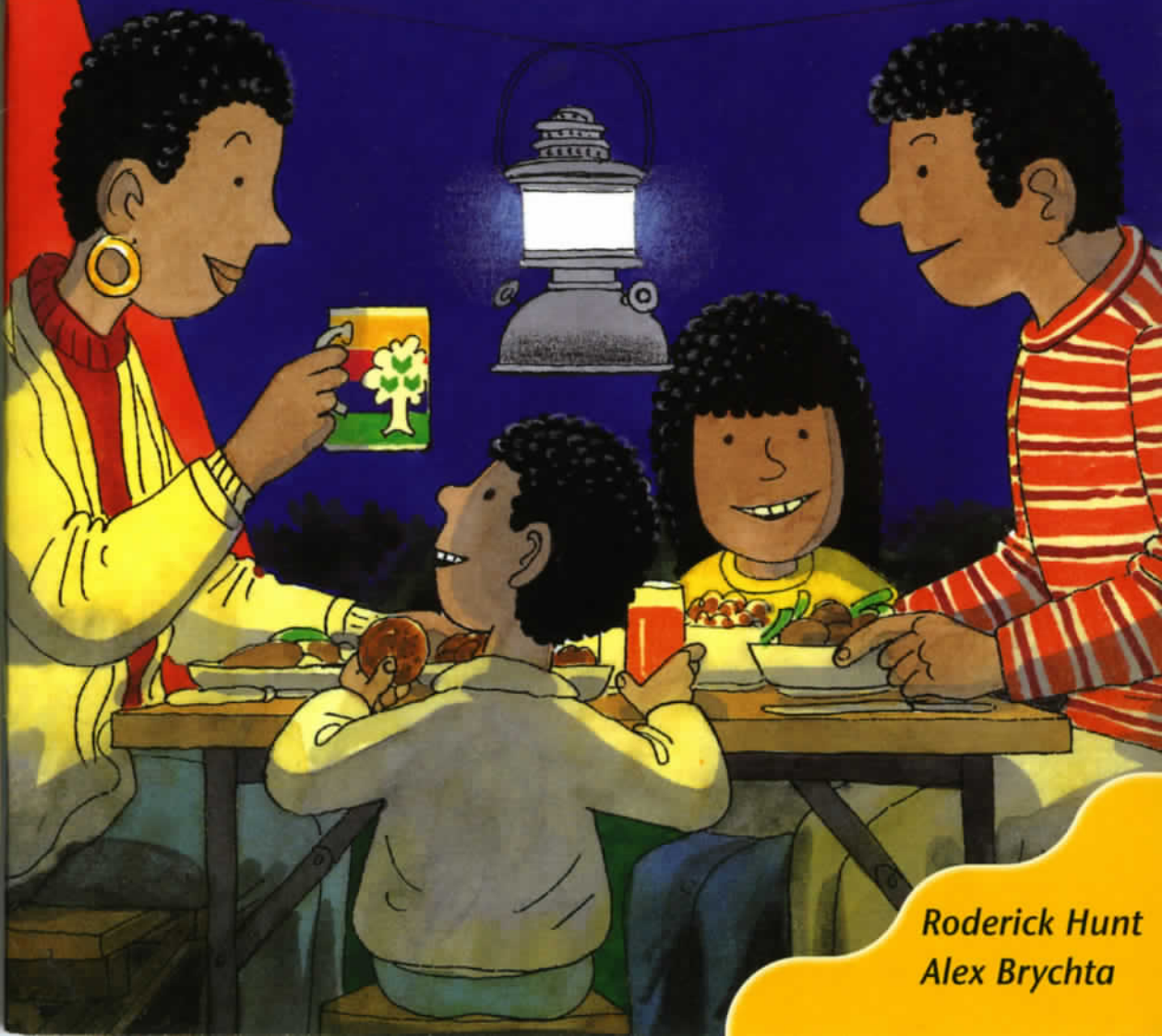




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# Camping Adventure



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

The children are camping on a farm. It is a stormy night. The farmer's wife can't get to hospital to have her baby because a tree has blocked the road. A helicopter comes to help.

### ***Talk together***

Look at the picture on pages 2–3. Talk about what it's like to stay in a tent.

### ***Read the story***

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

- G** Page 6, ask: "Did the family go to a shop to buy things?"  
"Where did they go?"
- G** Page 9, ask: "Why couldn't anybody sleep?" "What noises would they have heard?"
- W** Page 16, break down 'helicopter' into 'hel-i-cop-ter'.
- C** Page 16, ask: "Why was a helicopter coming?"
- C** Page 19, ask: "Why did the children make a cross in the field?"



Mum and Dad went camping. They took the children. They went to a farm.

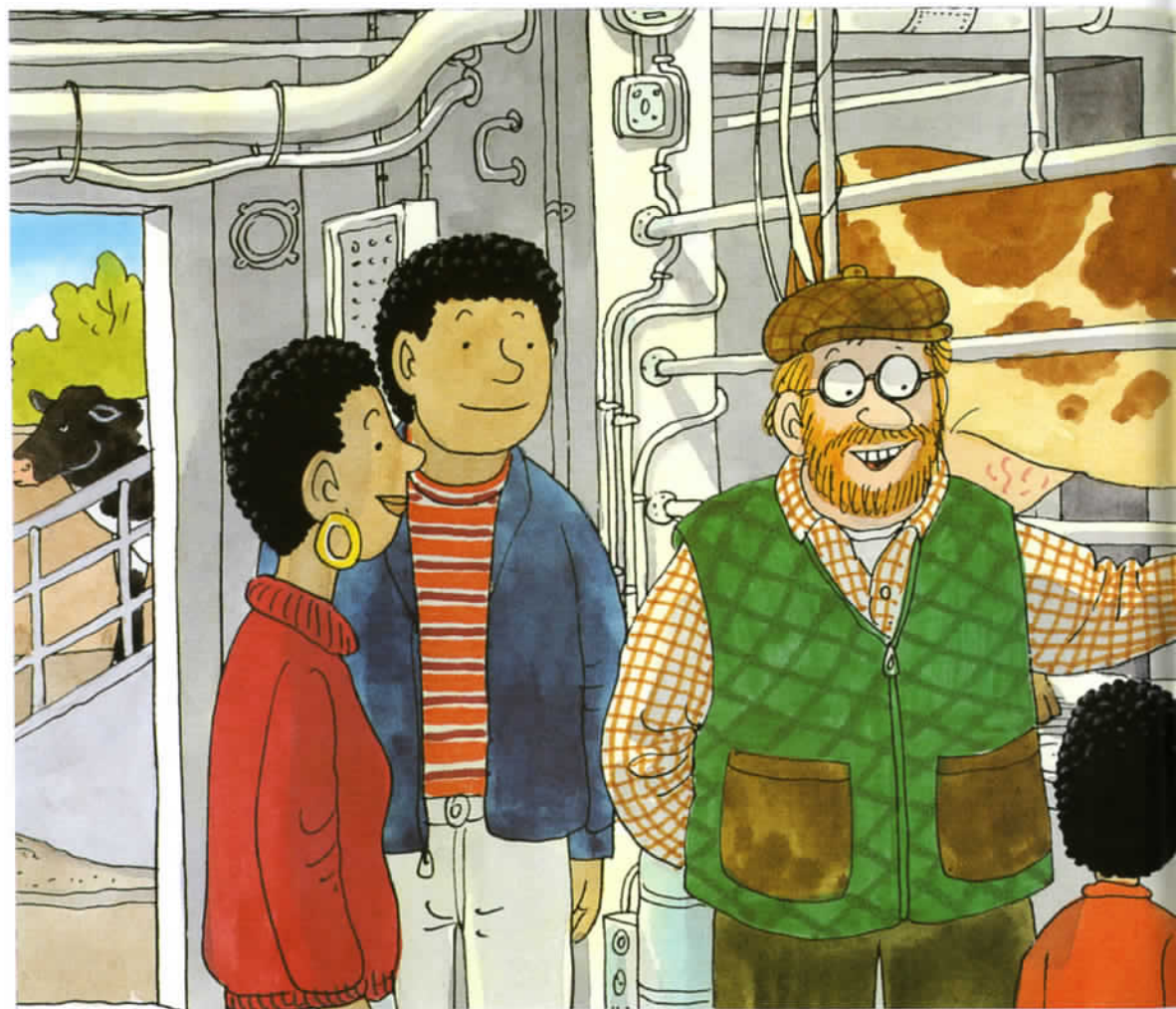




Mum and Dad had a new tent. They put it up. Wilf helped.



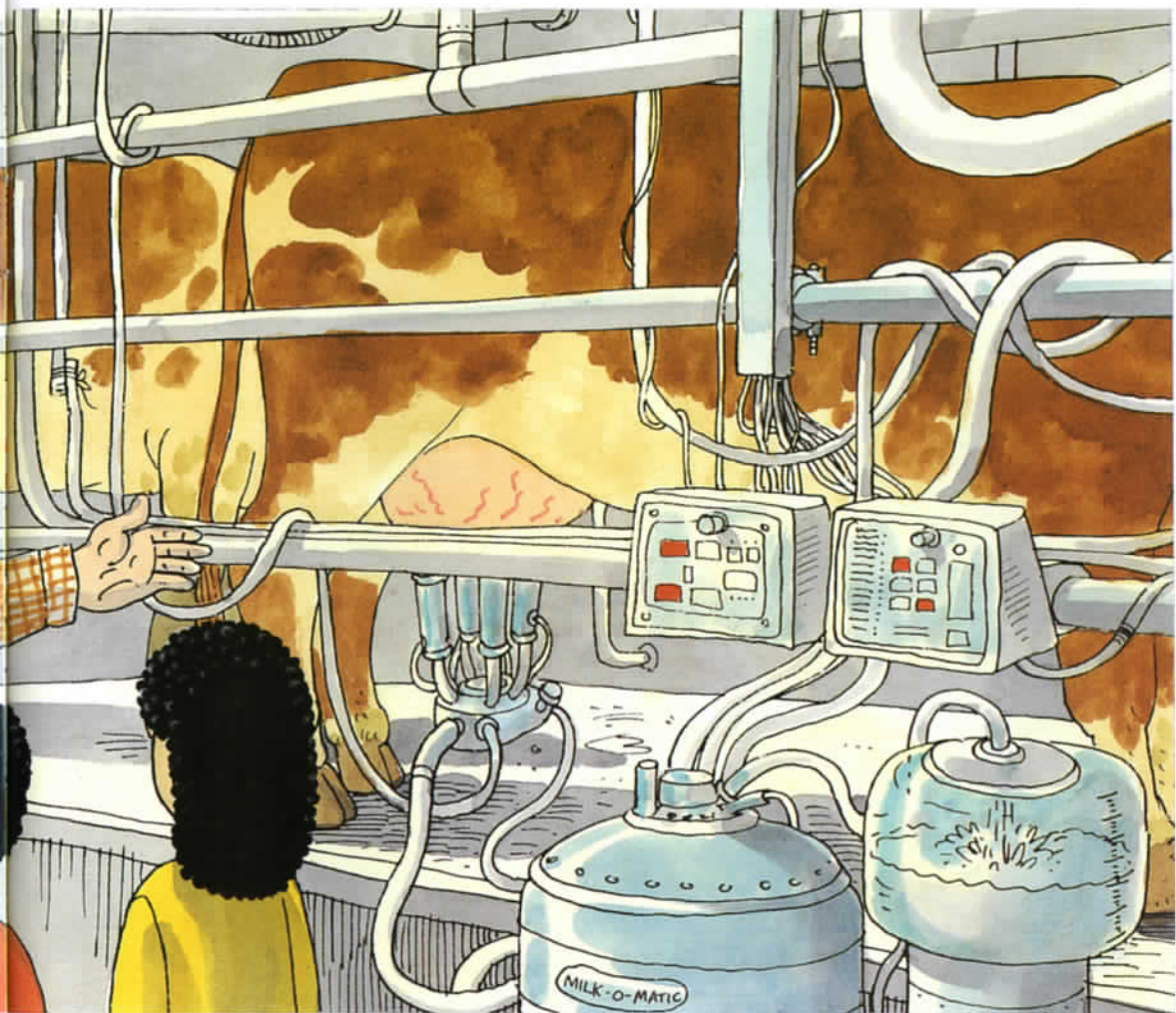
Wilma got some water.  
“I like it here,” she said. “I like  
camping.”



Mr Jones was the farmer. He had  
to milk the cows.

“Come and watch,” he said.





“What a lot of cows!” said Wilf.  
Mr Jones laughed.  
“We milk them every day,” he said.



Mum wanted some milk. She went to the farmhouse.

“I want some eggs too,” said Mum.





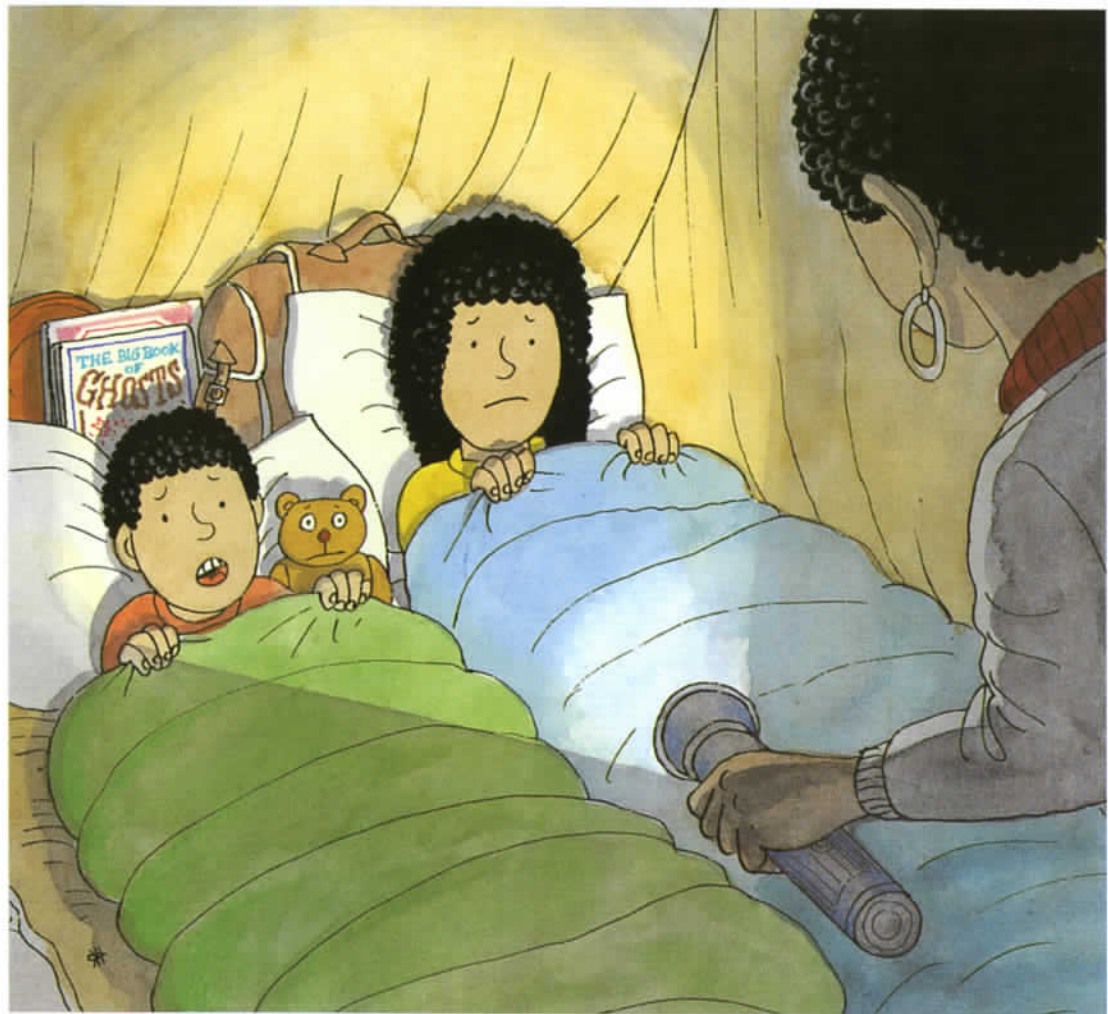
Mrs Jones was expecting a baby. She was expecting it soon.

"It may come today," she said.



Dad cooked supper.

“I like it here,” said Wilf. “It’s  
fun in this tent.”



Everyone went to bed but there was a storm. Nobody could sleep.





The wind blew. Everyone had to get up.



The wind blew the tent down. They had to go to the farmhouse.

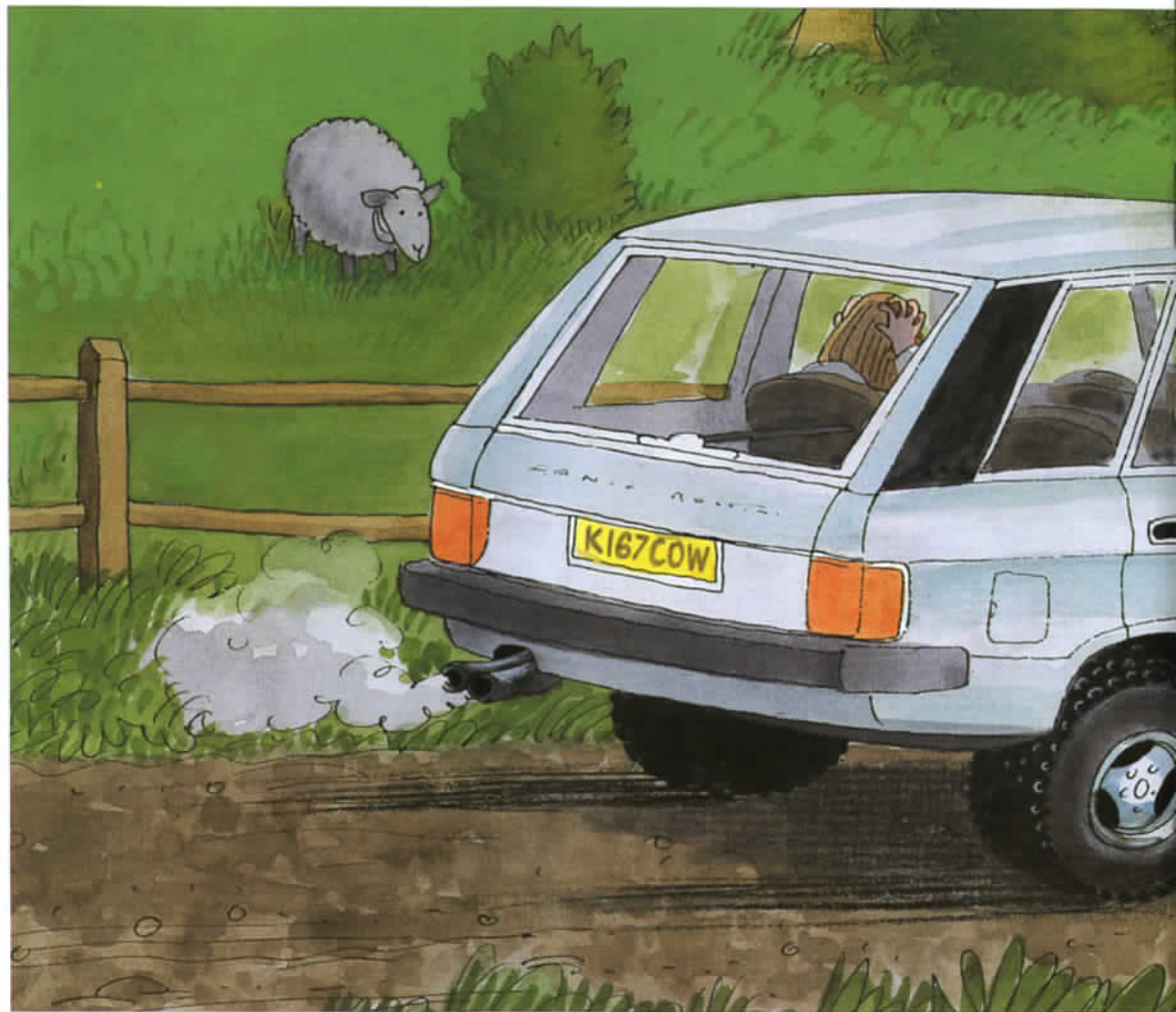


Mr Jones called Mum.  
“The baby is coming,” he said.





Mrs Jones had to go to hospital.  
She got in the car. Mum helped her.



The storm got worse. The wind  
blew and blew. The wind blew a  
big tree down.



The car couldn't get past.  
Mr and Mrs Jones went back to  
the house.





Mr Jones called for help. He called the hospital.

“A helicopter’s coming,” he said.



Mr Jones pointed to a field.  
“The helicopter can land there,”  
he said.



Mr Jones got some bags. The children helped. They got some big stones.





They made a big cross out of the bags. They put stones on the bags.



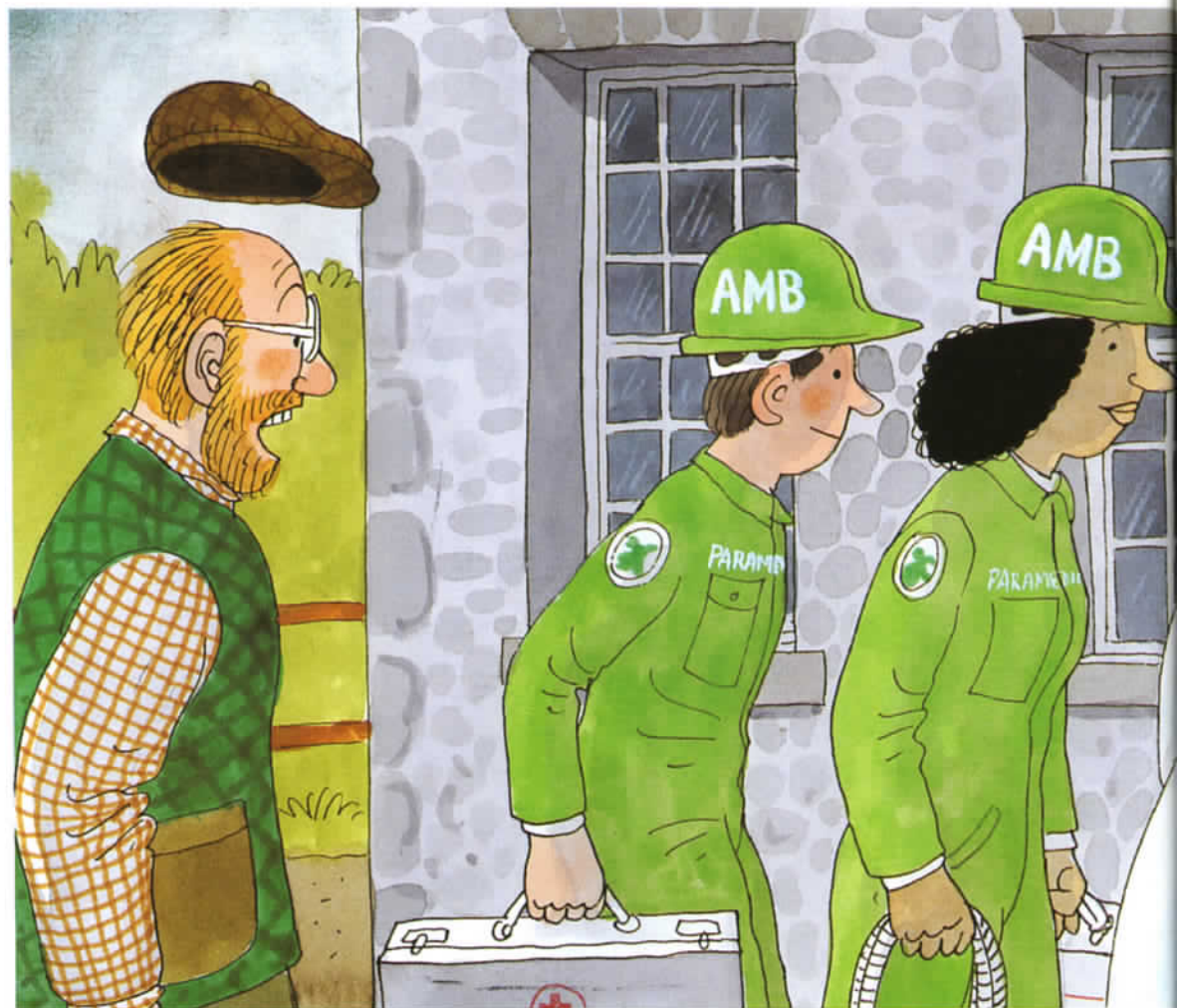
The helicopter came. It landed near the cross.

“At last!” said Mr Jones.



There was a doctor in the  
helicopter.  
“Come on!” said Mr Jones.





The doctor ran to the house but Mum came to the door. She was laughing.



“Too late!” said Mum. “Mrs Jones has had the baby. She’s had a baby boy.”



Everyone looked at the baby.  
“He’s very sweet,” said Wilma.  
“Will he like camping?”



## ***Play a game***

### ***Sound it, spell it***

*This helps children to use the letter sounds to help them spell.*

- Read a word in which all the letter sounds can be heard, e.g. 'milk', 'tent'.
- Ask the child to work out how to spell the word by stretching it out, saying each letter sound.

## ***Other ideas***

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

- Talk about the things you don't have in a tent that you have in a house, e.g. taps (page 3).
- On page 20, look at the Welsh flag and the Welsh word for 'ambulance' on the helicopter.

# Camping Adventure

Wilf and Wilma go camping.

This story practises these words:

back bed boy but called came could  
door down got had has help(ed) her  
here house last laugh(ed/ing) made  
may new out put ran some them  
there too took tree very want(ed)  
water what will



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