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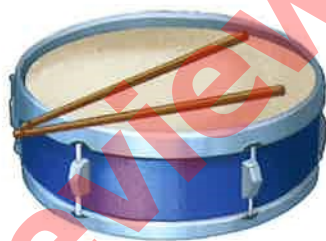
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Chapter 1

A Drummer for the School Band

On their first day at school after the holidays, Harvey and Benny saw something interesting on the music room noticeboard. It was a flyer about a big band competition for all the schools in the city. It said there was a special prize for the best drummer.

“I wonder if our school will enter?” said Harvey.

“I don’t know,” said Benny. “There’s a problem, though. Since Layla’s family moved away, our school band doesn’t have a drummer any more.”





The music teacher, Ms Chan, had overheard Harvey and Benny talking. “I do want us to enter the competition, so I need someone to learn to play the drums,” she said. “Would either of you be interested?”

The drums! Harvey thought the drums could be fun. He put his hand up. So did Benny.



Ms Chan looked from one to the other. “We only have one drum kit,” she said. “I’m happy to teach both of you, but only one of you will be able to play in the big band competition.”

“The best drummer would get to take part?” Harvey asked.

“Yes, that’s the idea,” said Ms Chan.

“But we could both learn?” asked Benny.

Ms Chan nodded.

“That’s all right, then,” Benny said, smiling.

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Chapter 2

Drumming Lessons

Ms Chan began to teach the boys to play the drums. They both loved it. They took turns to practise on the drum kit at school.

Ms Chan showed them videos of some famous drummers on the internet. The boys watched closely to see how the famous drummers played.



Sometimes, Ms Chan used her tablet to film the boys as they practised. Then they all watched the videos together to see what Harvey and Benny were doing right – and wrong.

