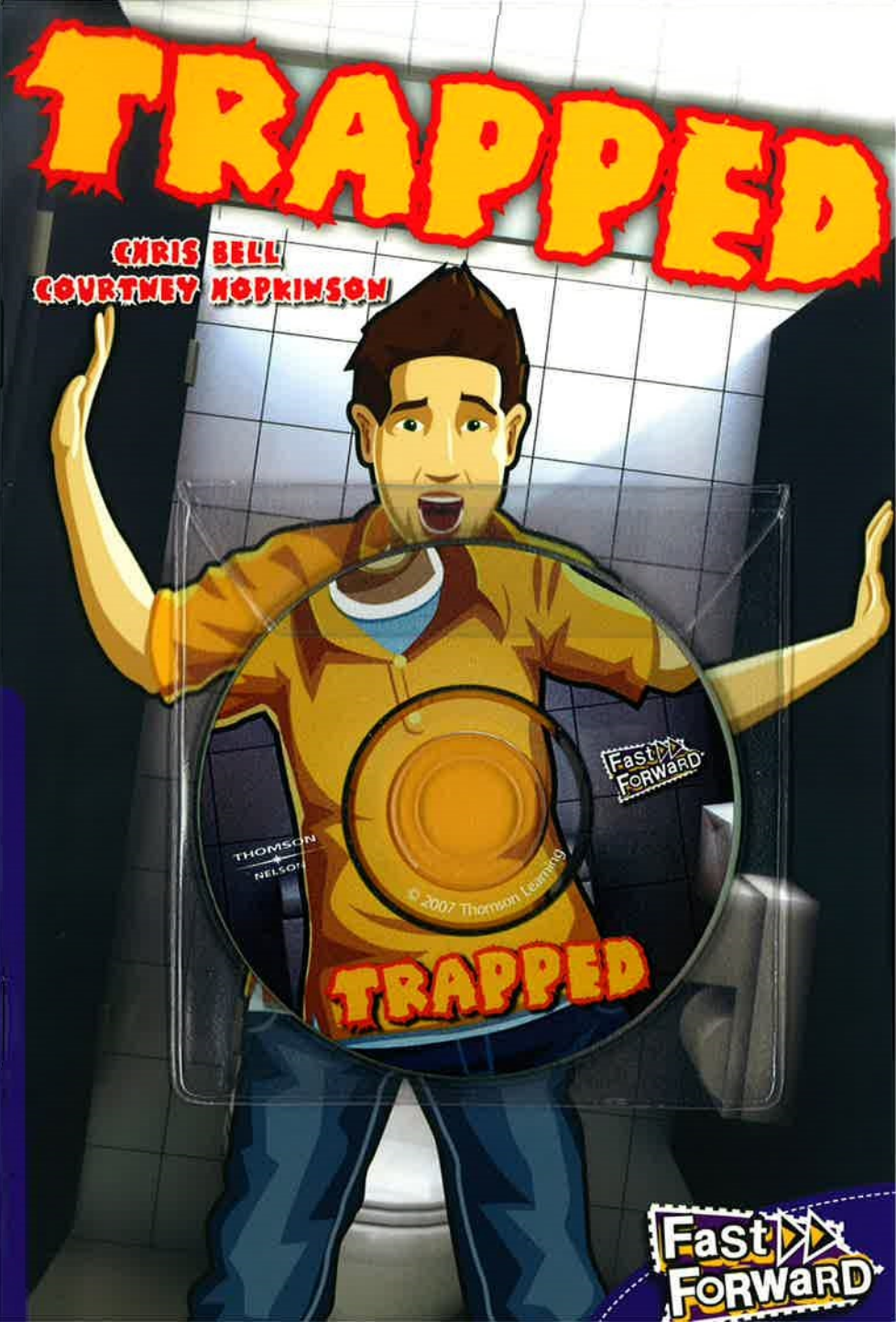
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Running Words

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Text Type

Narrative

Teaching Notes

Vocabulary

bolted, clambered, cubicle, deserted, echoed, flicked, gulped, signal, snatched, stranded, stretched, survival, trapped, tugged, worried

Phonological Awareness

/ch/: checked (p.8)

'tch' = /ch/: catchy (p.5), snatched (p.13), stretched (p.16), switch (p.22)

'ch' for hard c: school (p.8), echoed (p.9), ached (p.12)

High Frequency Words

about, again, asked, floor, help, laughed, learn, open, outside, school, sound, teacher, thought, walk

Linking Visual and Written

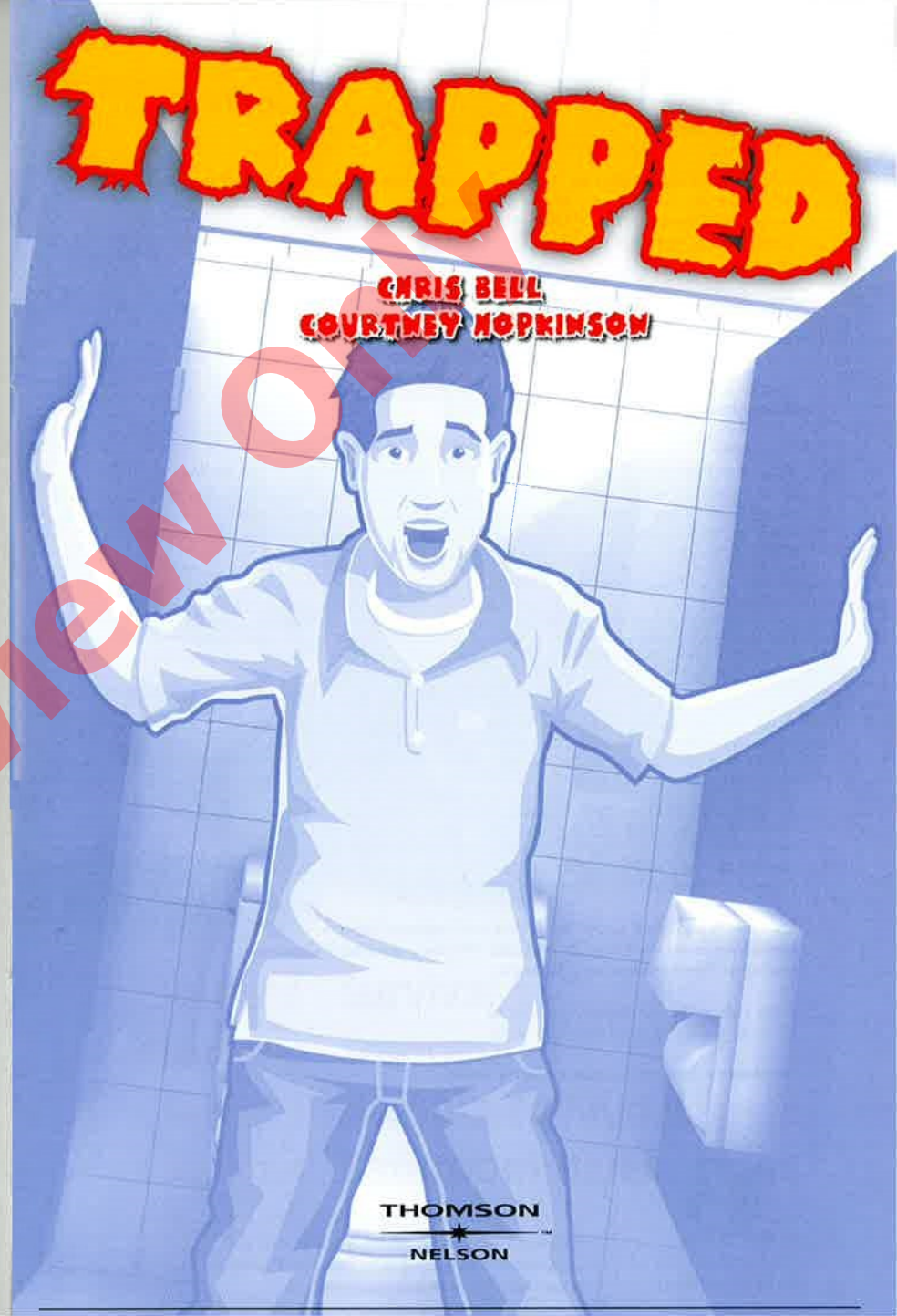
Discuss how you can tell Mrs Wyatt is annoyed with Tom (p. 5).

Tom's face mirrors his feelings in this text. Discuss how his facial expressions and body language mirror what is happening in the text.

Point out to students that the illustrations in this text look very life-like, particularly in the bathroom scenes. What effect does this have on the story?

Discuss the effect of the use of capital letters for the word "bang" on pages 9 and 20.





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Survival

"Are you listening, Tom?"
asked Mrs Wyatt.

Tom's eyes snapped open wide.
He nodded to his teacher.

Mrs Wyatt stared at him, then said,
"Now, who knows how to signal
a passing ship for help
with a mirror?"

Tom sighed.
Why did he have to learn
about survival?
It wasn't likely he'd ever be stranded
on a deserted island.



Sure, the SOS beat was catchy –
three short taps, three long taps,
then three short taps again.
But if I were really stranded,
Tom thought,
I'd just use my mobile phone.

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Tom jabbed Khoa beside him
and whispered,
"Not many deserted islands
around here!"

Khoa smiled and nodded.





The class clock ticked slowly.
Tom felt his eyes start to grow
heavy again.

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Chapter 2

Trapped!

"Bye!" shouted Tom,
after basketball practice.

Khoa waved and disappeared
out the school gate.
The rest of the team had already
been picked up.
Tom checked the time on his phone –
it was nearly six o'clock.
Home was only a couple of minutes
walk away,
but he really needed to go
to the bathroom.

The school was almost deserted.
Even Harvey, the cleaner,
had packed up by now.

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BANG!

A loud noise echoed
from somewhere outside the bathroom.

"What was that?" asked Tom.



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