TALK ABOUT TEXTS

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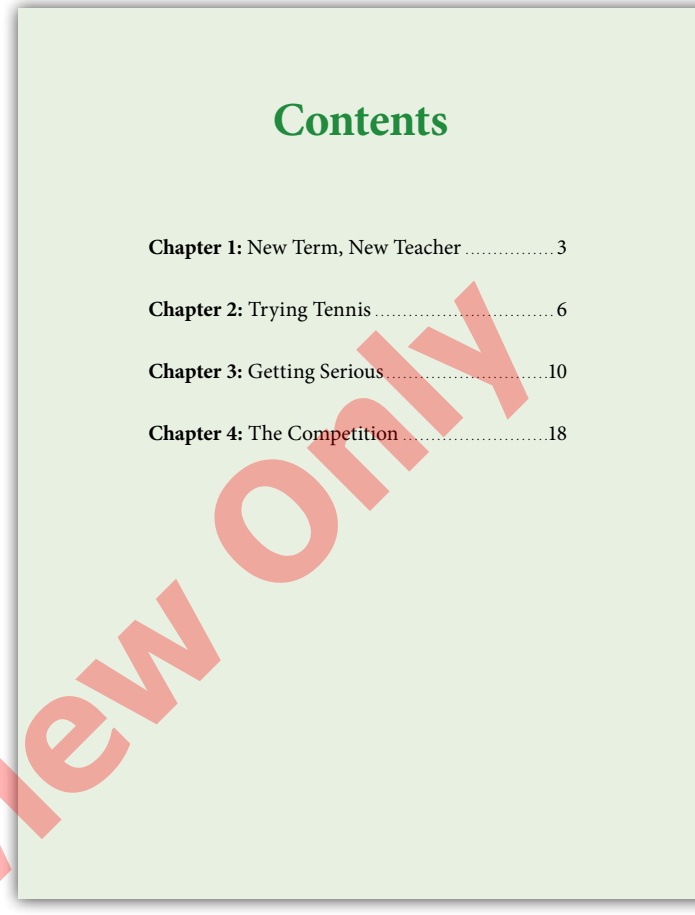
'Let's read the contents page and page 3 together. After we have finished reading, look carefully at the illustration.'

Read

Read the contents page and page 3 together.

Check Understanding

- What does the contents page tell us?
- What is the title of Chapter 1?
- Who is Josh's best friend?
- Which character is calm?



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Chapter 1

New Term, New Teacher



Josh felt nervous as he walked through the school gates. He looked at his best friend Misa beside him. "How could she be so calm?" he wondered.

Josh and Misa had been friends all their lives. Misa had always been the calm one. He felt better when she was around.

It was the first day of term, and they were about to meet their new teacher.

Talk

What was Josh thinking about when he walked through the front gate?

Josh was **thinking** about _____.

What do you predict will happen on the first day of term?

I **predict** that _____.

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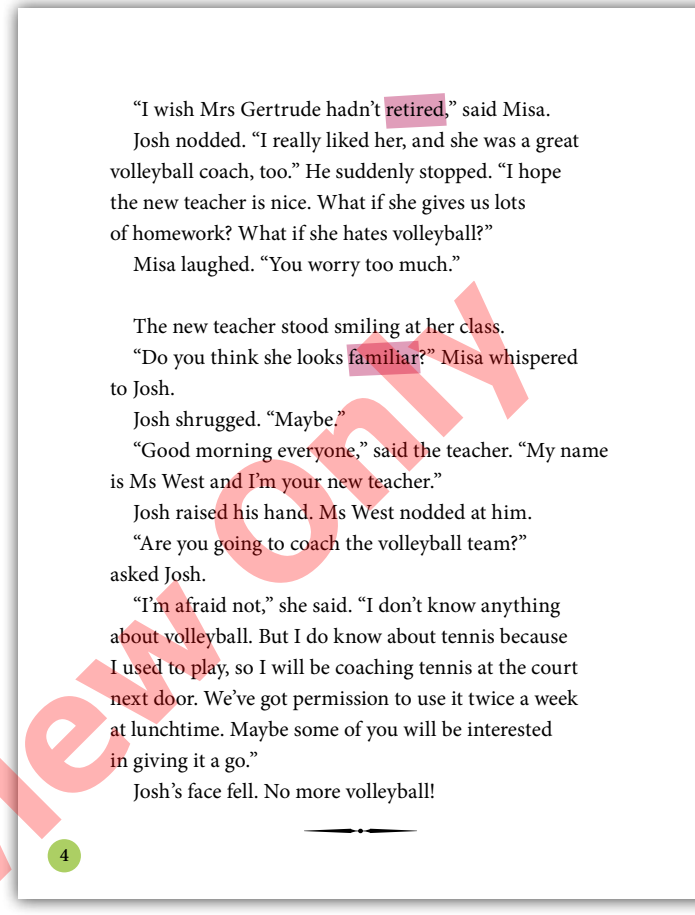
'Now we will read page 4 together. Then read the page again to yourself. Talk to your partner about what you can see in the illustration on page 5.'

Read

Read page 4 together. Students then read it again to themselves and discuss the illustration with a partner.

Check Understanding

- What had Mrs Gertrude done?
- What does Misa think Josh does too much?
- What sport was the teacher going to introduce?
- What does 'familiar' mean?



"I wish Mrs Gertrude hadn't retired," said Misa.

Josh nodded. "I really liked her, and she was a great volleyball coach, too." He suddenly stopped. "I hope the new teacher is nice. What if she gives us lots of homework? What if she hates volleyball?"

Misa laughed. "You worry too much."

The new teacher stood smiling at her class.

"Do you think she looks familiar?" Misa whispered to Josh.

Josh shrugged. "Maybe."

"Good morning everyone," said the teacher. "My name is Ms West and I'm your new teacher."

Josh raised his hand. Ms West nodded at him.

"Are you going to coach the volleyball team?" asked Josh.

"I'm afraid not," she said. "I don't know anything about volleyball. But I do know about tennis because I used to play, so I will be coaching tennis at the court next door. We've got permission to use it twice a week at lunchtime. Maybe some of you will be interested in giving it a go."

Josh's face fell. No more volleyball!

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Talk

Why do you think that Misa believes Miss West looked familiar?

Misa **believes** Miss West looked familiar because _____.

What do you predict will happen to the class's volleyball team?

I **predict** the class's volleyball team _____.

What clues make you think that?

The **clues** that make me **think** this are _____.

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