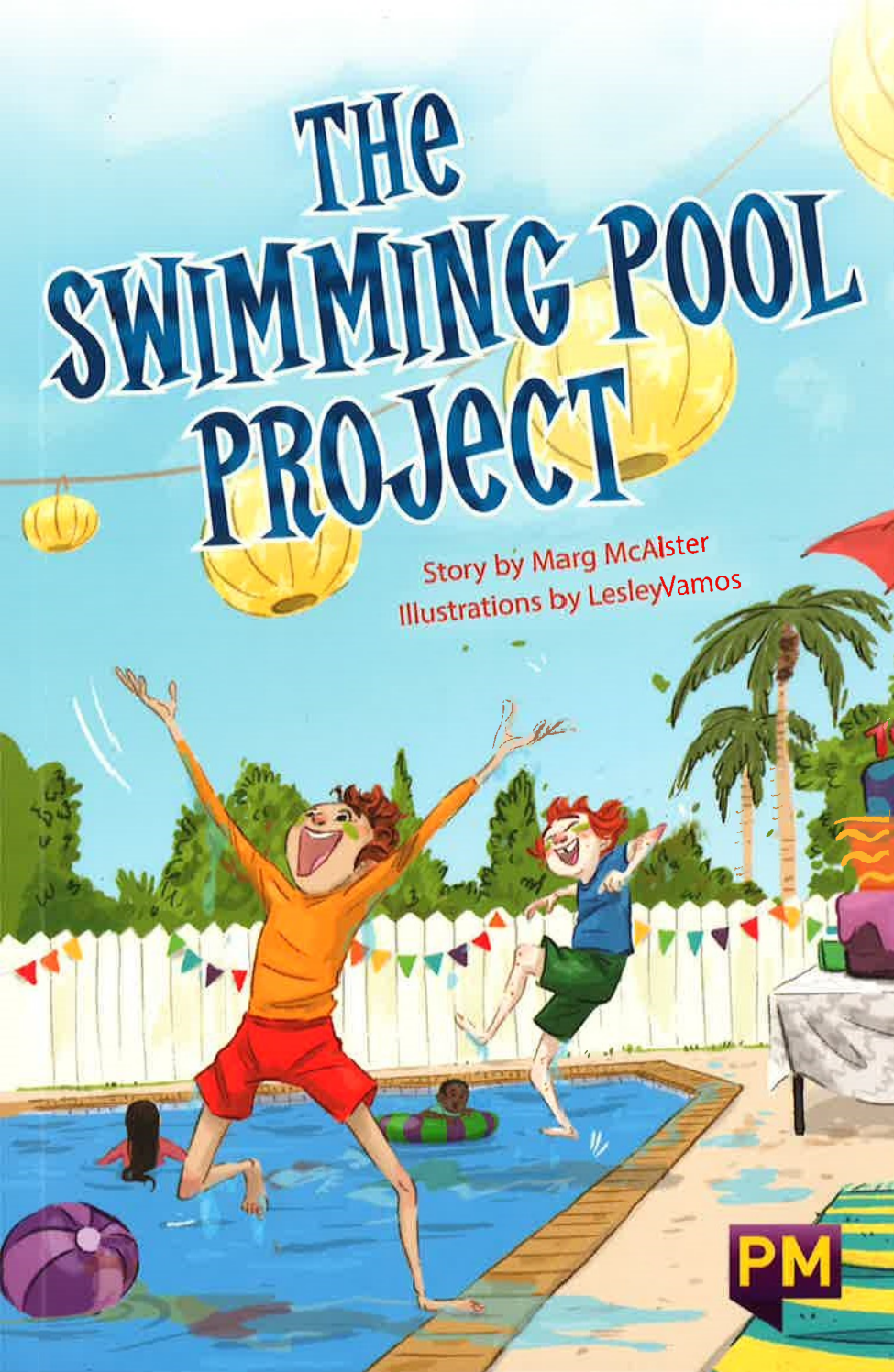
The Swimming Pool Project

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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 What was Lincoln and Riley's idea number four?
2 Why did Dad take the boys to swimming lessons?
3 Why were Emma and Jack excellent swimmers?

Inferential

4 Why couldn't Aunt Chloe convince Dad to get a swimming pool?
5 Why did Mum and Dad exchange glances and laugh when they saw the boys in the paddling pool?
6 Why didn't Dad allow anyone to touch his lawn?
7 Why was Dad concerned about the amount of power used for heating a pool?
8 Why were the boys invited back to Emma and Jack's place on Friday?
9 Why did Mum and Dad change their minds about having a swimming pool?
10 Why did Dad take a long look at his lawn when Mum was using the measuring tape?
11 Why wasn't the new pool ready in time for Lincoln's birthday?

Applied Knowledge

12 Why should all children have the opportunity to learn to swim?

Vocabulary

Replace the verb 'persuade' in this sentence:
Aunt Chloe could not persuade Dad.

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Chapter 1

A BRILLIANT IDEA!

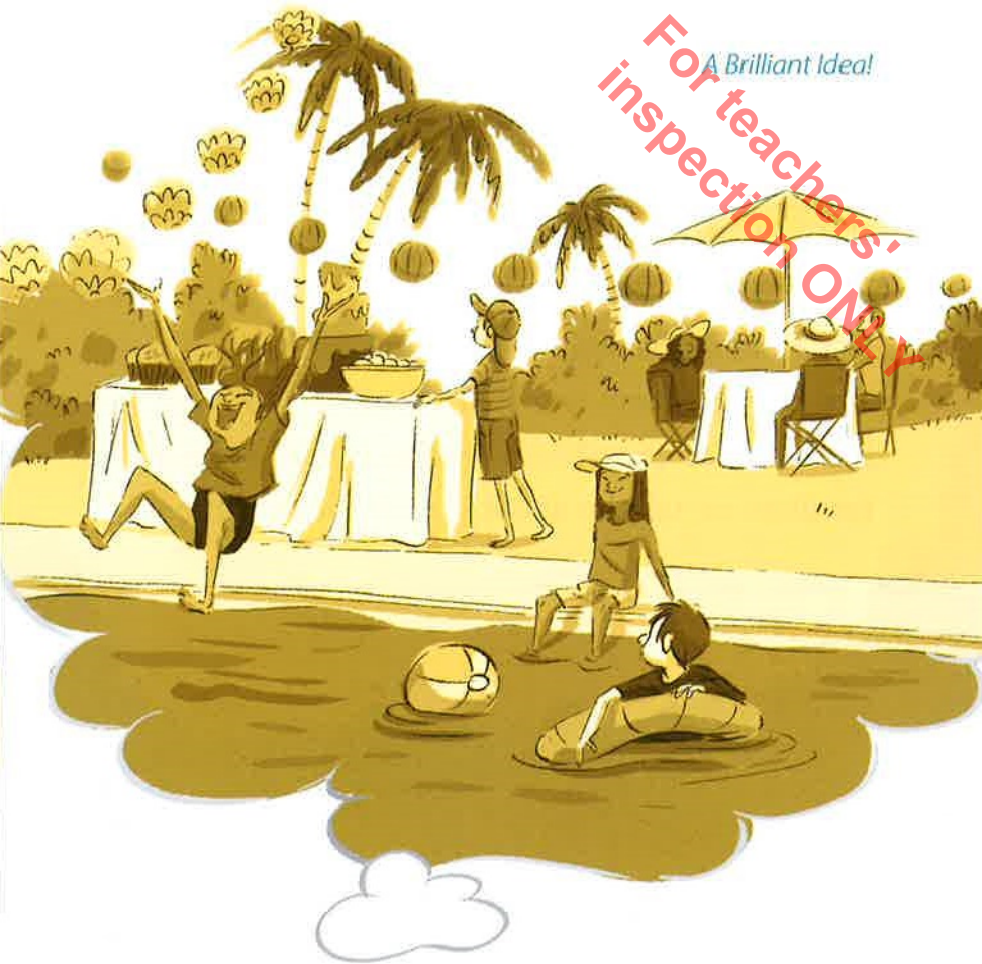


Lincoln loved birthdays. He especially loved birthday parties, and this year, he had a brilliant idea. He could have a pool party!

Pool parties were so much fun. You could play diving games. You could ride on inflatable pool toys and have races underwater.

There was just one problem. To have a pool party, you needed a pool. The only water in Lincoln's backyard was in the birdbath.

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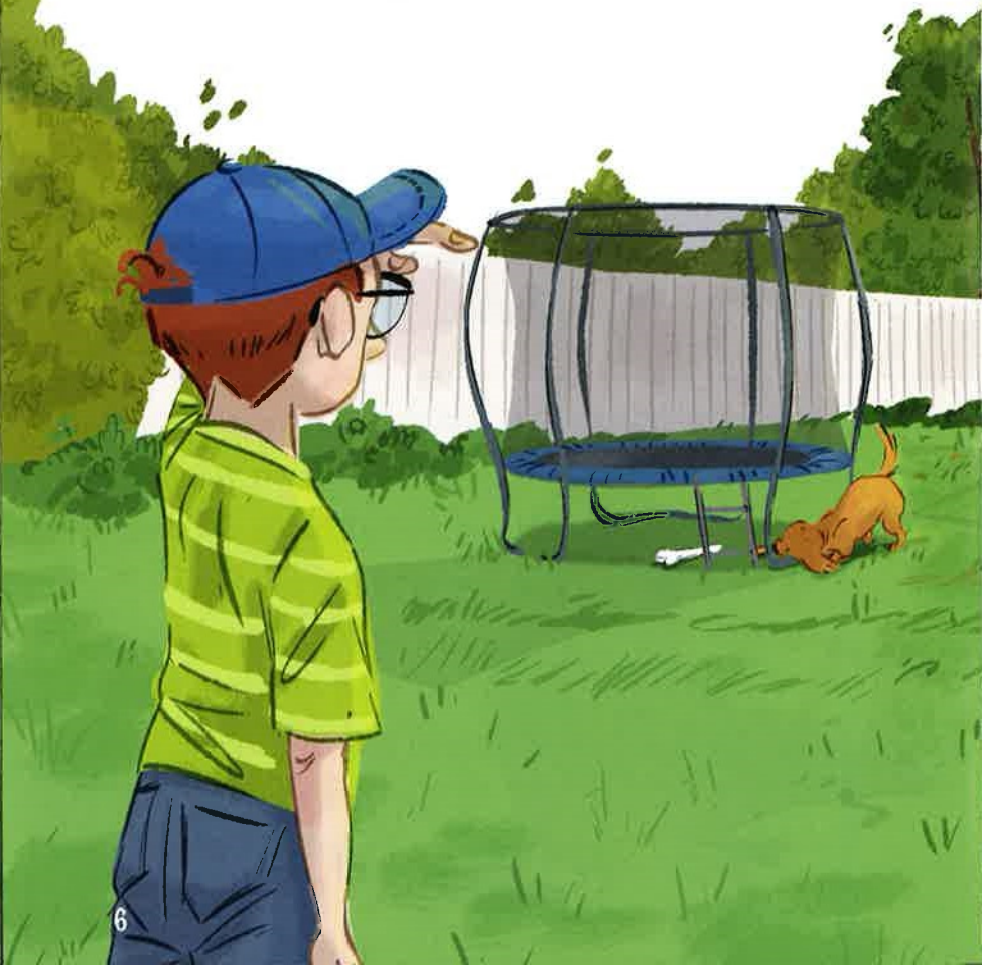




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Lincoln went outside and looked around the backyard. It was a large garden, with flower beds planted by his mum, a swing set, a trampoline and a big area of lawn.

It would be easy to fit a pool out here! The only problem was that Lincoln's dad loved his lawn. He was always feeding it with special fertiliser, or talking about it with the neighbours.



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Lincoln would have to think of a way to convince his parents to build a pool.

He discussed the problem with his cousin, Riley, who lived down the road. They decided that Lincoln would try asking his mum first.



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Lincoln's mum was in the kitchen with two birthday cakes lined up on the bench. She ran a cake-decorating business from home.

"Lincoln, look at this one." Mum pointed to a cake that she had made to look like a half-pipe at a skatepark. It was decorated with a person on a skateboard. "Would you like me to make a cake like this one for your birthday?"

"I like it, but I have a better idea," Lincoln said. "Can you make a cake that looks like a swimming pool?"

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He told his mum about his great idea for a swimming pool in the backyard.

If they built a pool, then he could have a pool party, and a cake to go with it!

"I can make a swimming pool cake," said Mum, "but I don't think we could possibly put a pool in the backyard, Lincoln. We would have to dig up my beautiful garden."

Lincoln sighed. Mum loved her flowers as much as Dad loved his lawn.

This was going to be difficult. How could he convince them? He and Riley compiled a list of ideas.



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Lincoln has a great idea for his birthday this year: he should have a pool party! The only problem is, he doesn't have a pool. How will he convince his parents to build a pool in time for his birthday?



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