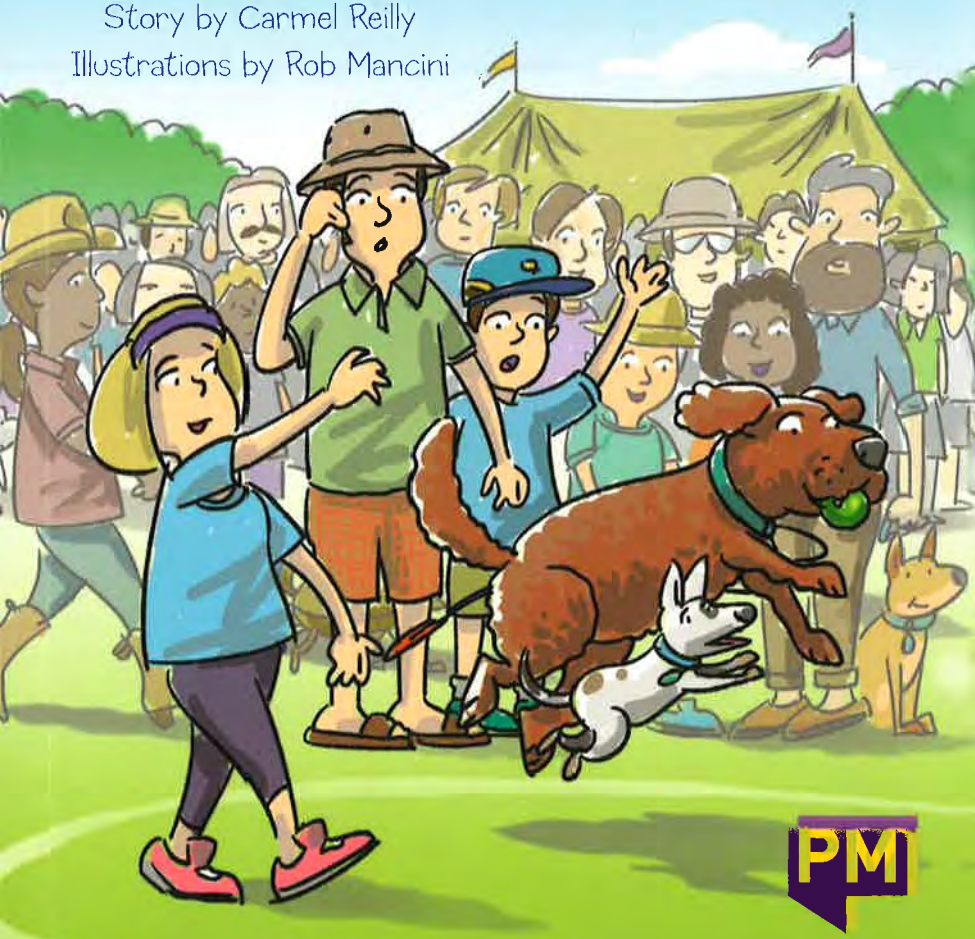
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Retelling to encourage critical thinking about the content

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 Why did Rusty disappear from under the table?
2 Why didn't Dad answer his phone?
3 Why did people laugh when they saw Rusty on the stage?

Inferential

4 Why did the organisers have food stalls at the event?
5 What type of demonstrations would be held at the Dog Day Walk?
6 Why did Mum give Rusty's ear a rub before she went to join the band?
7 Why did some people dress up in costumes?
8 Why did Rusty run towards the stage?
9 Why did Dad have dog snacks in his pocket?

Applied Knowledge

10 What is an animal shelter?
11 Why do dogs need to be registered at a public event?
12 What type of lessons would the obedience trainer do with Rusty?

Vocabulary

Replace the adjective 'impossible' in this sentence:
"This is impossible!" said Emma, impatiently.

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Chapter 1

A Walk in the Park



"This is amazing!" said Joe.

Joe, Kayla, Mum and Dad had just arrived at the edge of the park where the annual Dog Day Walk was being held. The walk was to raise money for the local animal shelter, where the family's new dog, Rusty, had come from, just a few weeks ago. There were going to be competitions and demonstrations for the dogs, and food stalls and entertainment for the owners.

"There are so many people and so many dogs here!" said Mum.

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"Rusty's not used to crowds like this," said Kayla, ruffling Rusty's thick rusty-red coat. "It's going to be a big day for him."

"And a big day for Mum, too," said Dad, with a wink.

Mum smiled. She was going to be performing with her band as part of the entertainment.



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At the entrance to the park, the family stopped to register Rusty and pay their entrance fee.

Mum looked at the site map and pointed to the entertainment area.

"I have to meet the band members here in five minutes so we can get ready. Apparently, we're the first act on stage," she said.

"I can't wait to hear you sing, Mum!" said Joe.

"You'll be great, just like you always are," said Kayla.



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"Fingers crossed," said Mum, with a smile. "In the meantime, enjoy the walk around the park and keep an eye on Rusty. You know he isn't properly trained yet, and he might do something silly."

Mum gave Rusty an ear rub before she turned and disappeared into the crowd.

Rusty tilted his head and whined as he watched her go.



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Kayla and Joe took turns to hold the lead as they walked Rusty around the park.

Most of the dogs seemed quite relaxed, but Rusty was excited and kept pulling ahead.

"My arms are sore," complained Joe, after a few minutes.

"Let's stop for a rest," said Dad. "There are some tables over here."

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Dad tied Rusty's lead to the table leg and bought some drinks.

Rusty wriggled under the table, while Kayla, Joe and Dad watched the crowd.

There were all kinds of dogs and all kinds of people on the walk. A lot of them were dressed up.

"This is fun," said Joe. "Next time, I'm going to wear a costume."

"Are you going to wear a costume, too, Rusty?" asked Kayla, leaning down to look under the table.

She gasped.

Rusty wasn't there!



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It's the annual Dog Day Walk at the park, and Mum, Dad, Joe and Kayla are excited to take part with their new dog, Rusty. But Rusty wants to do everything but walk! Will the family be able to keep their new dog under control?



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