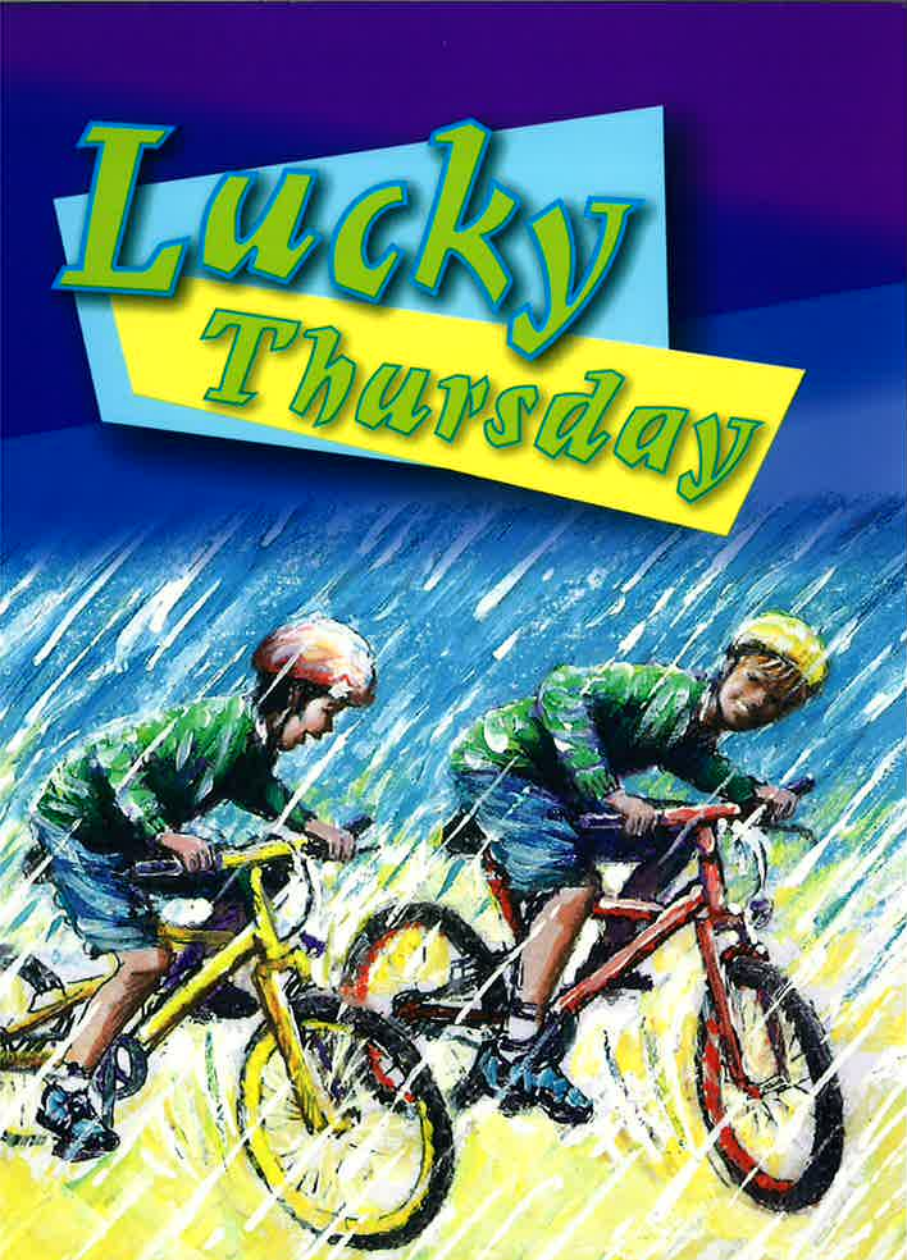
Lucky Thursday



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Key vocabulary

shivering, rescued, drenched, grate, surging, torrential, saturated, reassure, gurgling, pedalling, reserve, elements, swirled, terrified, revved, conscious

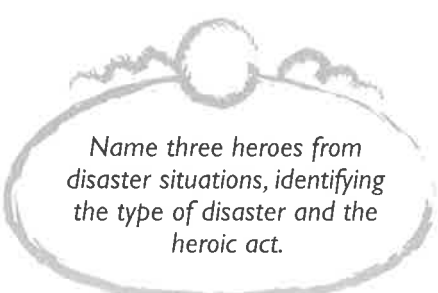
Grammatical conventions

- Talking verbs: murmured, yelled
- Adverbs: desperately, furiously
- Past tense verbs: grabbed, headed, backed, started
- Complex sentence structure

Spelling

- Suffix: happened, drenched, huddles, headed, stopped, aimed, guessed
- Verbs: surging, blasting, remembering, pedalling, rounding, deafening, splashing
- Contractions: we'd, shouldn't, wasn't, wouldn't, I'd
- Silent letters: laugh, caught, right, though, debris
- Word origins: uniform, centimetre
- Dropping the 'e' to add 'ing': exciting, braving, coming, sparkling, deserving

Creative thinking task – Knowledge



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CHAPTER 1

Torrential Rain



Thursday was one of the luckiest days of my life. It was even luckier for my best friend, Ky.

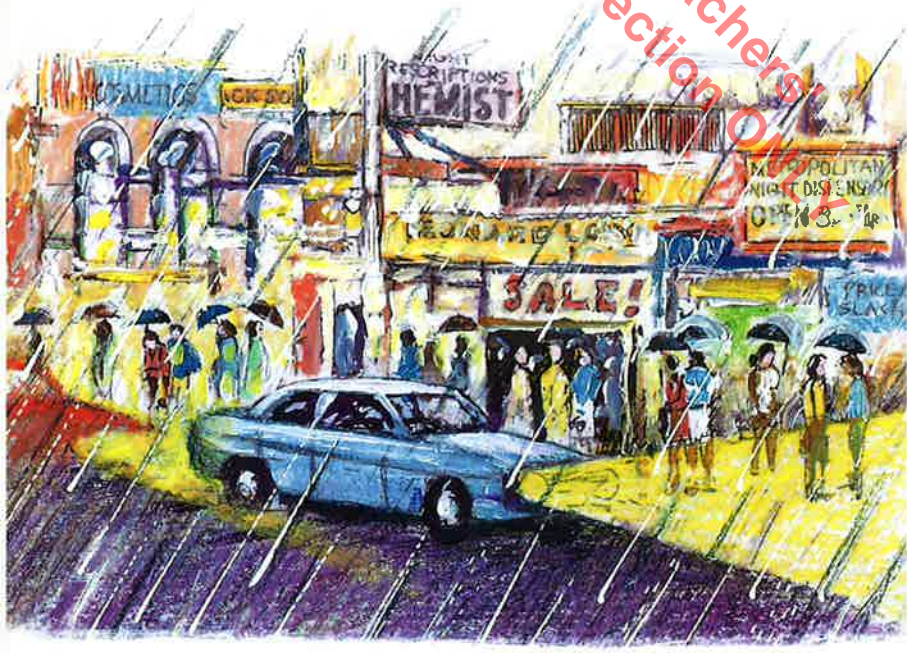
My older brother, Darren, said that I shouldn't get any credit for what happened on Thursday, and he can't believe that I went where I did in the first place. But I'll let you make up your own mind.

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It had started raining at about three o'clock on Wednesday. It was torrential rain. By Thursday afternoon it was still raining, and we'd got drenched coming home from school. I was on my bike and so was Ky. Miss Lang had let our class out a few minutes early when she saw the greeny black sky surging towards us from the coast.



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It only took about two minutes for Ky and me to get completely saturated. Cars had pulled over by the side of the road with their lights flashing. People were huddled together under shop awnings. We rode along the footpath, glad that there were no people there to get in our way. It felt exciting and adventurous to be braving it against the elements.

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As I rounded the corner I noticed that Mum's car wasn't home. Inside, Darren's bedroom door was closed and I could hear the music blasting from the other side of the walls.

It didn't take me long to find the leftover mudcake for afternoon tea and Mum's note next to it. It said that if I went out to play with Ky then I should tell Darren where I would be.



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First, I stripped off my wet clothes in the laundry. My school uniform left big puddles on the floor. With dry clothes on, I headed back for the mudcake. That's when the phone rang. Before I even got the receiver to my ear, Ky's voice came racing out at me.



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CHAPTER 2

Down the Reserve



'There's a flood down the reserve,' said Ky. 'I'm going down for a look. Are you coming?'

I looked out of the kitchen window. The rain had finally stopped and a very hazy sun was trying to break through the clouds.

'Yeah, sure,' I said to Ky.