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Level 18

Running Words 454 **Text Type** Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Technologies (Design and Technologies); The Arts (Visual Arts); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

1 What did Abby make for her little brother, Jacob?

2 What did Abby use to make the car park?

3 Why did Dad suggest they should go to the recycling yard?

4 Why did the woman at the recycling yard put a photo of the car park on the shop's website?

Inferential

5 Why did Jacob cry and shout very loudly when Abby told him the car park was missing?
(Note: You may need to explain to students that Jacob is autistic and that means he doesn't always understand social conventions.)

6 Why did Dad and Abby rush outside when Dad said he'd taken the car park to the recycling bin?

7 Why did the driver of the recycling truck save Jacob's car park?

8 On the way home, why did Jacob hold onto the car park tightly?

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Chapter 1

Something Special for Jacob

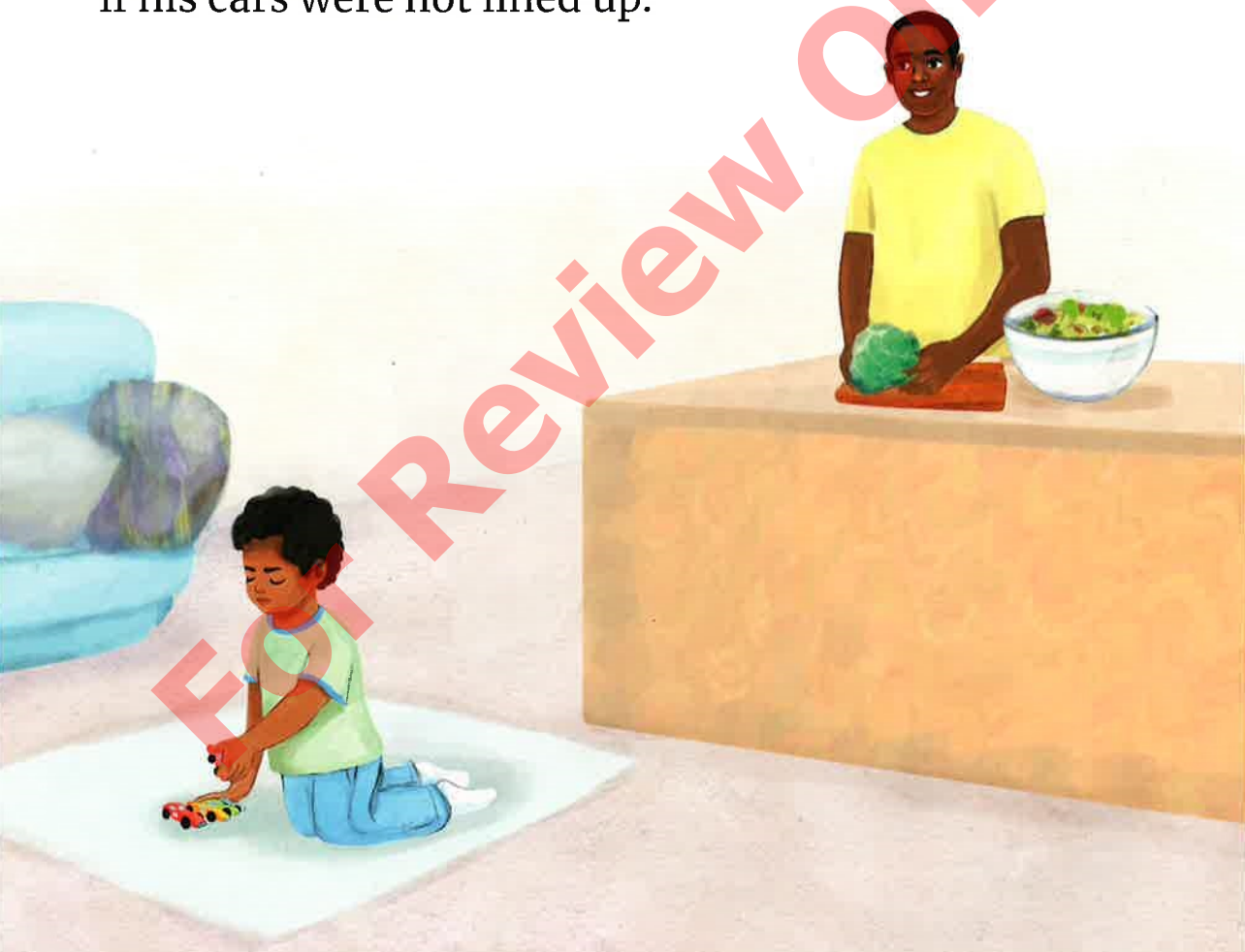
"I'm making something special for you," Abby told her little brother, Jacob. "It's a car park for your cars."



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Jacob did not look at Abby.
He was carefully putting his toy cars
in a neat line.

Abby knew Jacob would get upset or angry
if his cars were not lined up.



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"This car park will help to keep your cars
in a line," Abby told Jacob.
"I've made it out of old cardboard boxes
and rolls from paper towels."

Jacob came over to the table.
His eyes shone when he saw the car park.

"You can play with it tomorrow,"
said Abby, smiling.
"First, I have to put on a ramp
so the cars can get up to the top."

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Chapter 2

The Car Park Is Missing!



After Jacob went to bed,
Abby made a ramp for the car park.
Then, she left the car park on the floor
next to the recycling basket.

She would show it to Jacob in the morning.

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But the next day, the car park was missing!

"Dad!" cried Abby. "Have you seen a car park made from cardboard boxes and rolls? It was for Jacob's cars."

"Oh, no!" said Dad. "It looked like recycling, so I took it outside to the recycling bin. The recycling truck comes today."



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