All About Bikes



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Level 17

Running Words 408 **Text Type** Information Report (Informative)

Curriculum Areas Humanities; Health and Physical Education

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the information report in his or her own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

How does a rider steer a bike?

What did bikes look like a long time ago?

Why are training wheels put on bikes for children who are learning to ride?

Why do mountain bikes have bigger tyres than road bikes?

Inferential

Why do clowns have to be clever to ride one-wheel bikes?

Why should children learn to ride bikes on grass or on paths in parks?

Why do some people ride bikes to work?

Why are mountain bike riders careful when they go over rocks and through streams?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

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Bikes Are Vehicles

People ride bikes so they can go quickly from one place to another.

People ride bikes on roads in a city or on paths in the country.





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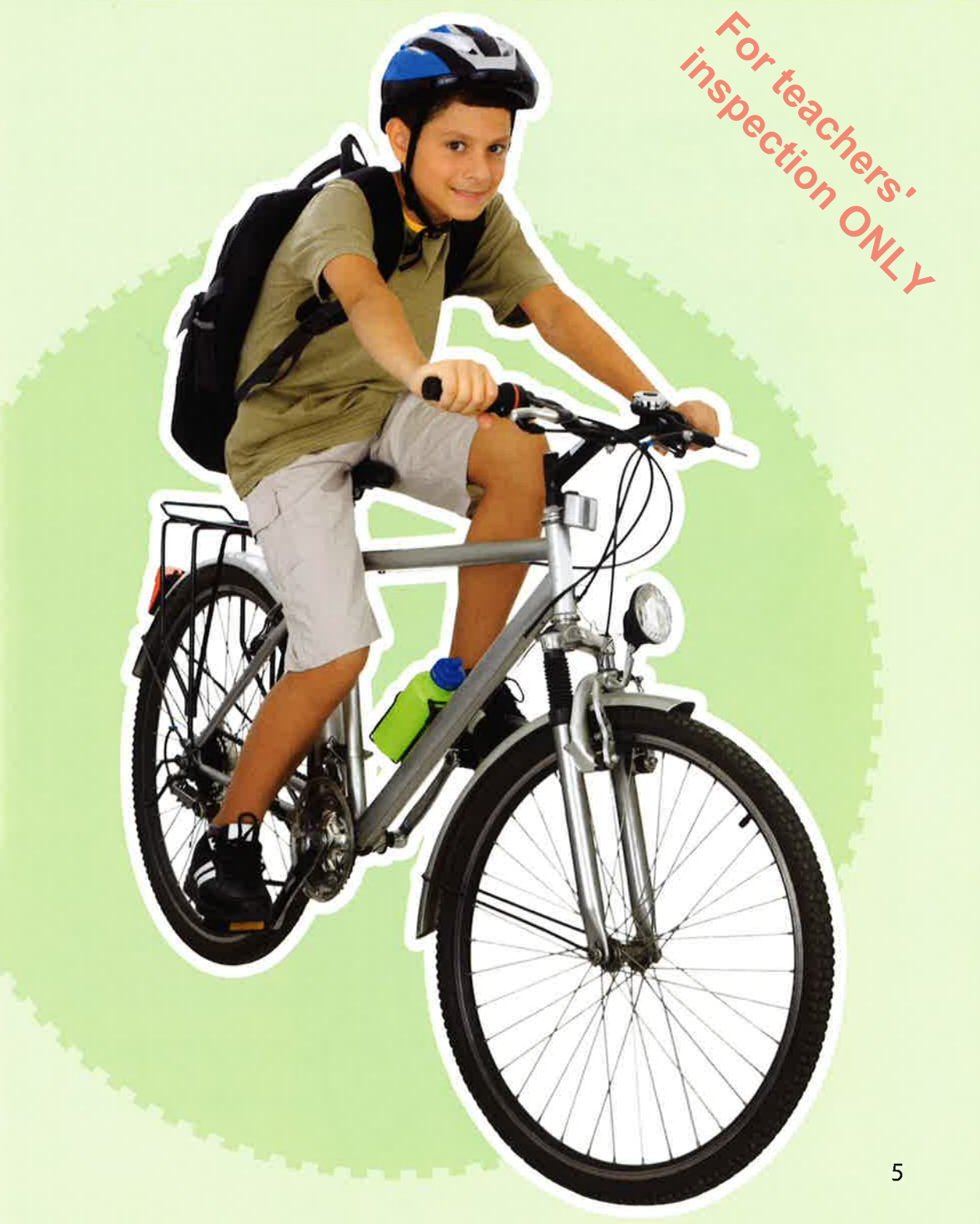
All bikes have wheels.
Most bikes have two wheels.
The wheels are fixed to a **frame**.
One wheel is in front of the other.

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The bike rider sits on a seat
and holds the handle bars to steer the bike.

Then, the rider moves the bike
by pushing down on two **pedals**.
There is a long **chain**
from the pedals to the back wheel.
The chain makes the wheel turn.





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A long time ago, bikes had a big wheel
at the front and a small wheel at the back.
The rider sat on a seat
that was high off the ground.
The rider had to be very careful not to fall off.





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Sometimes, clowns ride one-wheel bikes
in a street parade or at a fair.
These clowns have to be clever
to ride this kind of bike.