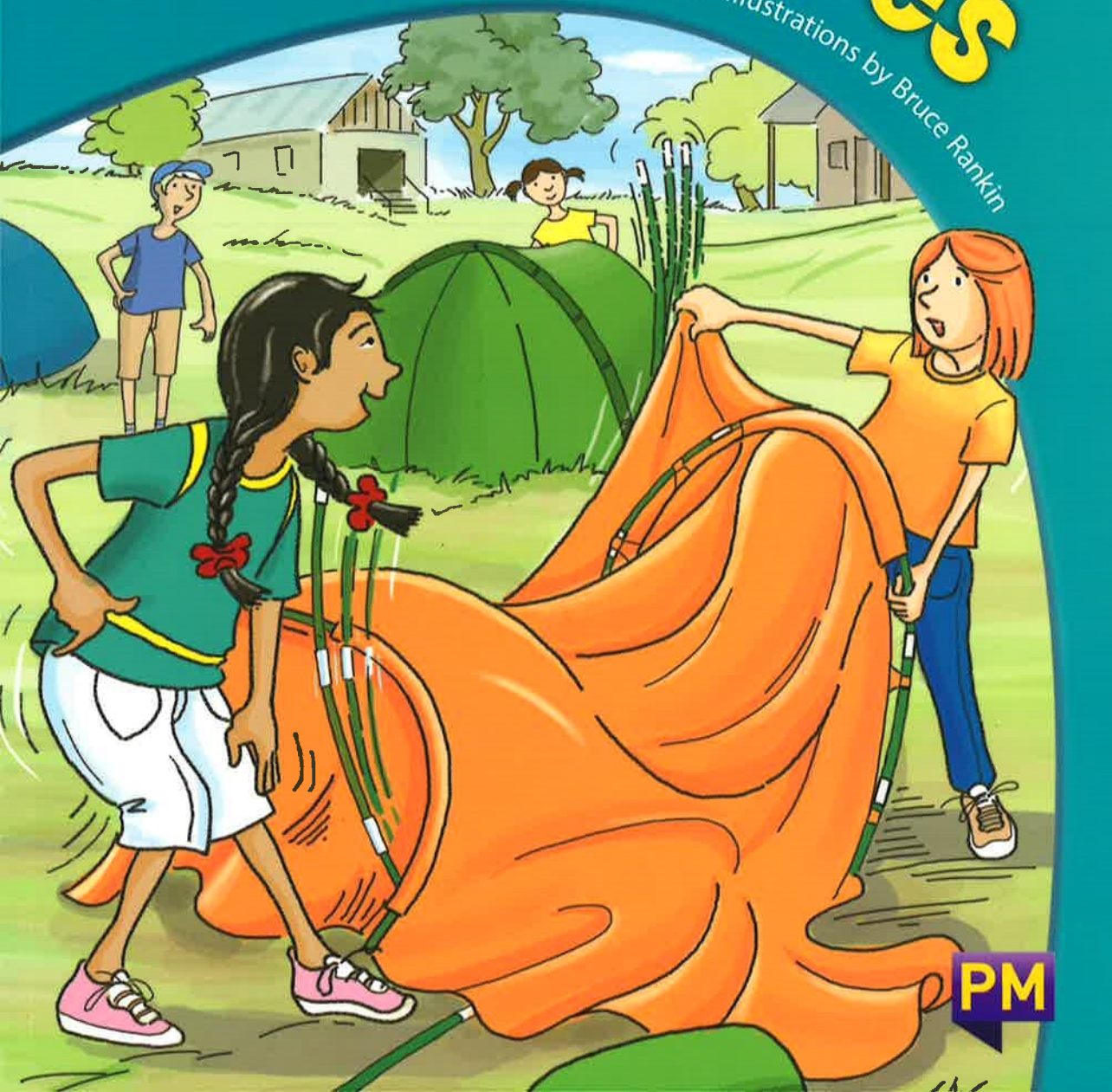
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Level 23
Running Words 1143 **Text Type** Narrative (Imaginative)
Curriculum Area Literacy

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 Who was Isabella?
2 What happened when Izzie tried to pull Grace out of the mud?
3 Why did the girls have to take their sleeping bags to the hall?

Inferential

4 Why did Grace and Izzie find it difficult to put up their tent?
5 Why did the camp have a large hall?
6 Why did everyone have to take off their shoes to play the game 'Musical Sleeping Bags'?
7 Why did the zipper on Izzie's sleeping bag get stuck?
8 Why was the parachute game called 'Mushroom'?
9 Why were awards given out on the last night?

Applied Knowledge

10 Why do students stay at camps away from their own school?
11 Why do students take part in games at a school camp?
12 Why are friends important?

Links with other PM Guided Reading Books and Cards

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Chapter 1

Camp Day!



Everyone in Grace's class was excited. It was time to go to camp! They would be out of school for two whole days.

On the bus, Grace's class sang songs and laughed all the way. Grace sang songs too, but she didn't laugh, because her best friend Emily would not be at camp. Emily and her family had moved to another town.

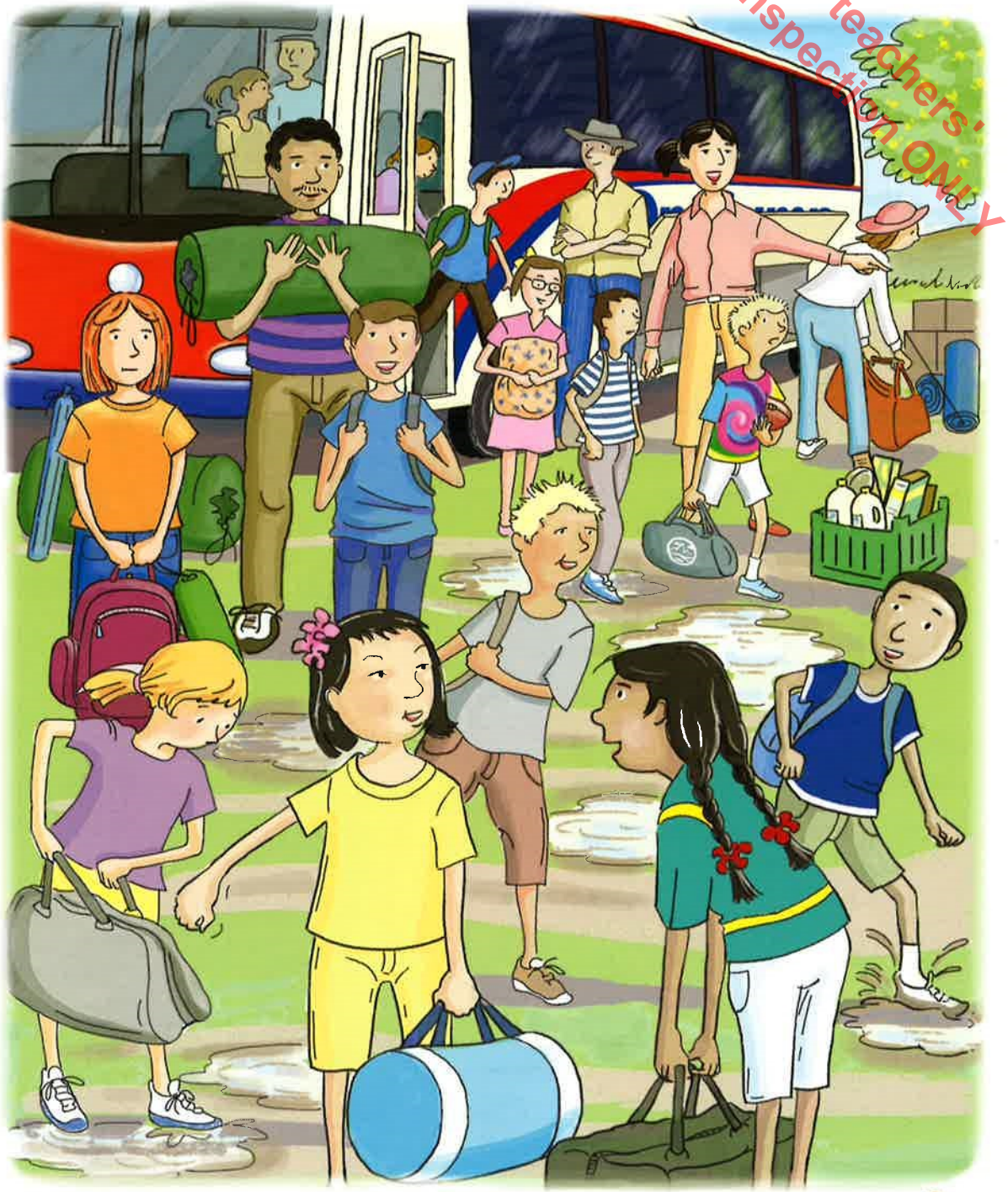
How could Grace enjoy herself without Emily?

Finally, the bus arrived at the camp.

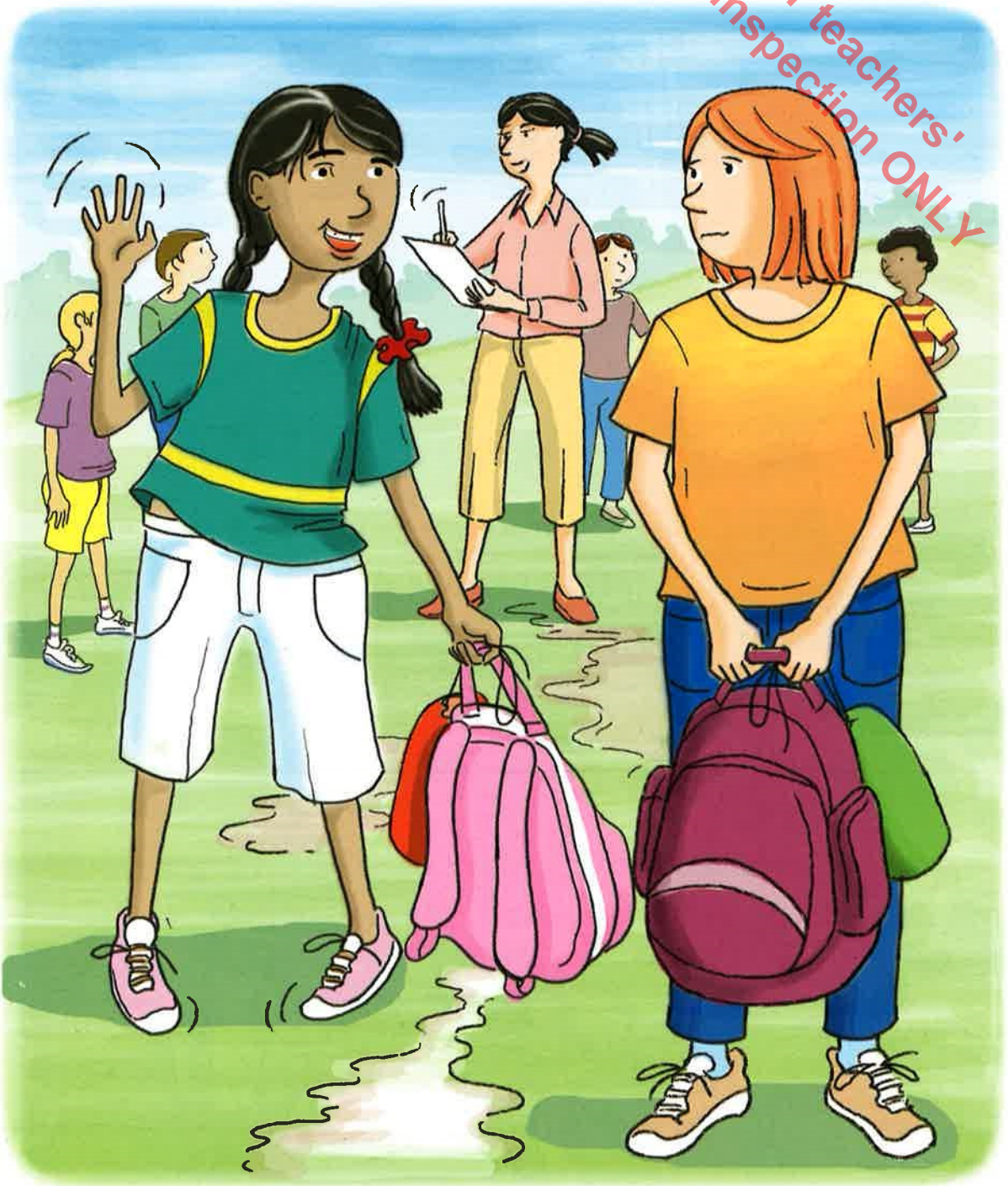
"We are here! Everybody out!" called Ms Martino. "Be careful of the puddles!"

The sun was shining, but it had rained the day before. Grace could see lots of puddles – and lots of mud.

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Ms Martino called everyone together and began to check off their names from a list.

"Everyone has a buddy for the week," Ms Martino said. "Listen for your name, put up your hand when you hear it, then find your buddy."

Grace looked at all the other students.

Who would be her buddy? It seemed as if everyone had a friend – except for her.

At last, Ms Martino called Grace's name. "Grace – you're with Isabella."

Who was Isabella? Grace put her hand in the air and looked around. There was no one called Isabella in her class.

"Hi!" A girl with shiny dark hair and a big smile waved at Grace. She came running over, dragging her backpack. "I'm Isabella Garcia, but everyone calls me Izzie. I'm new. We just moved." She looked around. "This is going to be fun!"

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Chapter 2

The Amazing Collapsing Tent



The first thing the students had to do was to put up their tents. Grace and Izzie found that it was more difficult than they had expected.

"This is supposed to be easy," Grace groaned, when their tent fell down for the third time. She looked at Izzie, who was laughing so hard she was holding onto her sides.

Grace had to smile, too. The tent did look sort of funny in a big orange heap on the ground.

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"Hey, you two!" called a man, grinning as he walked over to them. "Need some help?" he asked.

"This is my dad," said Izzie. "Dad, this is Grace. She's my buddy."

"Hi, Grace," replied Mr Garcia, as he picked up the tent. "You hold this end, while I put in the pole. Izzie, you hold this part."

In no time, their tent was up.

"Put your backpacks inside the tent," Mr Garcia told them. "Now, I think Jack and Sam need my help."



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