

April Fool's Day



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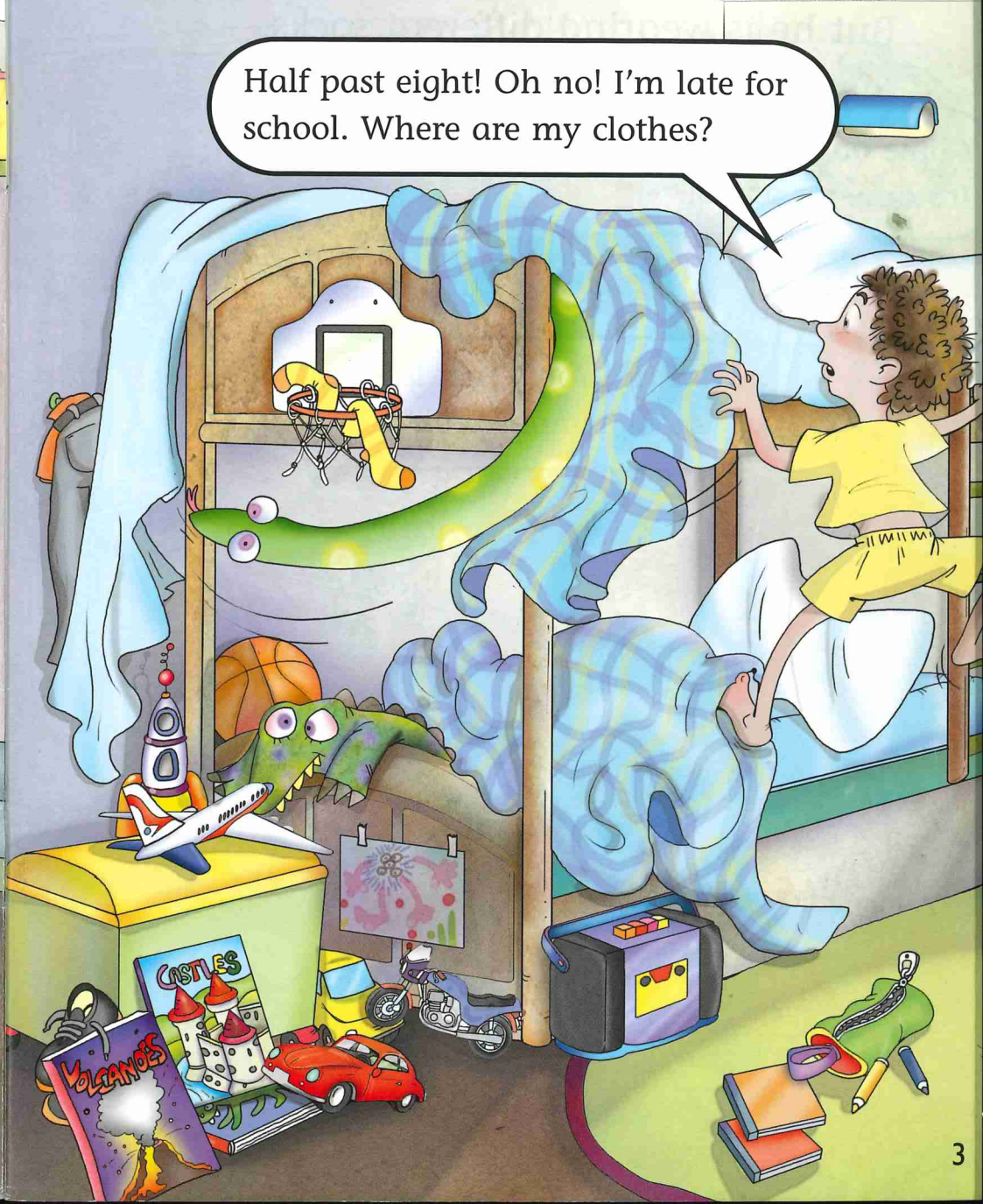
On Monday morning Simon wakes up.
His brother, Matthew, is ready for school.



What time is it,
Matthew?

It's half past eight.

Simon is in a hurry. He can't find his
socks. He can't find his T-shirt.



Half past eight! Oh no! I'm late for
school. Where are my clothes?

Matthew and Dad are in the kitchen.
Breakfast is ready. Simon is dressed now.
But he is wearing different socks.

Simon looks at the clock. It isn't time for
school. It's only eight o'clock.



Come on, Matthew! Quick!
It's time for school.

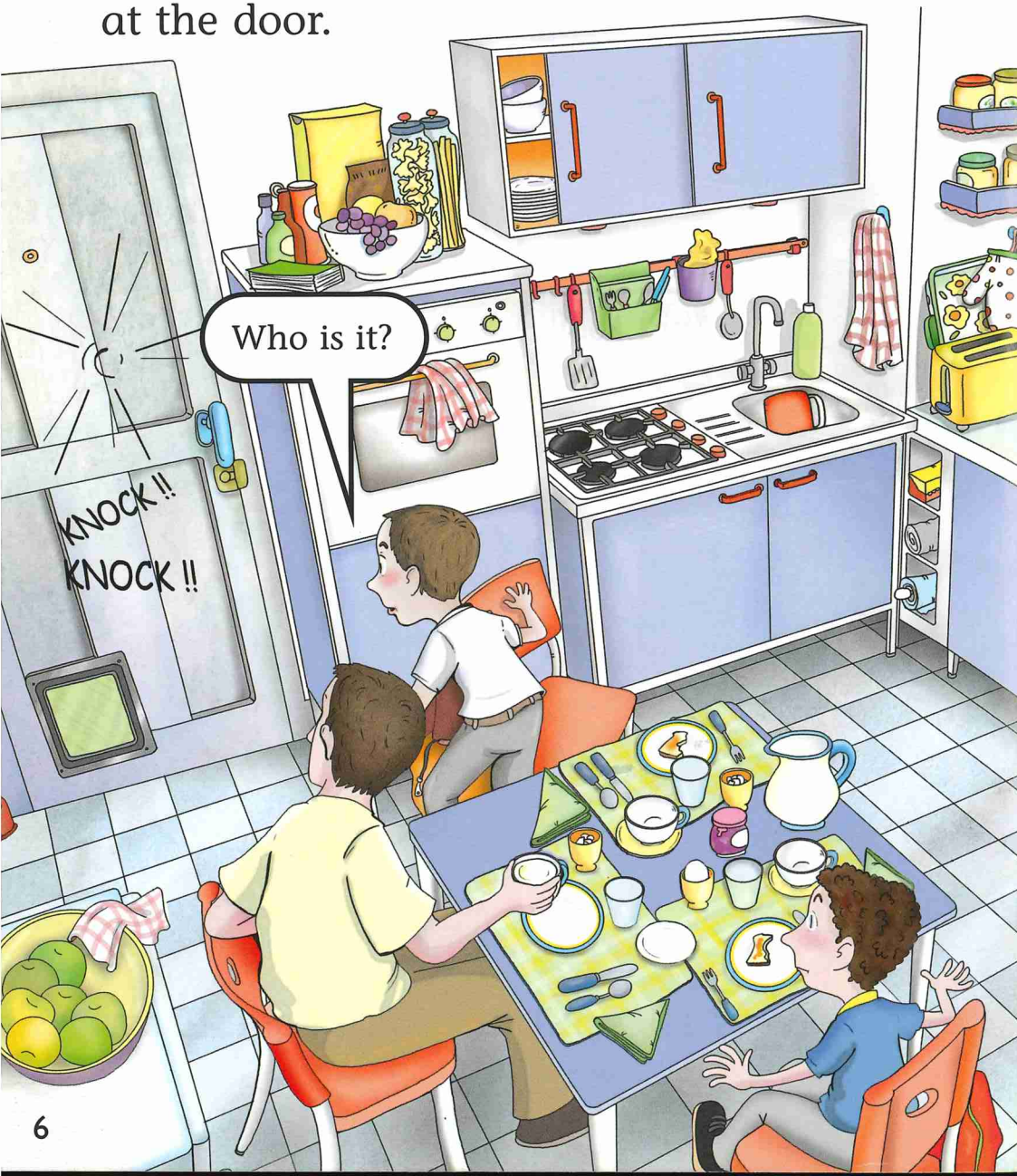
Ha! Ha! You're not late for
school, Simon! Look!

April Fool!

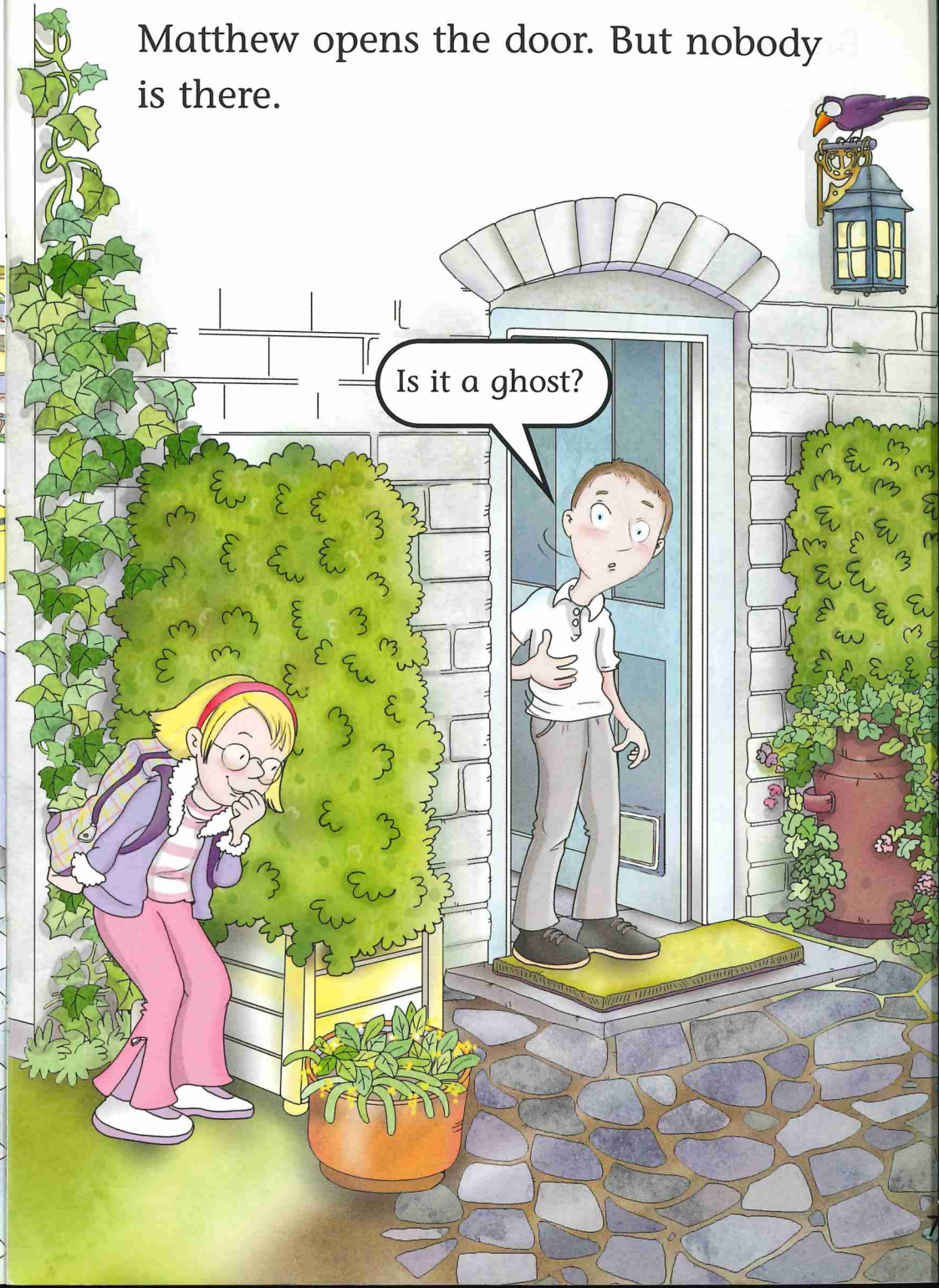
Oh, Matthew!

Today is 1st April. It's April Fool's Day.

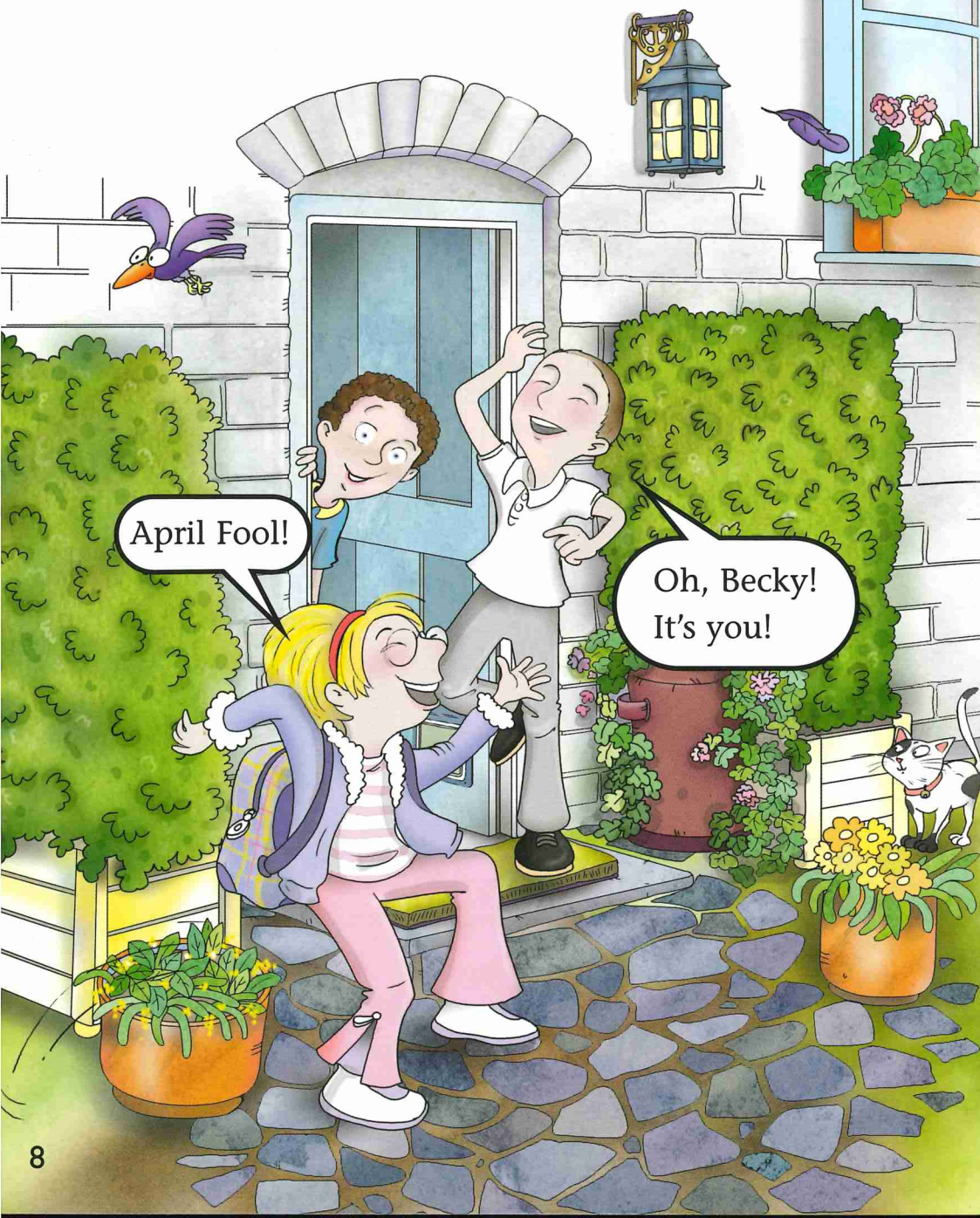
Dad, Simon and Matthew have breakfast. They drink hot milk and they eat toast and boiled eggs. Then they hear a knock at the door.



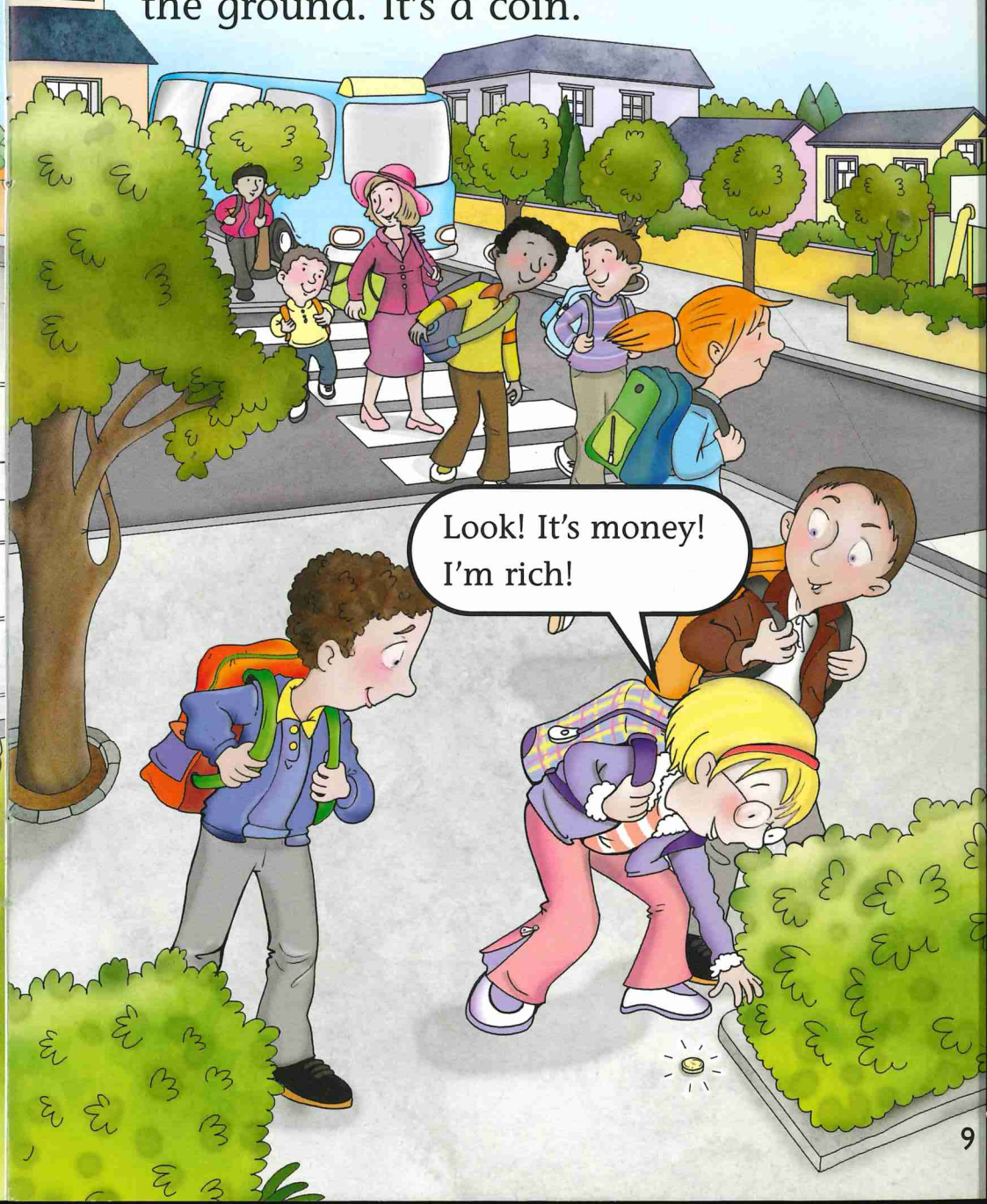
Matthew opens the door. But nobody is there.



But it isn't a ghost. It's Becky. Becky lives in the house next door.



Simon, Matthew and Becky walk to school. Suddenly they see something on the ground. It's a coin.



But Becky can't pick the coin up.
It's stuck to the ground with glue.

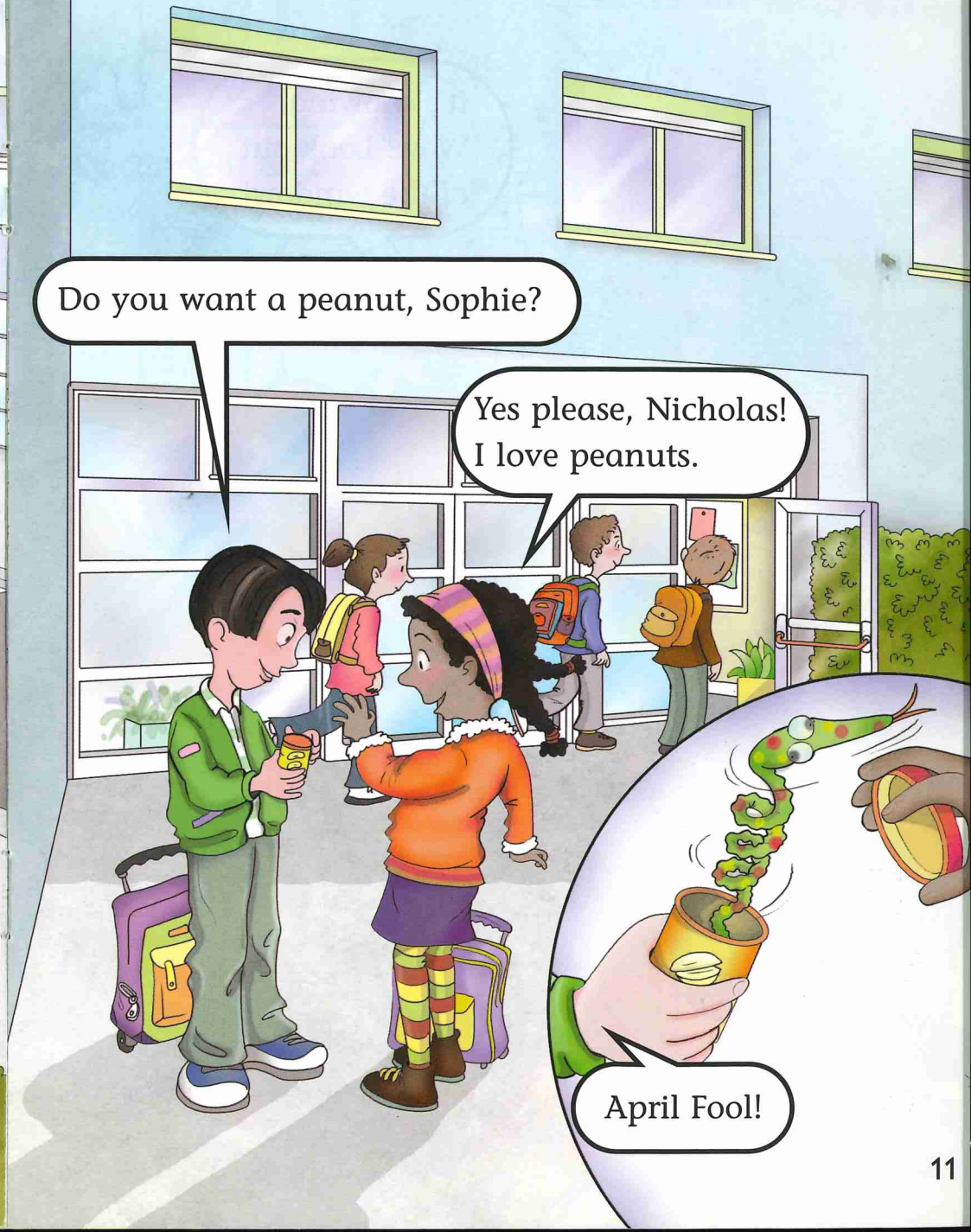


Ha Ha! April Fool, Becky!

Sophie! It's you!

It's another April Fool trick!

All the children like April Fool's Day.

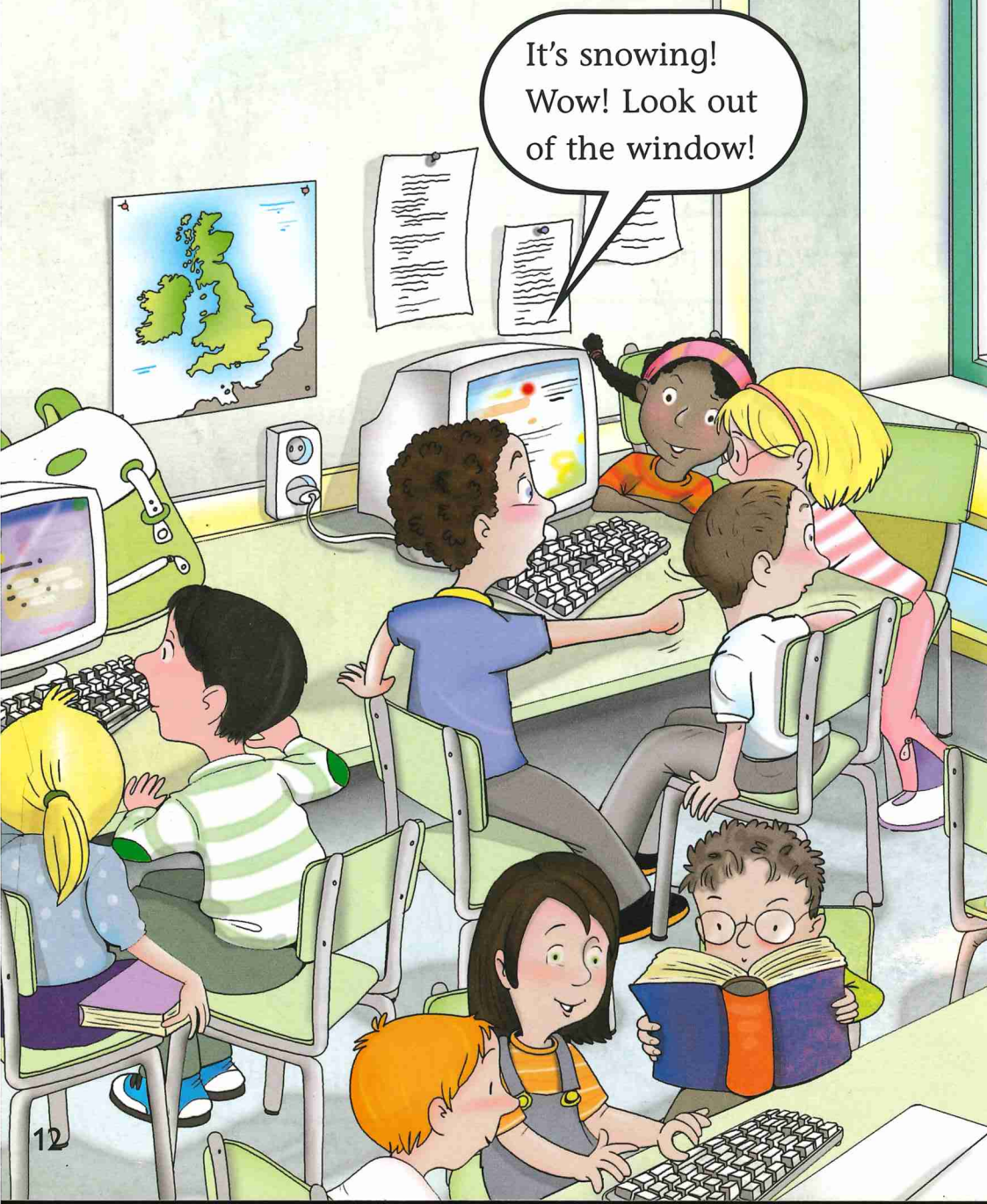


Do you want a peanut, Sophie?

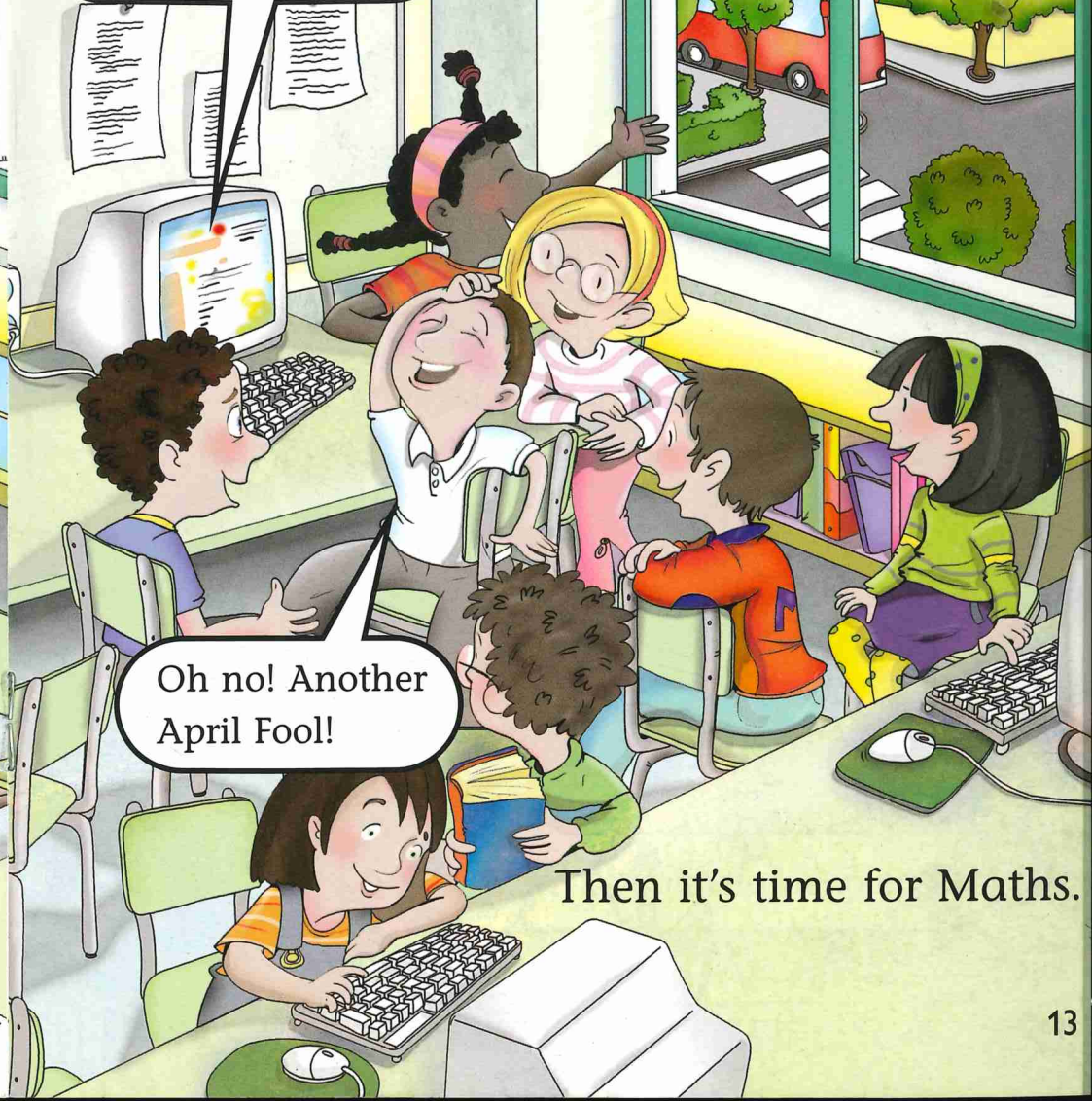
Yes please, Nicholas!
I love peanuts.

April Fool!

The pupils are in the classroom.
It's time for English.



Of course it isn't snowing! It's sunny!

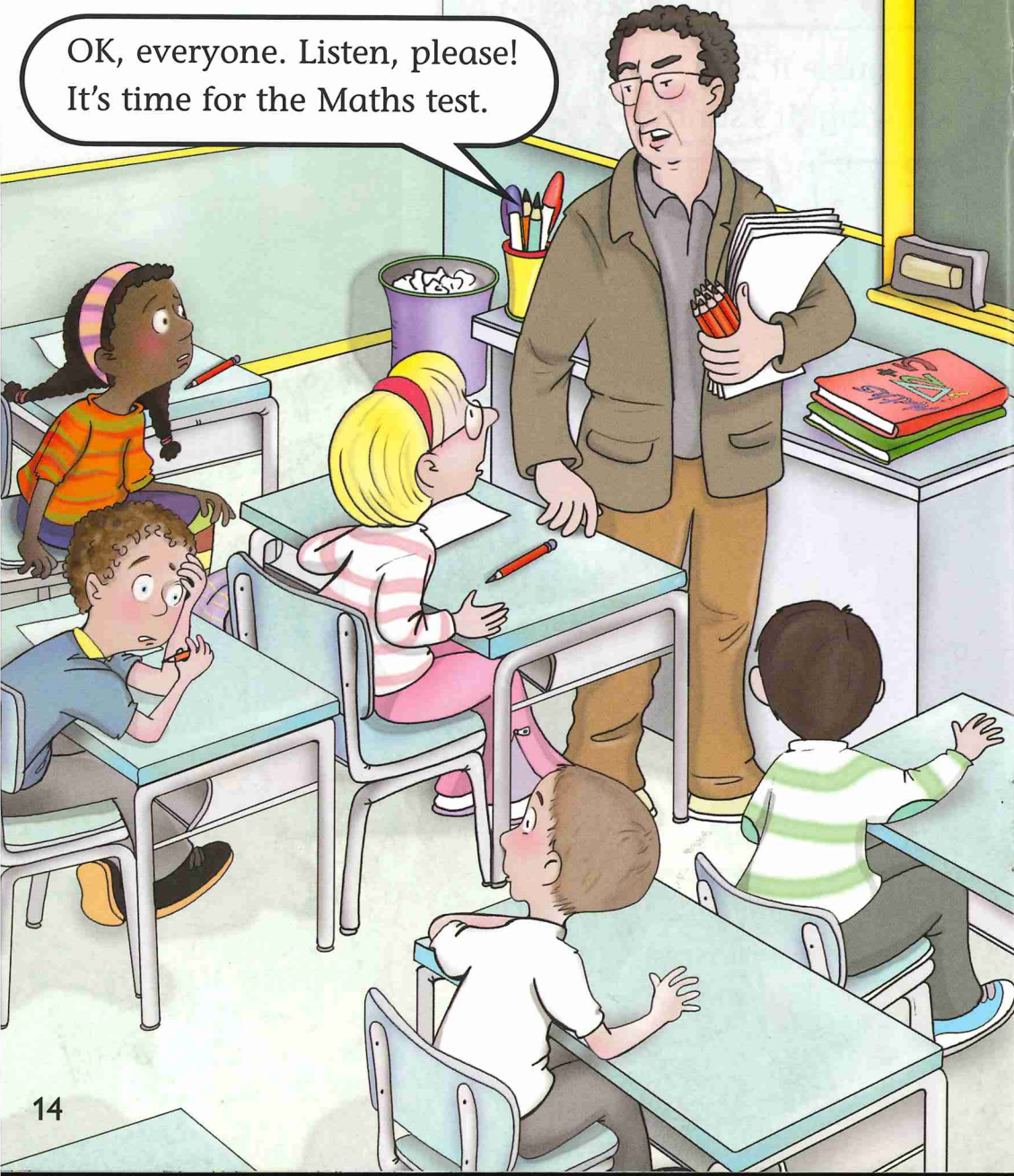


Then it's time for Maths.

It's half past eleven. Mr Black the Maths teacher has got some paper and pencils.



OK, everyone. Listen, please! It's time for the Maths test.

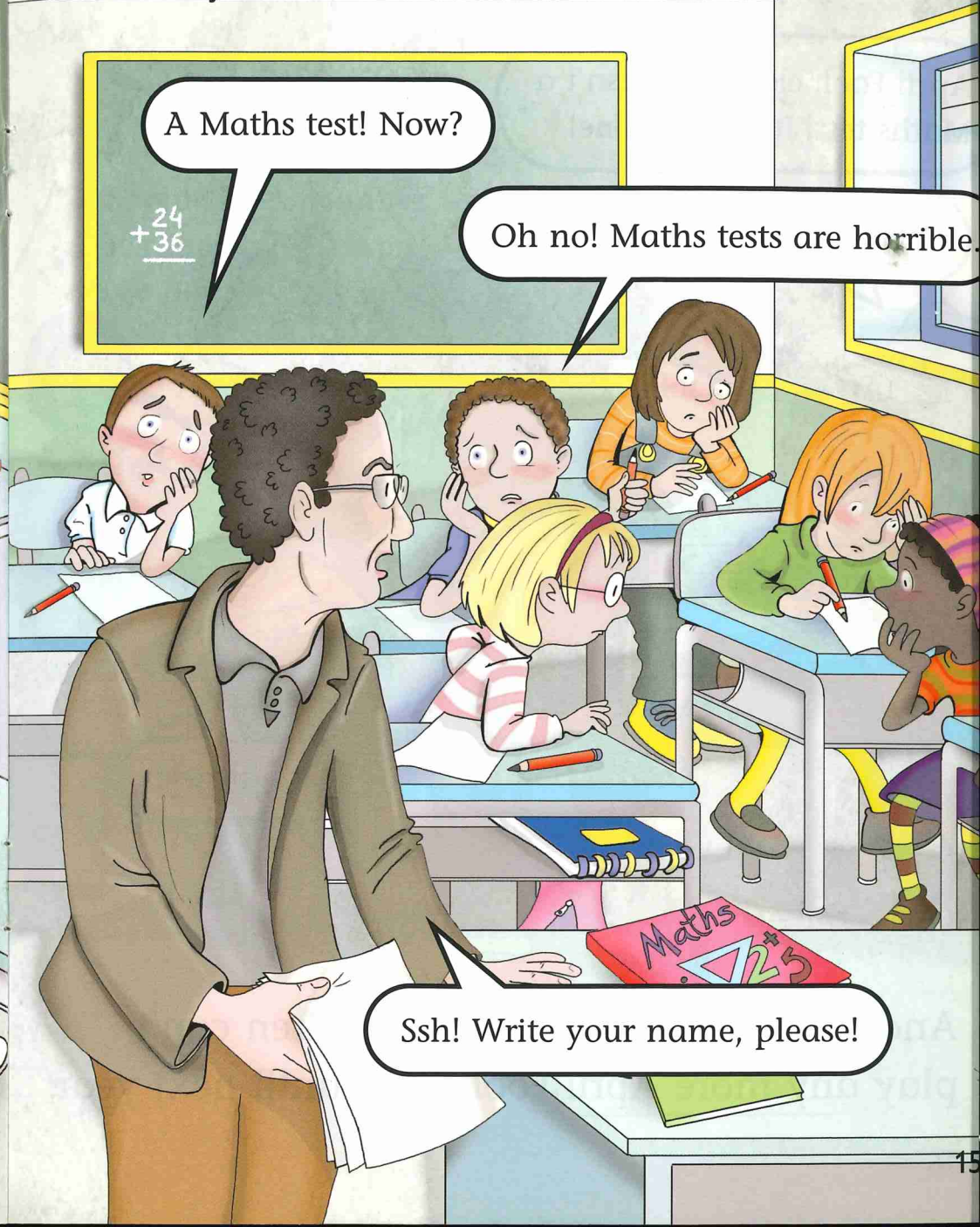


The pupils are not very happy. They don't like Maths tests.

A Maths test! Now?

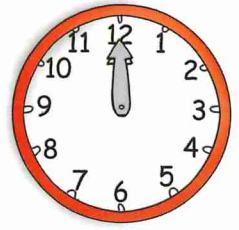
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Oh no! Maths tests are horrible.



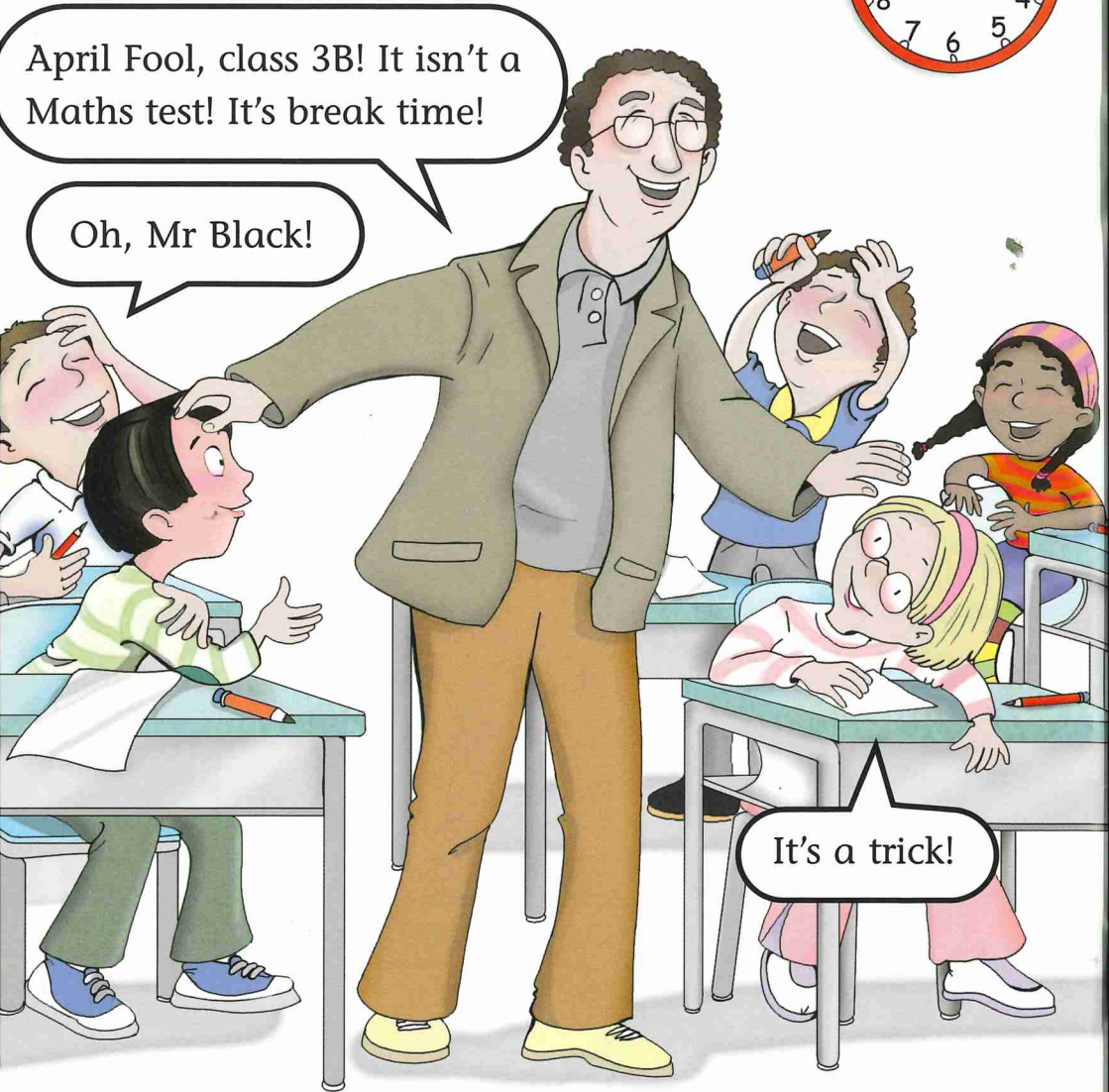
Ssh! Write your name, please!

Then Mr Black laughs. The pupils are surprised.



April Fool, class 3B! It isn't a Maths test! It's break time!

Oh, Mr Black!



It's a trick!

And now it's 12 o'clock. The children can't play any more April Fool tricks until next year.