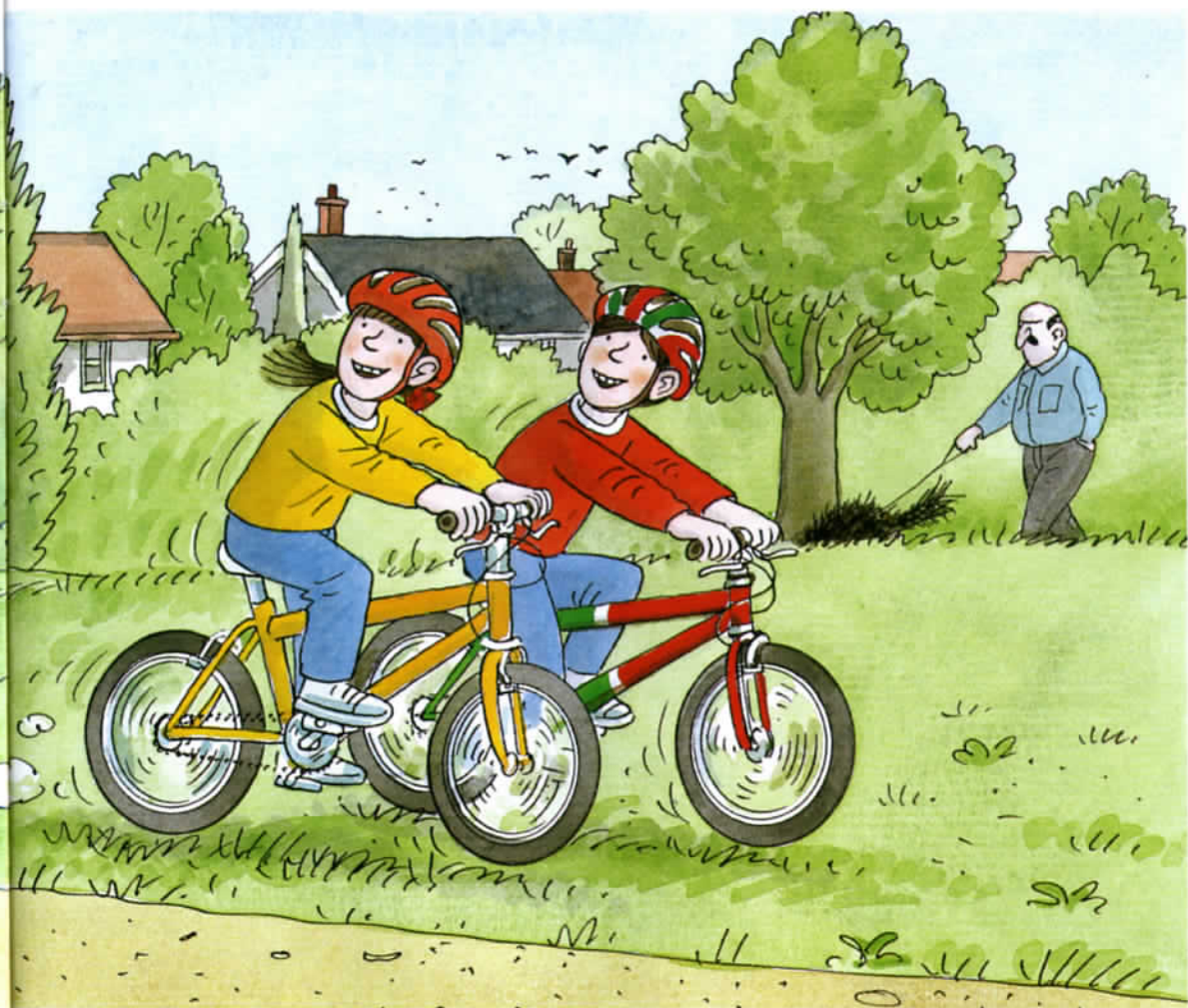


Dad went running. Floppy went with him.





Dad went running every day.  
“I want to get fit,” he said.



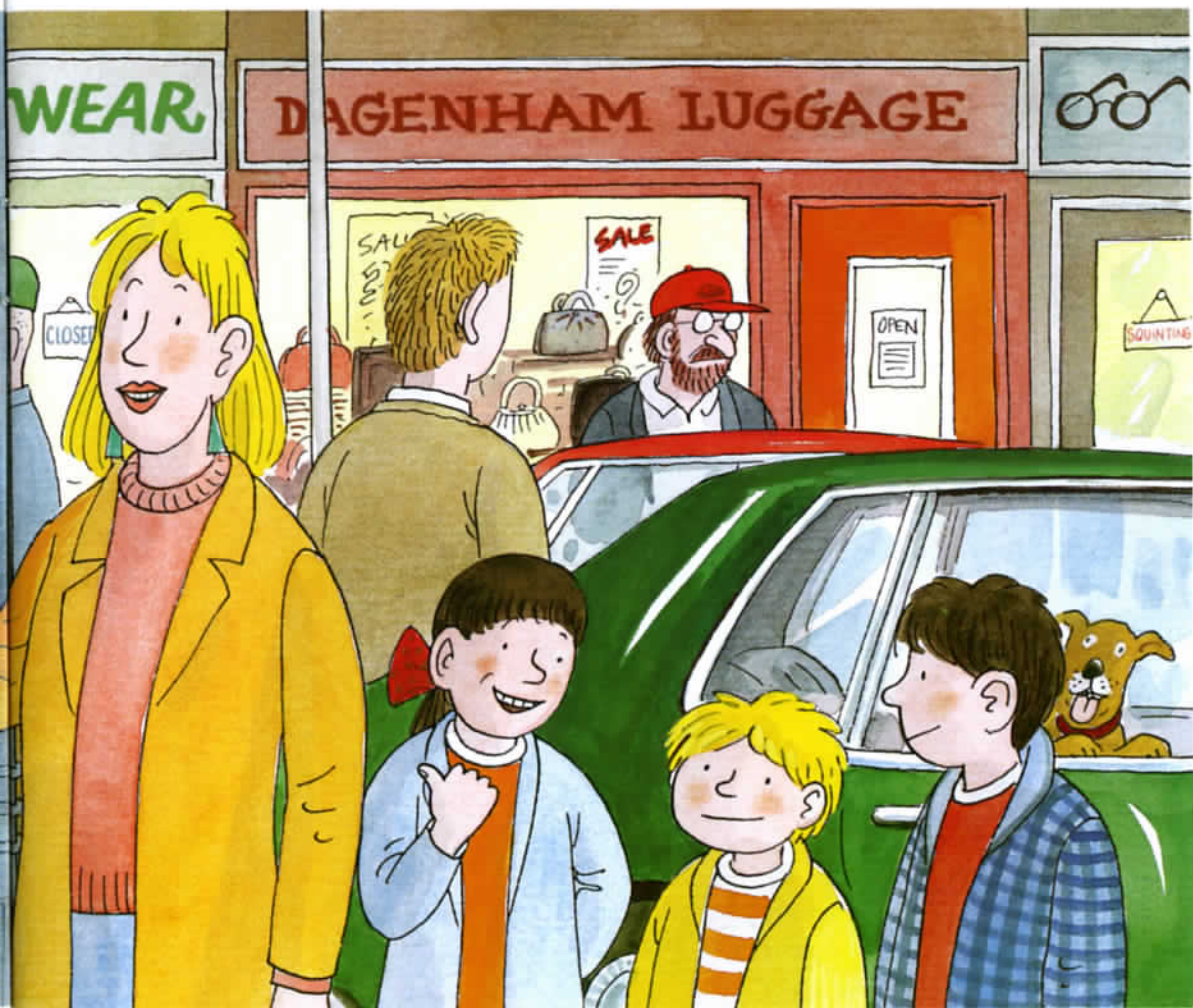
Biff and Chip went with Dad. They went on bikes.

“Keep going, Dad,” said Biff.

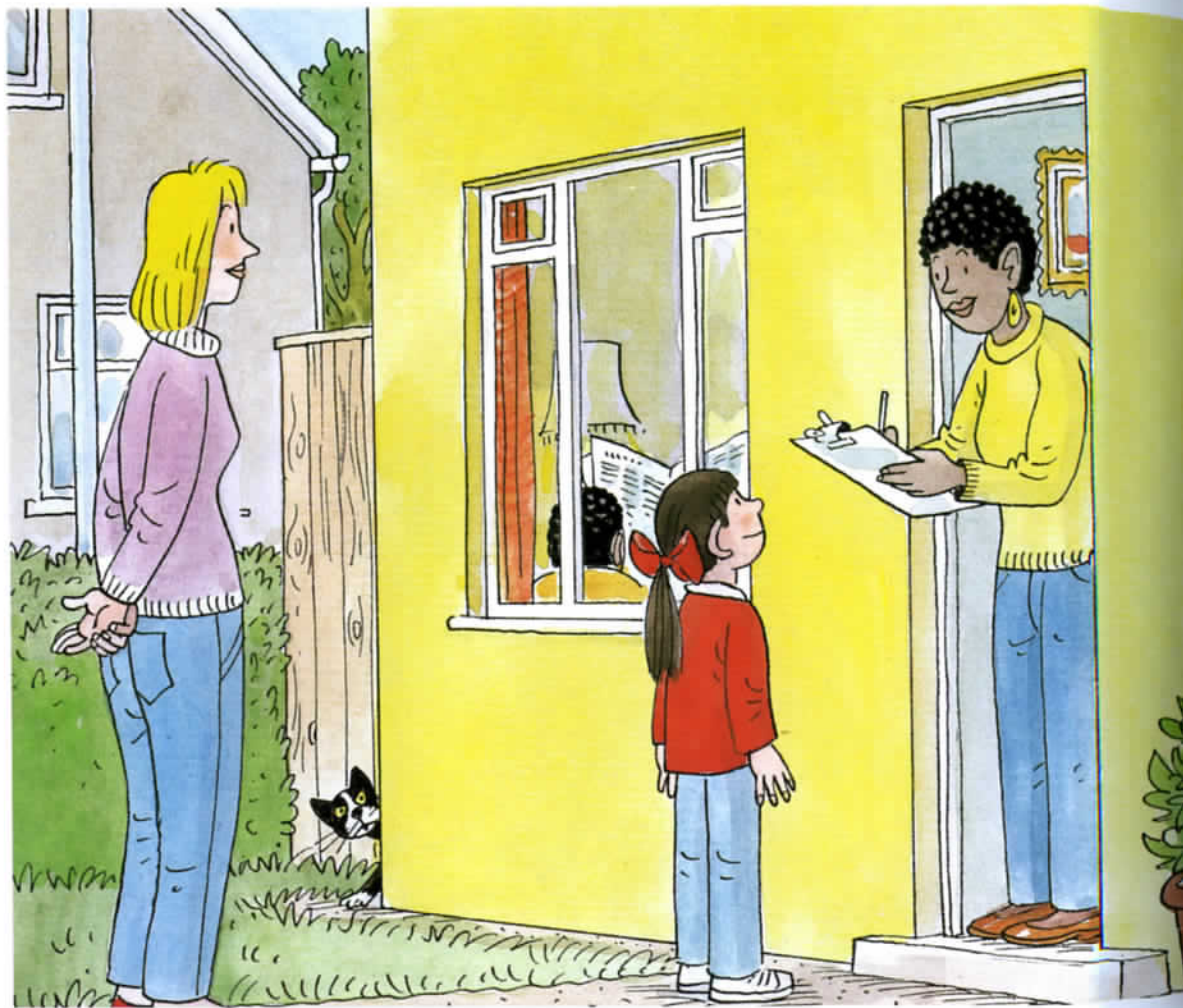




Dad had an idea. He wanted to do the Fun Run.



“What a good idea,” said Mum. “But it’s a long way to run!”

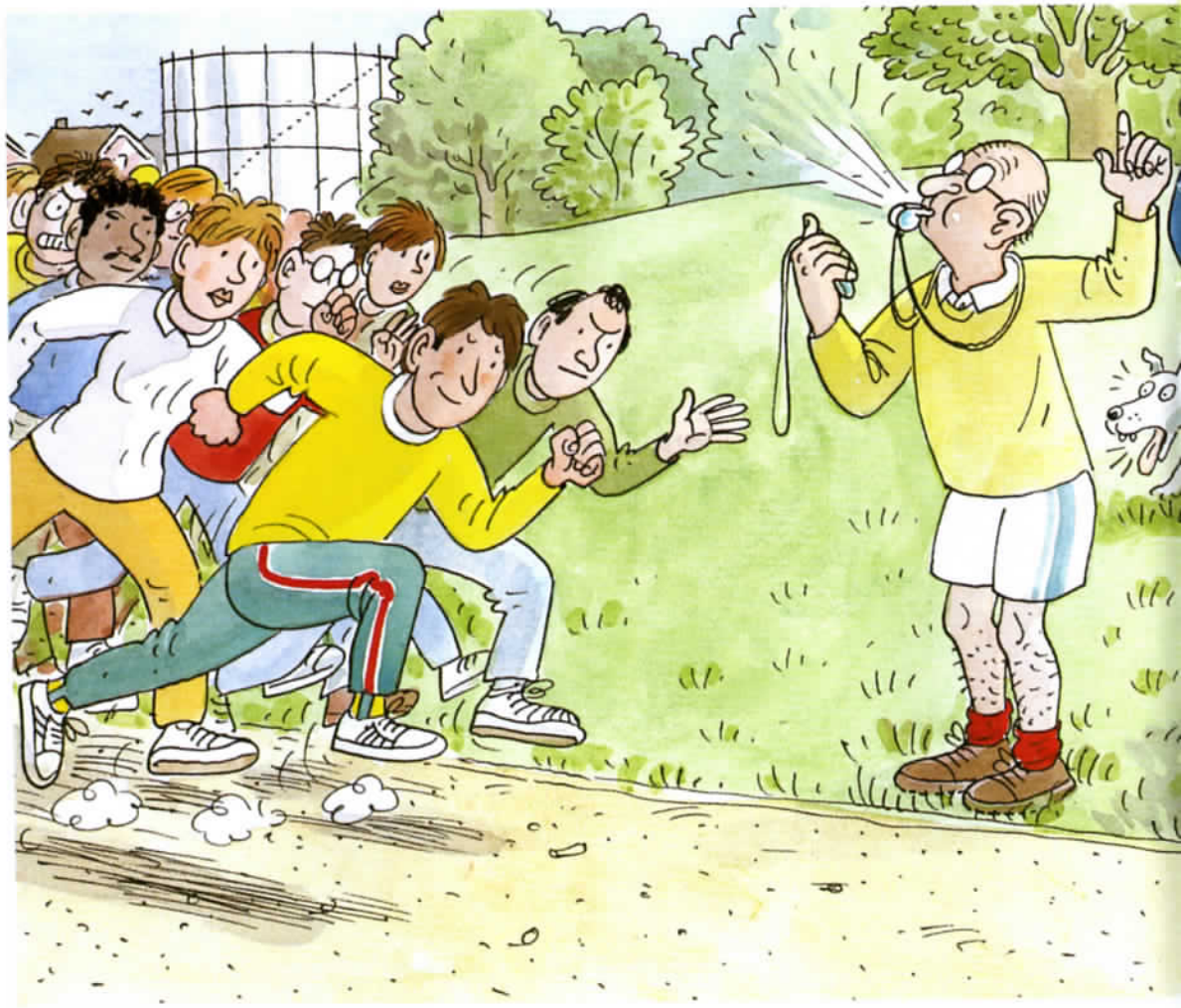


Biff and Chip told everyone.  
“Dad is going to do a Fun Run,”  
said Biff.





“It’s to help Children in Need,”  
said Chip. “Will you sponsor Dad?”



It was the day of the Fun Run. They all went to the park.

“It’s a long way to run,” said Chip.





“Go!” called a man and the Fun Run began.

“Go on, Dad!” called Kipper.





The Fun Run went around the park.  
“Ten times round the park,” said Dad.  
“It’s a long way to run.”



Dad ran well. He ran round the park four times. There was still a long way to go.





Oh no! Dad's foot went into a hole.  
Dad fell down.  
"Ouch!" said Dad. "My foot!"





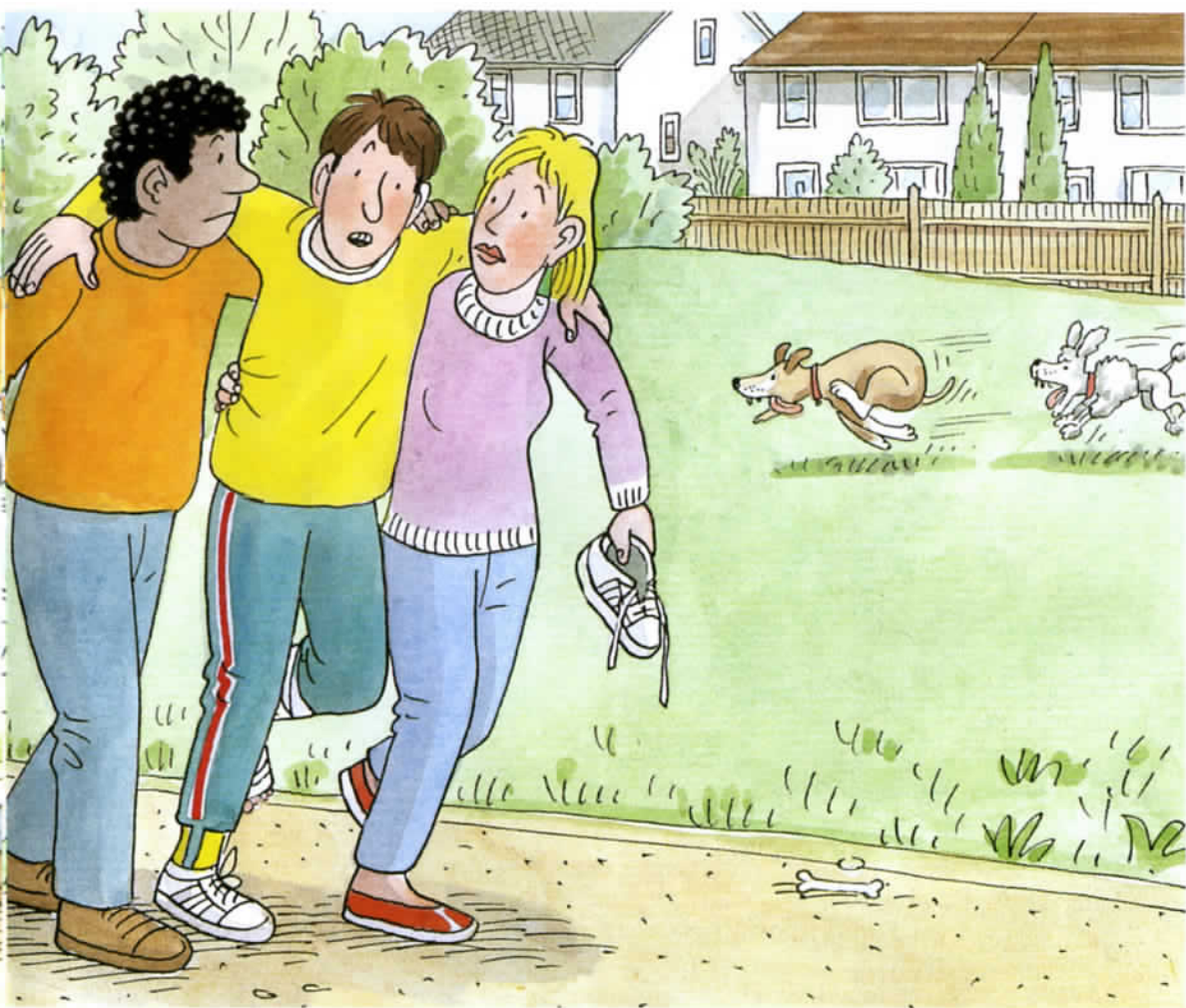
A man looked at Dad's foot.

"You must rest it," he said. "You can't run on it."



Dad couldn't finish the Fun Run.  
"What bad luck!" said Mum. "Poor  
old Dad!"





Dad was upset.

“Oh no!” he said. “Now I can’t help  
Children in Need.”





Wilf had an idea.

“We can push you in the old pram,”  
he said.



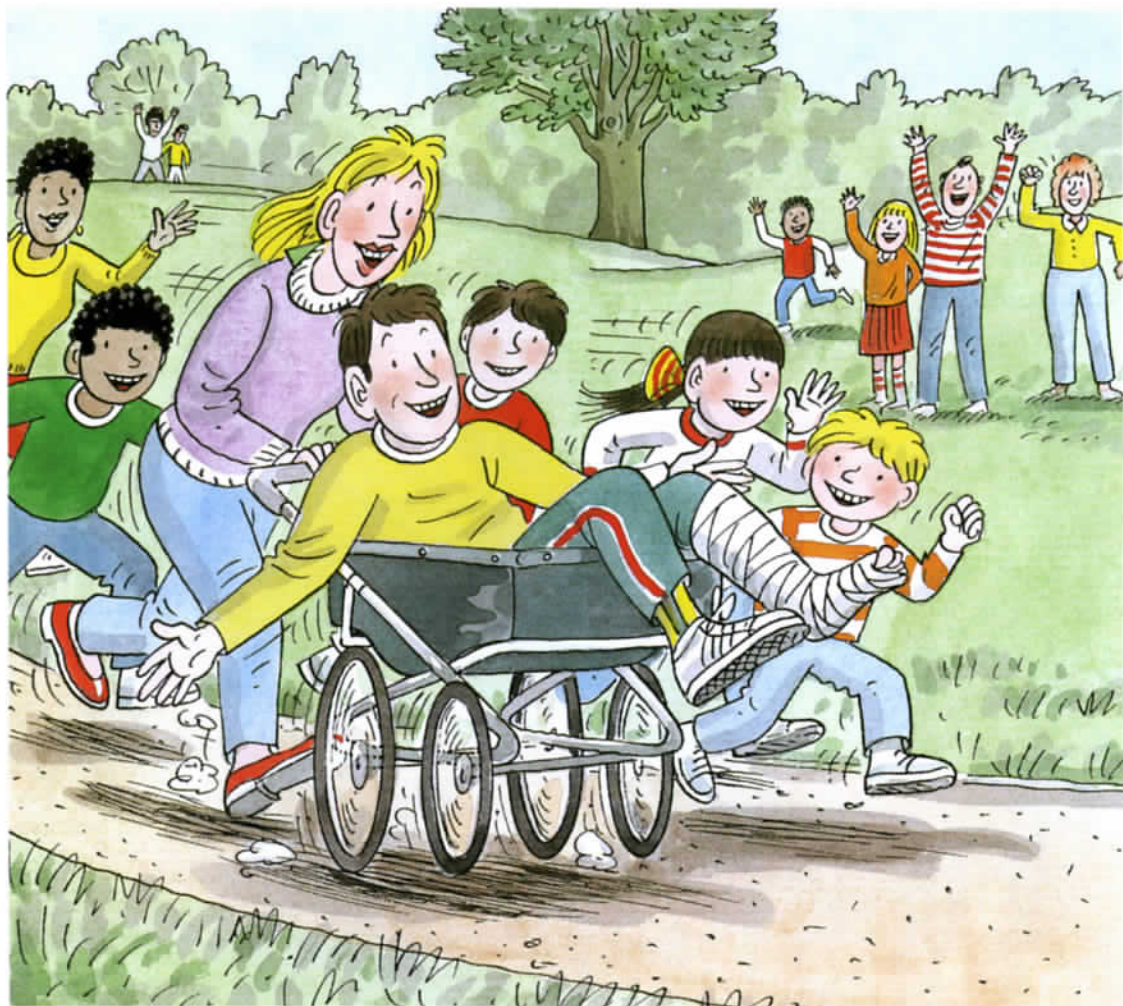
Wilf and his mum ran home. They got the old pram and ran back with it.



“Come on, Dad,” said Chip. “Get in the pram.”

“We will all push you,” said Mum.



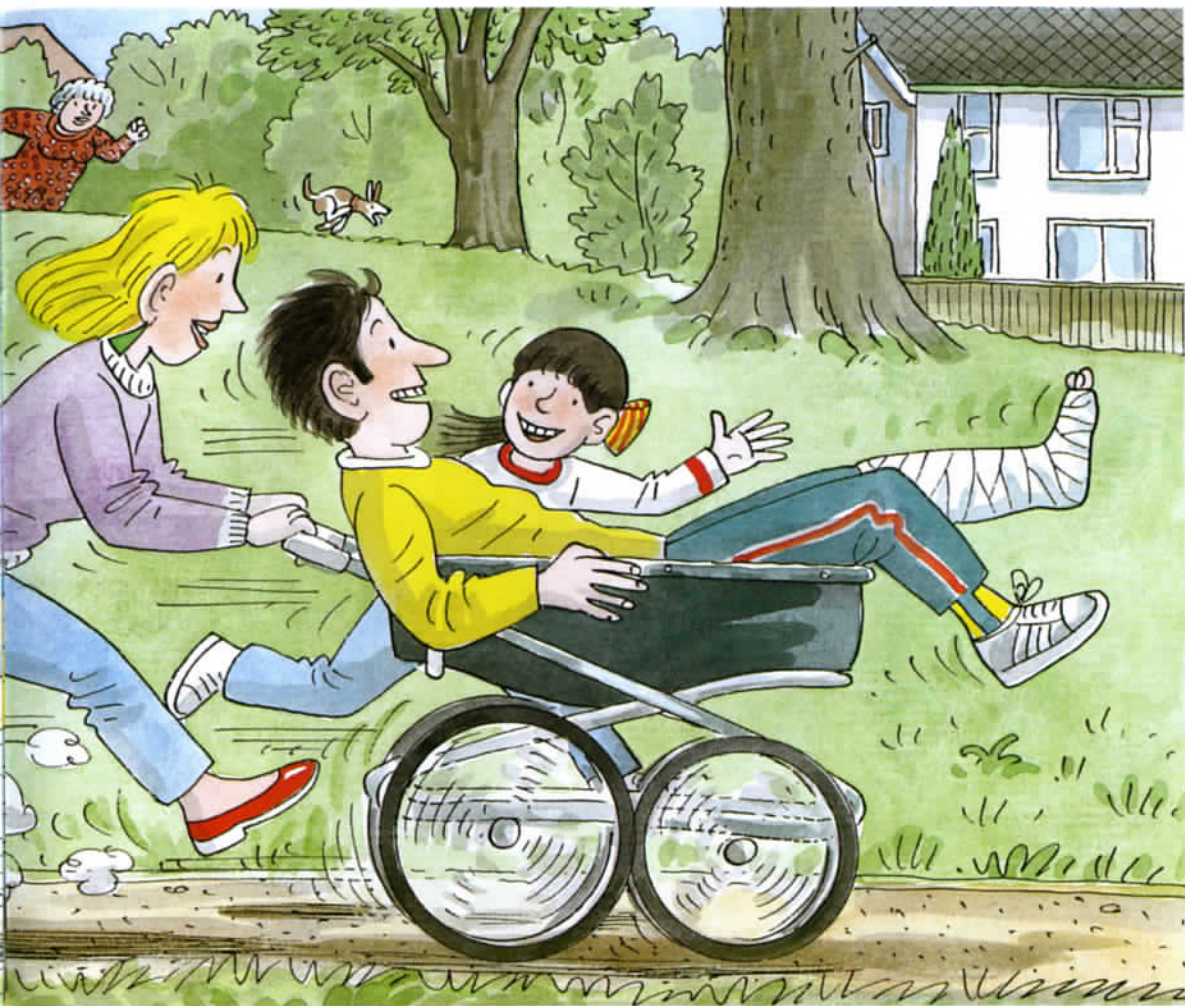


Dad sat in the pram. They pushed him round the park.



“Hooray!” everyone called. “It’s not far now!”





“But it’s a long way to push a pram,”  
said Mum.

“Keep going!” said Dad.



It was the end of the run. The wheels came off the pram. Dad fell out.





“What a way to end the run,” said Dad. “But thank you for pushing me.”



“That was a fun run,” said Kipper.  
“But it was a long way to push a  
dad!”



## ***Play a game***

### ***Exclamation marks***

*To help the child notice punctuation.*

- Find any sentence in the book that ends with an exclamation mark. Read it out loud with appropriate expression.
- Ask the child to find a sentence ending in an exclamation mark to read to you.
- Have several goes each.

### ***Other ideas***

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

- Find the words 'four' and 'ten' in the story (pages 10 and 11). Write the words for numbers one to ten and read them together.
- Look through the pictures and talk about the amusing details, e.g. the dogs, the other characters in the Fun Run.

# Dad's Run

The Fun Run goes wrong for Dad.

This story practises these words:

back but call(ed) can't could(n't) do  
down four good had help him home  
must now off pram push ran ten that  
time(s) want way what will with



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