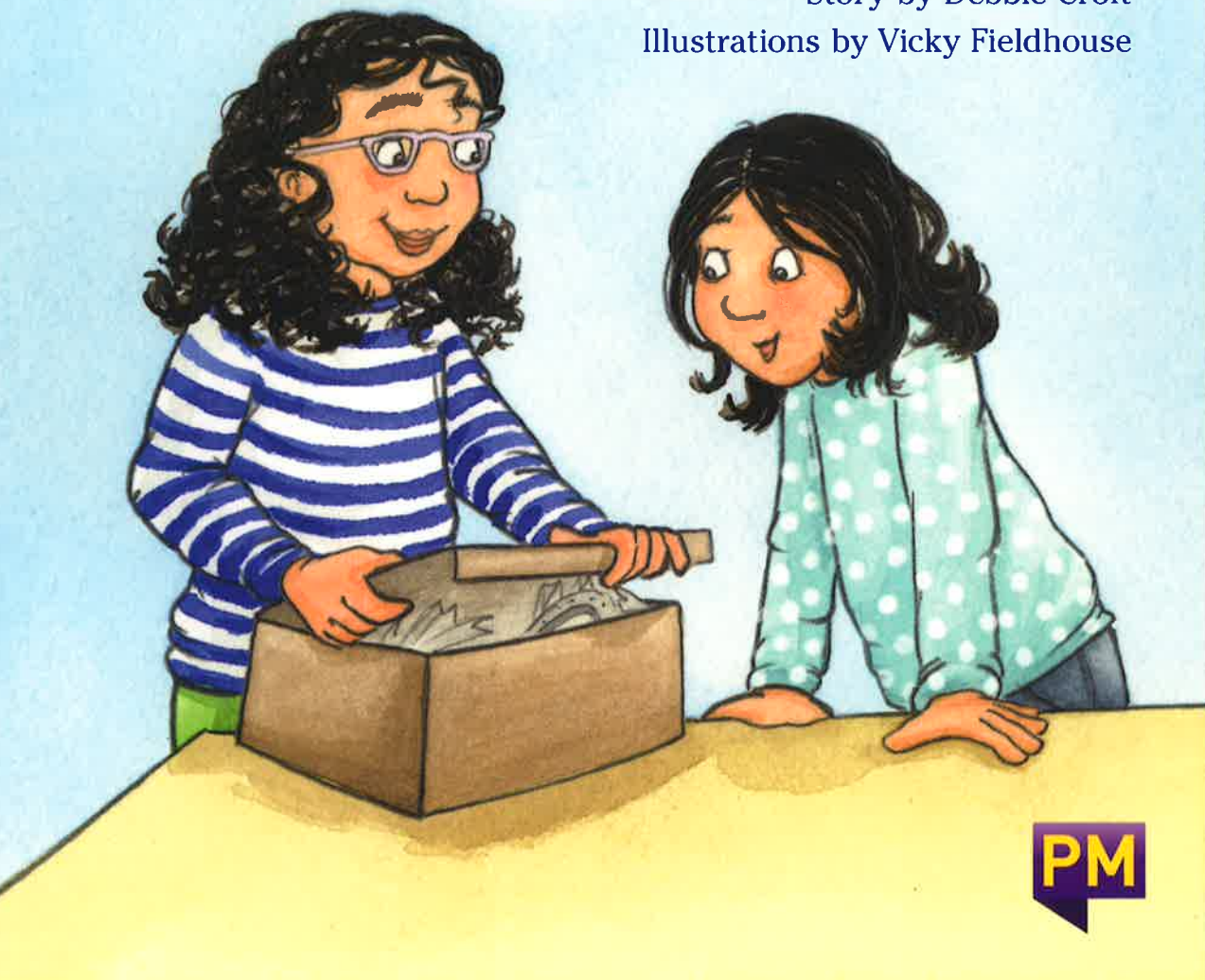
Emily's Surprise

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Level 19
Running Words 525 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)
Curriculum Area Literacy

Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

Ask each student to retell the story in his or her own words.
Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to reinforce meaning and stimulate discussion

Literal

1 Why did Dad and Bianca go to town?
2 Why was Emily grumpy?
3 Who were the shoes for?

Inferential

4 Why did Mum smile when she spoke to Emily?
5 Why did Mum tell Emily to practise some scales on the piano?
6 Why was Bianca excited when she came inside the house with the box?
7 Why did the family want to surprise Emily?
8 What did Emily have to learn before she could go trail riding?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why did Mr Tibbs make the shoes for Emily's pony?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 19	Card	Procedural Recount	*Moonlight's New Shoes*
Level 19	Book	Narrative	*A New Friend*
Level 20	Book	Narrative	*The Storm*

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"Are you going in to town this morning?"
Mum asked Dad, as he ate his breakfast.

"Yes, I am," said Dad.
"I need to buy some more food for the chickens.
And Bianca is coming with me.
I told her we would get those new shoes we talked about."

"What new shoes?" asked Bianca's younger sister, Emily.
"Can I go with Bianca
and get some new shoes, too, Mum?"




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"No, Emily," said Mum, smiling.
"You can stay here with me today."

"But Bianca got new shoes at the start of the year," said Emily.
"And now she's getting more shoes! That's not fair!"





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Before long, Dad and Bianca left to go to town
in the old farm truck,
and Emily stayed at home with Mum.

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Emily was grumpy for the rest of the morning.
She had planned to ask her friend, Bella,
to come over to play.
But now she didn't want to. She was too upset.





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"Mum, why is Bianca getting more new shoes?"
Emily asked, crossly.

"Emily, don't worry," said Mum, gently.
"Please stop asking questions.
You have some new scales to learn on the piano,
so why don't you go and practise them now?
Then, you can phone Bella
and ask her to come over for lunch."