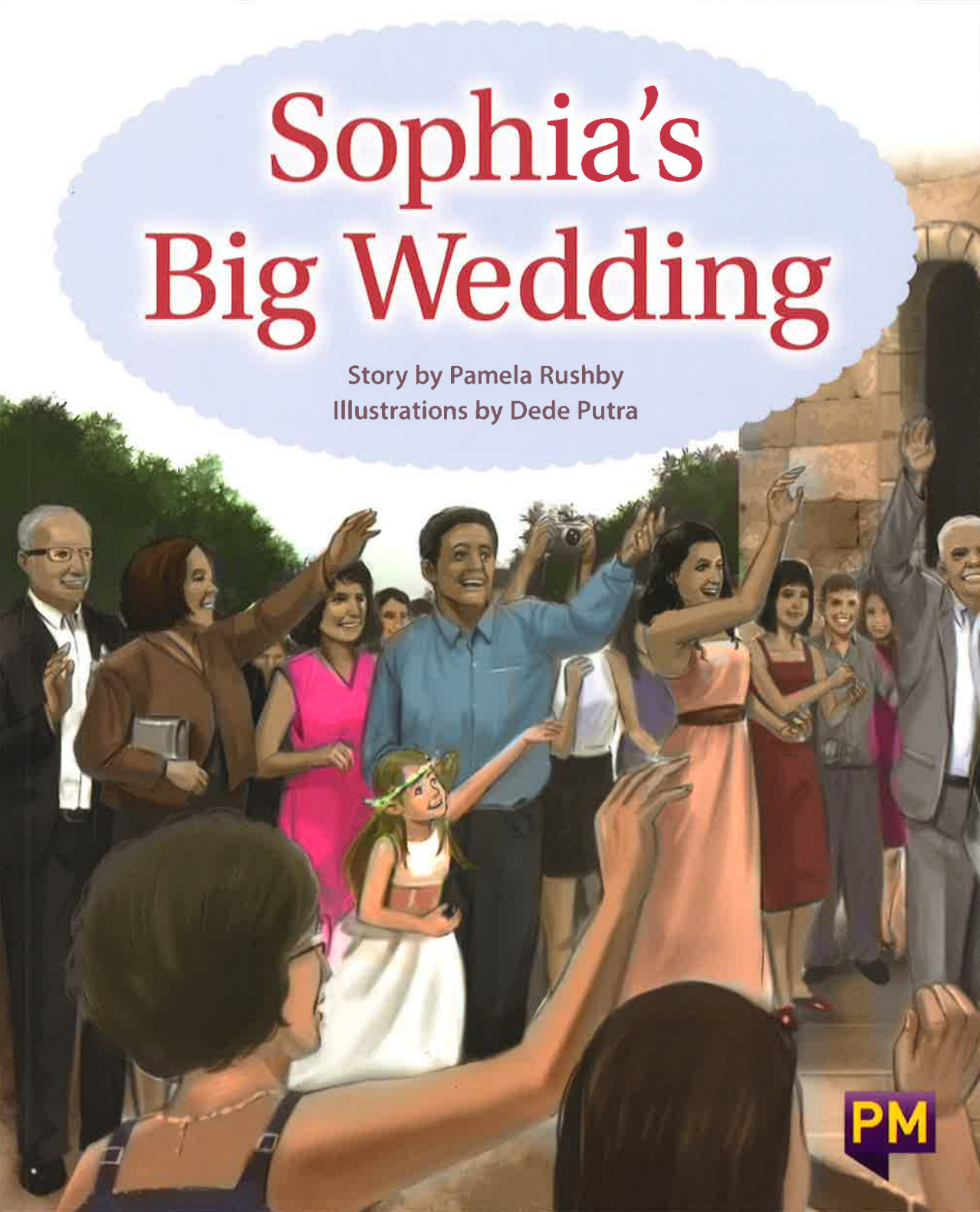
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Level 22

Running Words 730 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)

Curriculum Areas Intercultural Understanding; 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 were Sophia and her parents tired when they arrived at the airport in Greece?
2 How did Sophia know her aunt could speak English?
3 Why did Sophia want to learn to speak Greek?

Inferential

4 Why were some people crying at the airport?
5 Why did Sophia feel lonely when she met her dad's family?
6 How did Sophia feel when she patted the goats and hugged the puppies?
7 Why did Emmanuel pull faces when his hair was being brushed?
8 Why did everyone dance around Aunt Eleni and Uncle Yannis?

Applied Knowledge

9 Why could Emmanuel and Katerina speak English?
10 Why were a lot of people invited to the wedding?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

Level 22	Card	Procedure	*Making a Greek Dip (Tzatziki)*
Level 21	Book	Narrative	*The Cicada Concert*
Level 21	Book	Narrative	*The Guinea Pig Rescue*
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Chapter 1

At the Airport

Sophia and her parents were at a large airport in Greece.
They had travelled for many hours
and were very tired after their long flight.
They had come to Greece for Aunt Eleni's wedding.



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Sophia was worried because she did not speak much Greek, and soon she would be meeting her dad's family for the first time.

When Sophia had talked to her Aunt Eleni
on the phone and on the computer,
Aunt Eleni always spoke to her in English.
But Sophia knew that her grandparents, Yaya and Papou,
couldn't speak English.
She wondered how she would be able to understand them.



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At last, their baggage arrived,
and they walked out the airport door.
A lot of people were waiting for them, smiling and waving.
Some were even crying. Everyone was speaking – Greek!



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Sophia's dad rushed over to his parents.
He hugged them and hugged them.
And they all spoke – Greek.

Other people hugged Dad and Mum and Sophia.
And they all spoke – Greek.

Suddenly, Sophia felt very, very lonely.
She just stood there, looking at this huge family
all speaking very quickly.
"Oh no!" she thought anxiously.
"I can't understand *anybody*!"

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