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Level 21

Running Words 663 Text Type Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); 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 How many club members were there at the start of the story?
- 2 What was making the rain noise on the tent?
- 3 How did Bear show he was enjoying all the fuss?

Inferential

- 4 Why did Henry say they needed more people to make a club?
- 5 Why did Matthew's mum say he should ask the kids from next door over to his place?
- 6 Why do clubs sometimes have a secret password?
- 7 How did the girl show that she trusted Bear?
- 8 Why did the boy offer to help put the tent back up?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 Why do you think the two kids from next door behaved the way they did?
- 10 What might the children from next door have done to the tent to make it fall in?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 21	Narrative	<i>Bear's Diet</i>
Level 21	Narrative	<i>Sleepover Fun</i>
Level 22	Narrative	<i>Arlo's Skatepark Surprise</i>
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It was Saturday morning,
and Henry was at Matthew's place for the day.

The boys were busy putting up a tent in the backyard.

"This is a great tent, Matthew," said Henry.

"You're lucky to have one of your own."

"I'll share it with you," Matthew said with a grin.

"You're my buddy. It could be our clubhouse,
and we could meet here every Saturday morning."



“We really need more people to make a club,” said Henry.

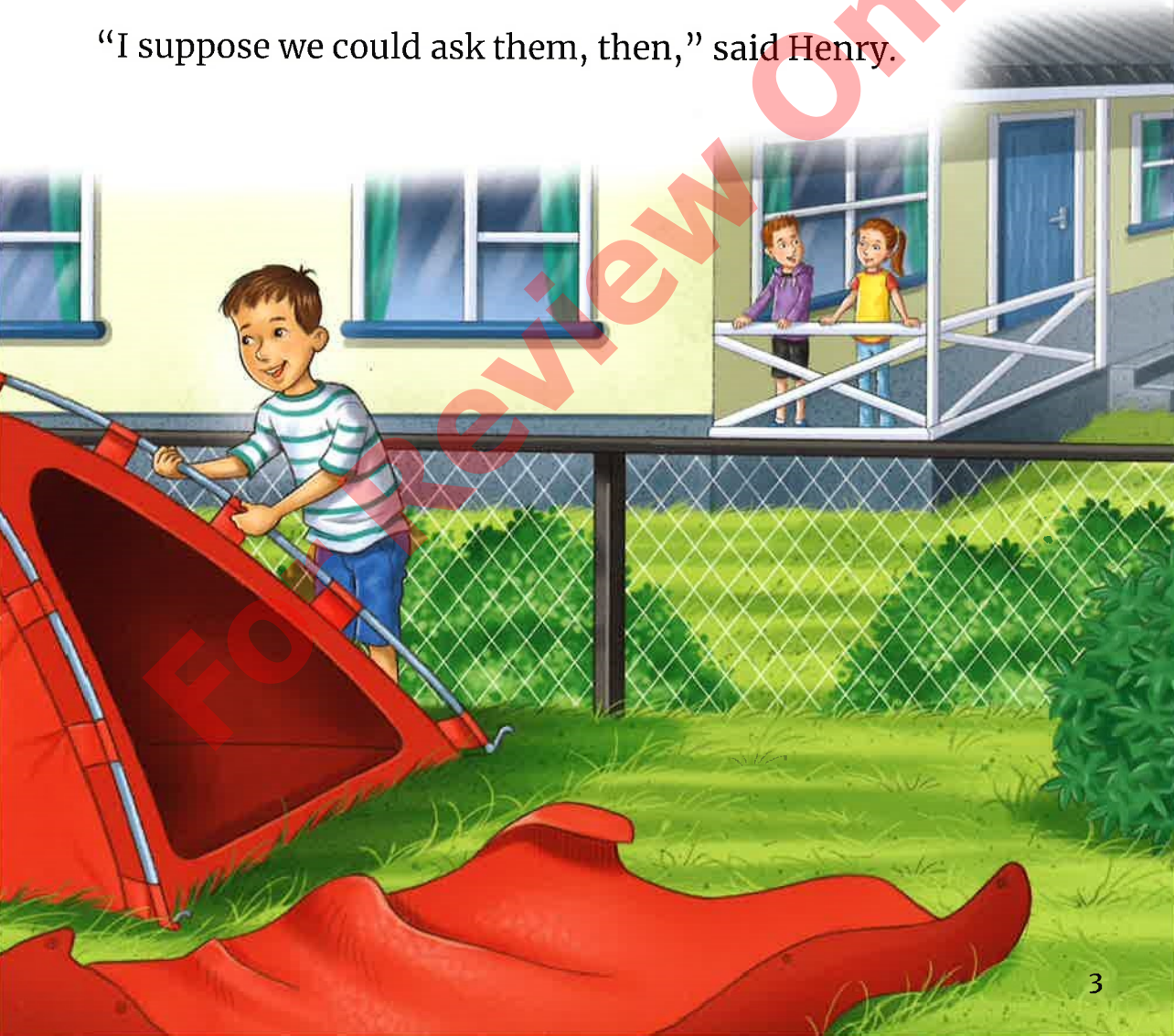
“What about those two kids from next door?”

whispered Matthew.

“Mum said I should ask them over.

They just moved in yesterday.”

“I suppose we could ask them, then,” said Henry.



“Hey! Do you kids want to come over here and be in our club?” called Matthew.

“This is our clubhouse.”

“No, not really,” called the boy from next door.

“You can’t have a tent for a clubhouse.

Anyway, we’re going to make a *real* one.”

“It will be better than yours!” shouted the girl.

“And there will be no dogs allowed!”

“Woof!” barked Bear.

“Don’t take any notice of them, Bear,” said Matthew.

“We’ll just have you in our club.”

Bear looked at Matthew and wagged his tail.



The boys crawled into the tent.

Bear followed them in and flopped down on the ground.

“We don’t need those kids in our club, anyway,” said Henry.

“We need a secret password, though,” said Matthew.

“What could it be?”

“It’ll have to be woof,” said Henry with a grin,

“because Bear doesn’t know any other words.”



After Matthew and Henry had gone inside the tent, the boy from next door sneaked up to the fence, hid in the bushes and watched them.

