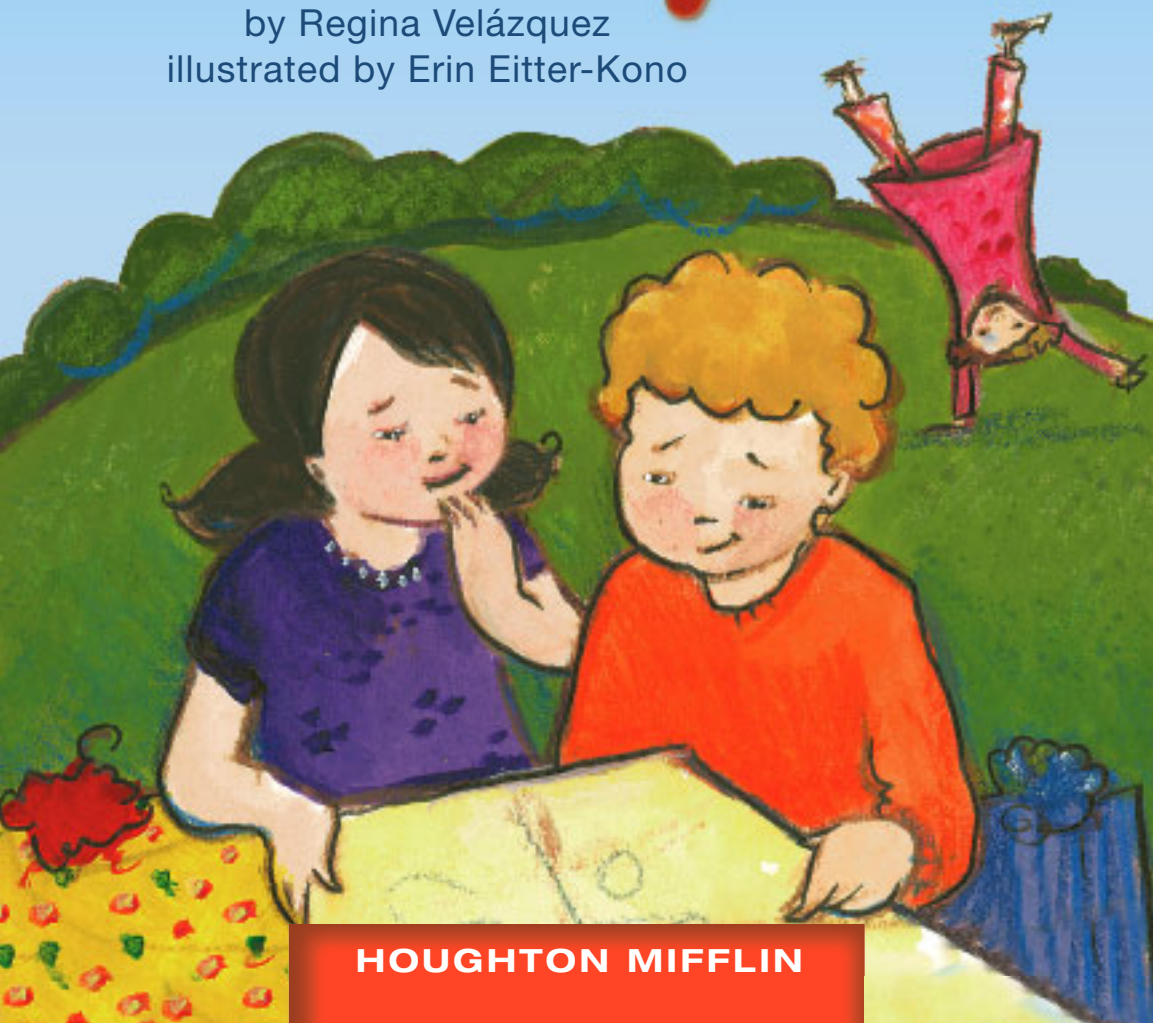




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🔊 Luisa was very excited. Phil's party was going to start soon.

Phil was a new kid in Luisa's class at school. He invited everyone in the class to his birthday party.

Luisa picked up the gift for Phil. "Dad!" she said. "Come on! I don't want to be late!"

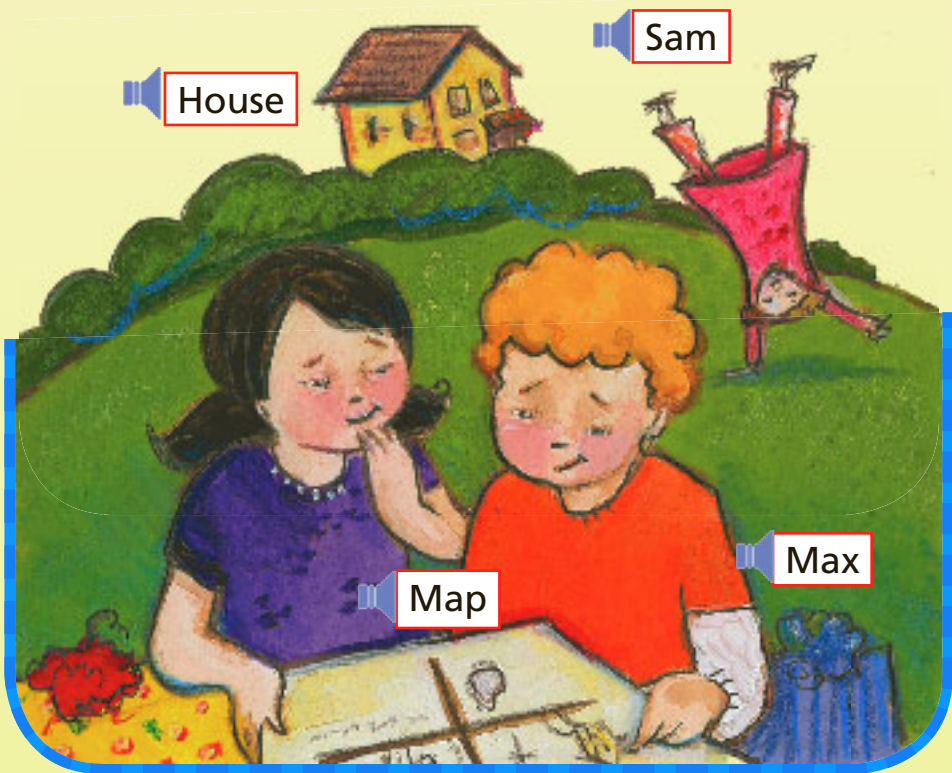


🔊 Luisa ran to the next house and knocked on the door. Max and his sister, Sam, came out.

“I’m Max’s **assistant!**” Sam said.

🔊 Max looked down at a piece of paper. It had drawings and street names on it. “Phil gave me a map to his house. I think his house is on this street. What do you think?”

Luisa **agreed.**



Everyone walked down the street. “I know where we are going!” Sam said. “I know where the party is!”

Luisa did not believe Sam. “That’s very nice, Sam, but we do not need your help,” Luisa said. “The map will show us the way.”

“The map will not fail us,” said Max.

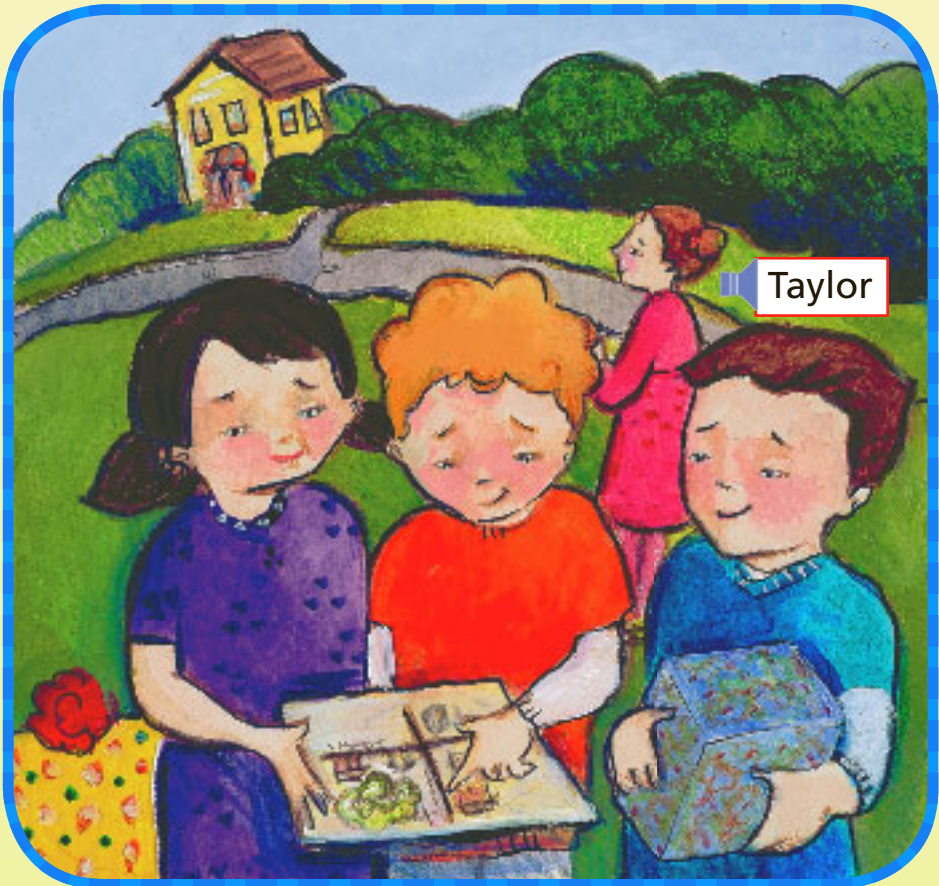


Soon they saw Taylor. He was in their class at school, too. He was lost.

“Where is the party?” asked Taylor.

“We know where to go!” Luisa said.

“Do you?” asked Taylor. “I know the party is on Maple. But is it on Maple *Street*? Or is it on Maple *Road*?”



🔊 “The map will say if the party is on Maple Road or Maple Street,” said Max. “I will look.”

“Okay,” said Taylor. “But please read the map fast. We are going to be late!”

🔊 “I see both Maple Street and Maple Road on this map. But I don’t know where the party is,” said Max.

Sam jumped up and down. “I know where the party is!” she said.

“Stop jumping, Sam!” said Luisa.



Just then, Luisa saw Keshia. Keshia was in their class at school, too.

“Mom told me how to get to the party,” Keshia said. “Phil’s house is on Maple.”

“We know,” said Max. “But is the house on Maple Street or Maple Road?”

“I don’t know,” said Keshia.



Keshia

“I will look at the map again,” said Max.
“The map does not help us,” Luisa said.
“Maybe I will call Phil and ask for help,” said Keshia.

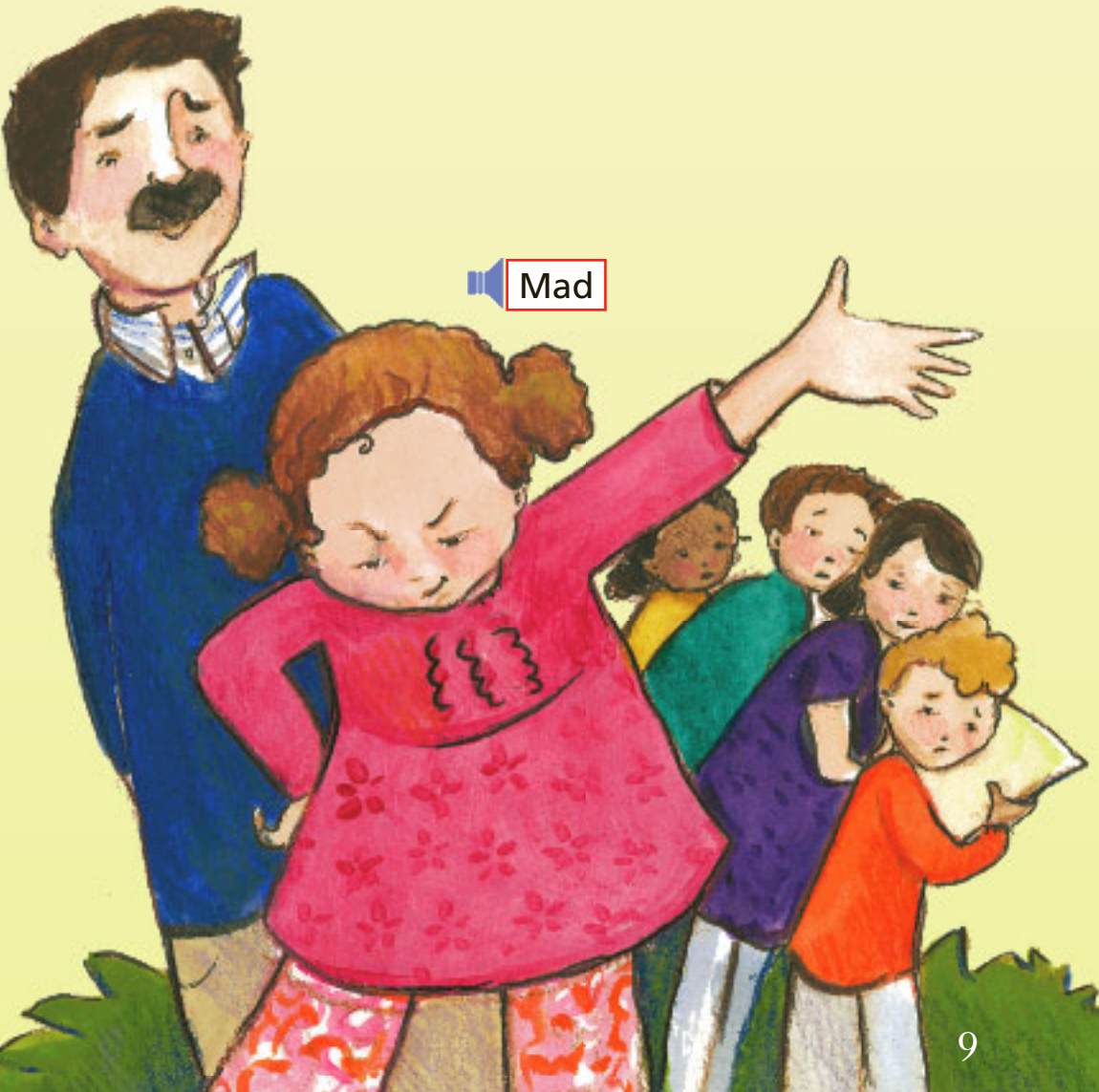
“We are going to be *really* late for the party,” said Taylor.

Sam jumped up and down again.
“Stop jumping, Sam!” Luisa said.



Sam got mad. She waved her hands and shouted, "I know where the party is! I know where the party is!"

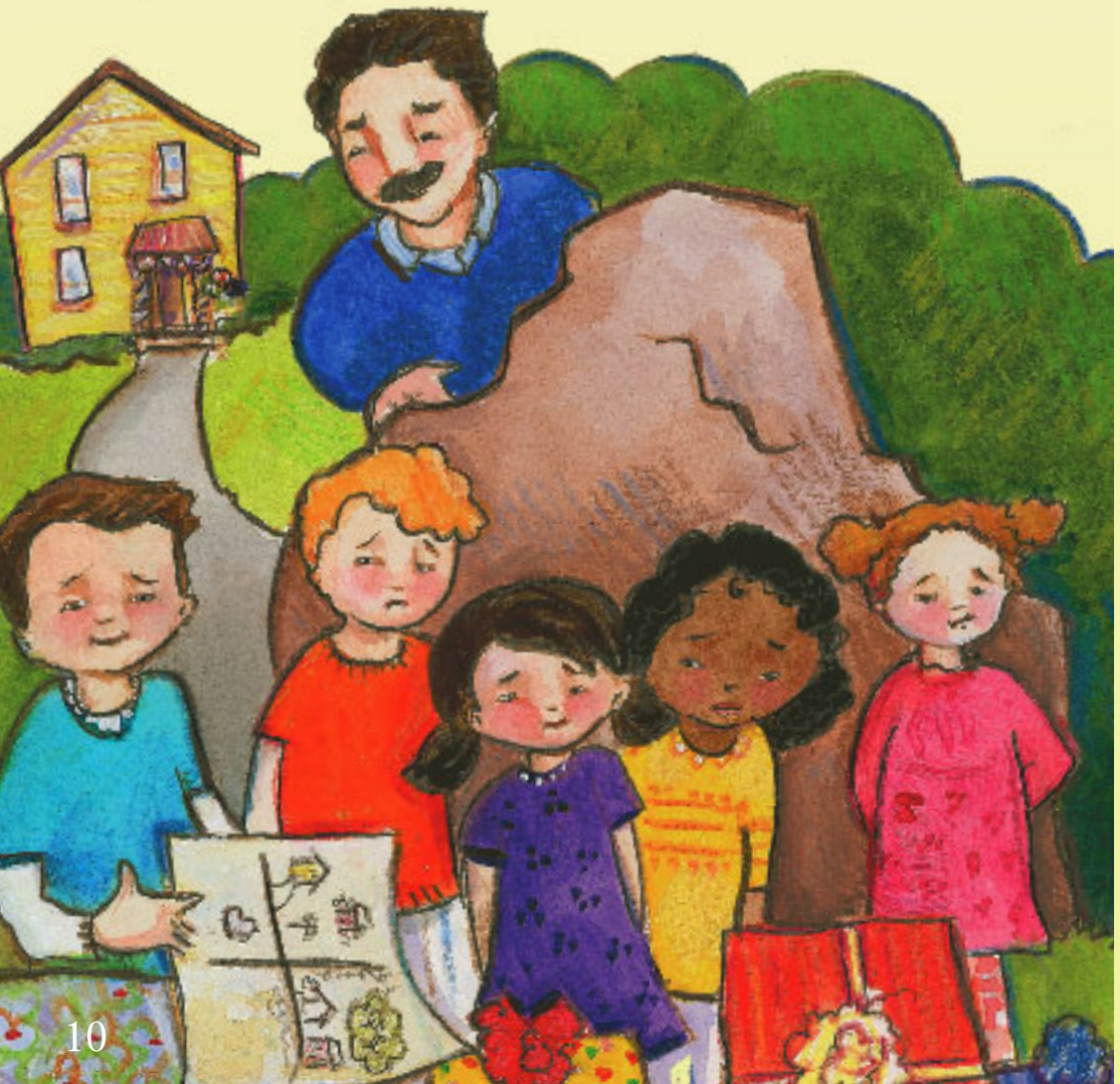
"Sam, shouting is not **polite**," said Max.



Mad

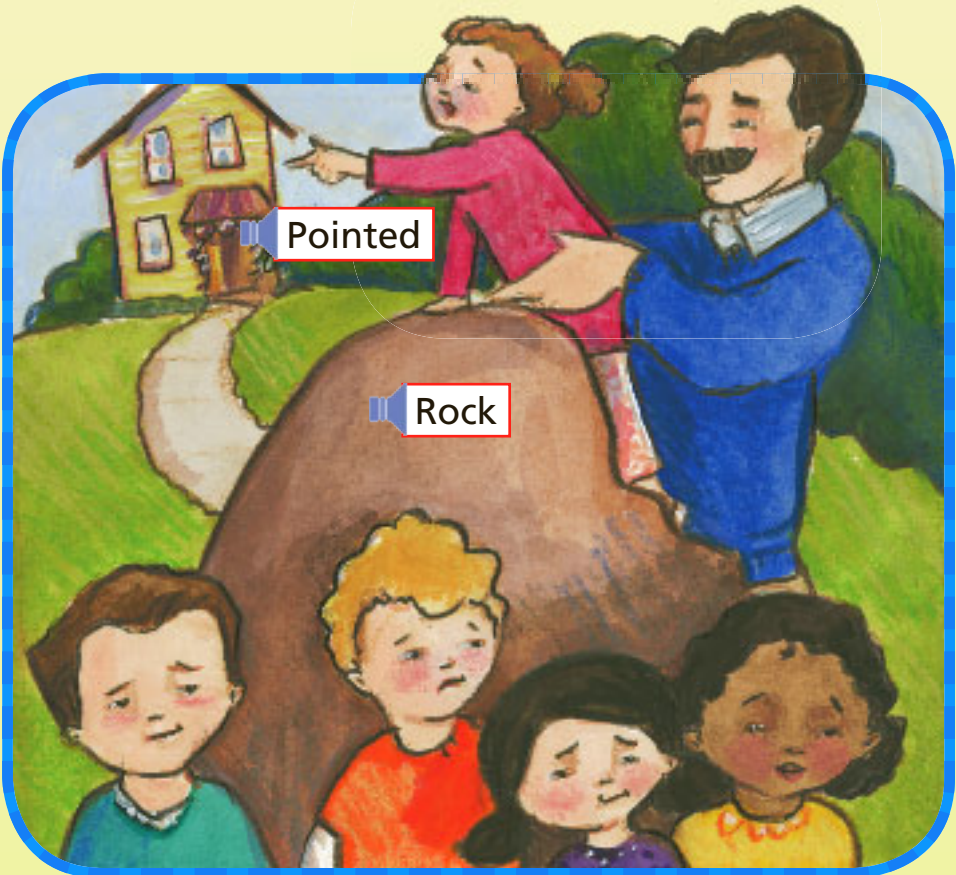
Everyone put their gifts on the ground. They looked at the map again. They looked at the street signs. Did they go left or right?

“AHHH!” said Luisa. “We will miss the party!”



Then Sam climbed on top of a big rock. She looked around. She smiled. She laughed. And then she pointed.

“Why are you laughing?” Max asked. “We are lost!”



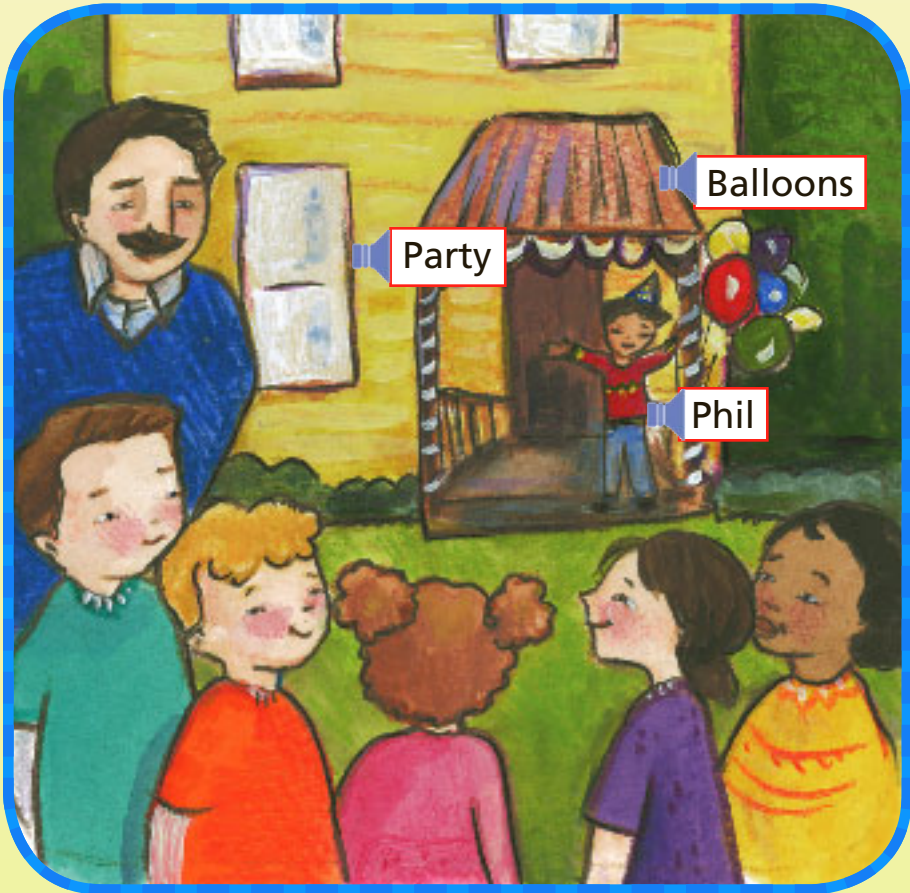
🔊 But Sam still pointed. Then she jumped up and down again.

“I see the party,” said Sam. “You can see it, too. Walk around this rock!”



Everyone walked around the big rock. They saw the party! Phil's house had balloons on it. Phil stood outside the house and waved.

"Look! The house is on the corner of Maple Street AND Maple Road!" Luisa said. "Thanks, Sam. You are smart. You cleared up the mystery. You have more wisdom than I thought."



🔊 Max looked at the map again. "This map was a lot of trouble," he said before tearing it up.

"I want cake!" said Sam.

"You can have the first piece of cake!" everyone shouted.

Sam smiled.



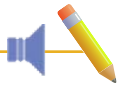
Responding



TARGET SKILL Text and Graphic

Features There are clues in this story's pictures. Copy the chart below. Write each page number where you can see the party house. Then write why everyone but Sam misses it and how they feel.

Page Number	Reason	How They Feel
3	Looking at map	Excited
?	?	?



Write About It

Text to Self Have you ever gotten lost? Write a paragraph about some friends who get lost. Remember to tell the problem in the beginning, work on it in the middle, and fix it at the end.



TARGET VOCABULARY

agreed

assistant

cleared

failed

polite

tearing

trouble

wisdom



TARGET SKILL

Text and Graphic

Features Tell how words work with art.



TARGET STRATEGY

Question

Ask questions about what you are reading.



GENRE Realistic fiction is a story that could happen in real life.

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DRA: 20

Genre:

Humorous Fiction

Strategy:

Question

Skill:

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