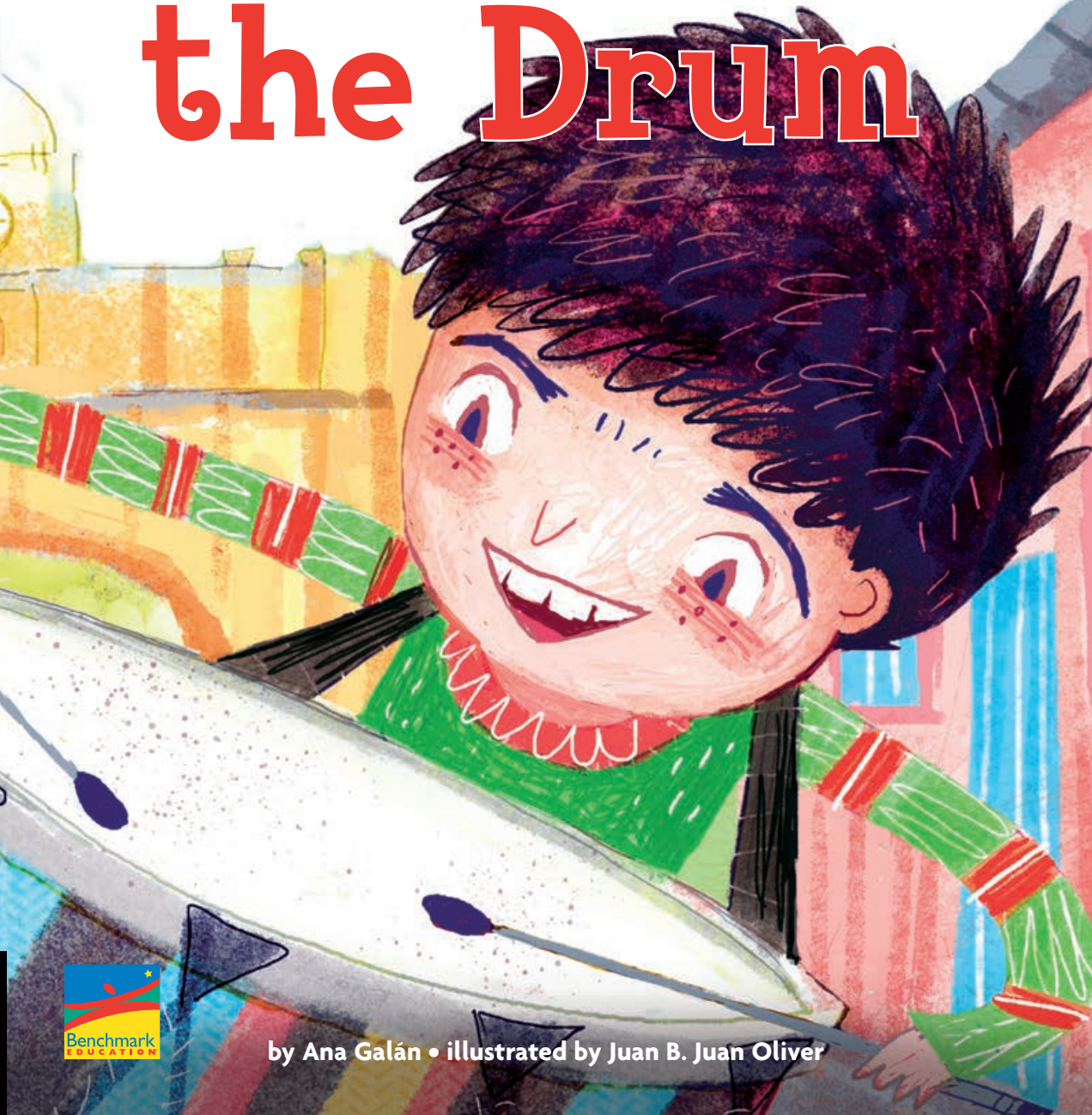


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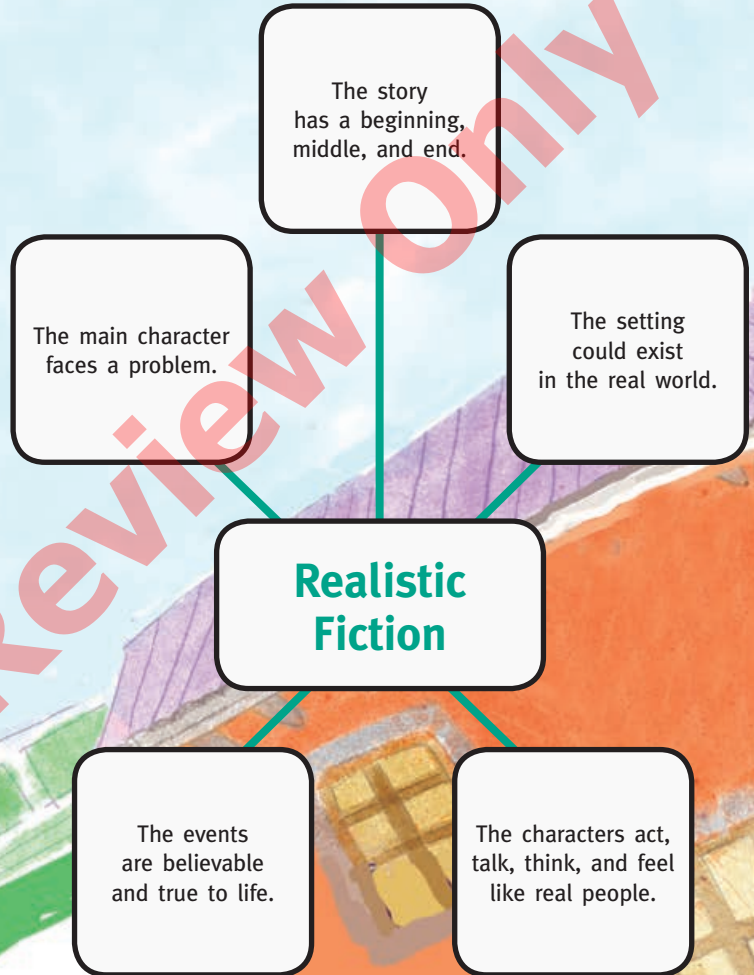
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My name is Carlos. I like to play the drum. I am in my school band. We are going to be in a parade.

“Tomorrow is the parade,” says the bandleader. “We have to practice. First, play loudly!”

Bam! Bam! Bam! We play our drums loudly. The sound is very loud.

“Very good!” says the bandleader. “Now play softly.”



Pom, pom, pom. We play the drums
very softly. The sound is soft.



I have to practice before I go out
to play. Mommy likes music. I go to
the kitchen and play.

Bam! Bam! Bam!



“Carlos, play softly, please!” she says.

“Yes, Mommy,” I say.

Pom, pom, pom.



The next day, Daddy takes me to school. I play the drum on the way. It is hard to walk and play at the same time.

Bam! Bam! Bam!



“Carlos, play softly, please!” he says.

“Yes, Daddy,” I say. *Pom, pom, pom.*



Today is the day of the parade.
The bandleader goes ahead of us.

“Are you ready?” he asks.

“Yes!” we all say.

We go outside in the cool weather.
“Let’s go! Play loudly!”

Bam! Bam! Bam!



The bandleader begins to walk. We all walk behind him. People watch and smile.

