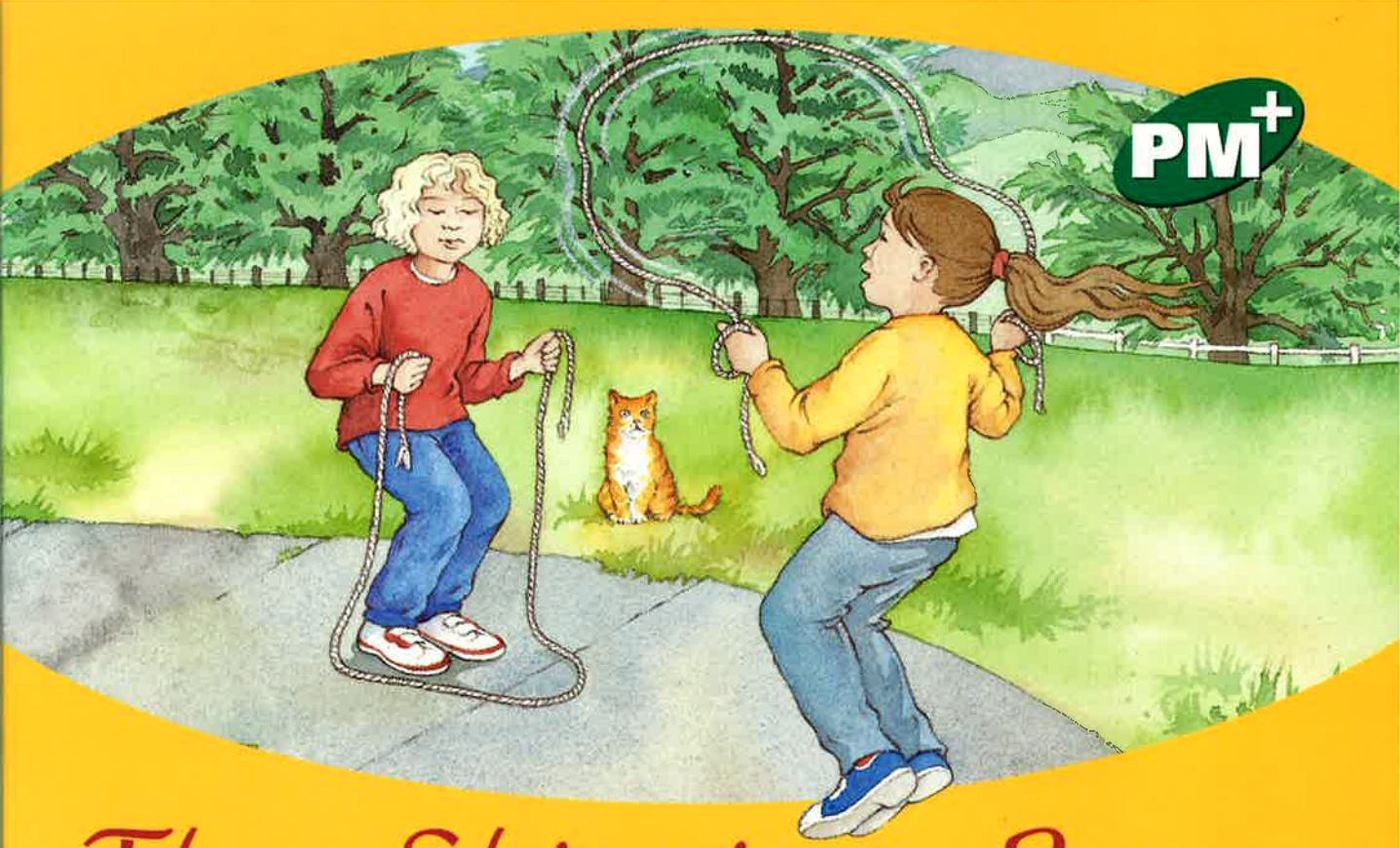


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The Skipping Rope

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Abby always liked going to play with her friend Clare.

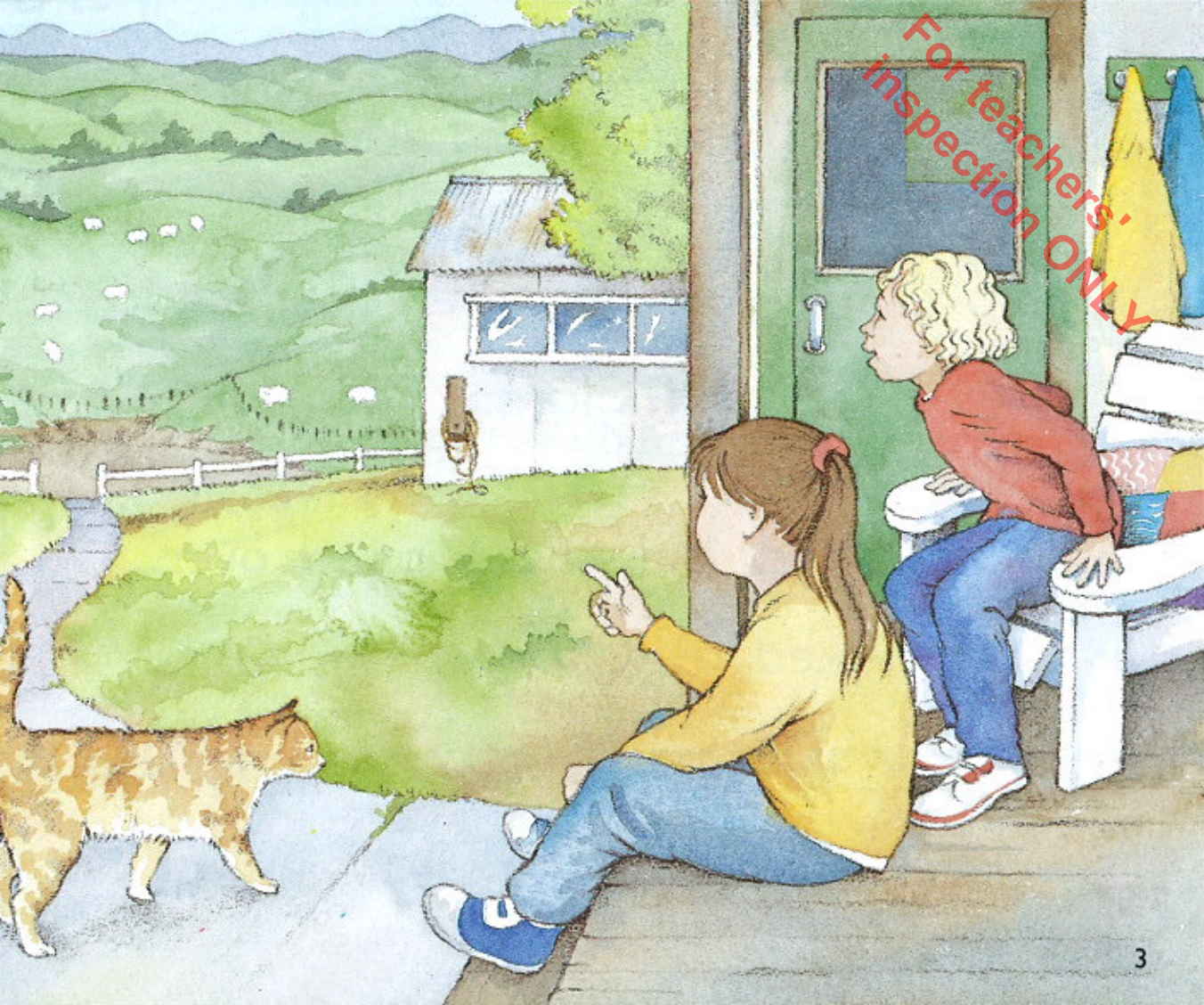
Clare lived on a farm.

"What can we do today?" said Abby.

"Let's skip!" said Clare.

"I can get two ropes from the shed."

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"But I can't skip," said Abby.

"Make the rope go over your head,
like this," said Clare. "Then jump!"

Abby tried, but she tripped over.
She looked at Clare,
who was skipping very fast.

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"I can't do that," said Abby.

"I had to try lots of times,"
said Clare,
"and then, one day, I did it."

Abby tried again and again,
but she still tripped over the rope.

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