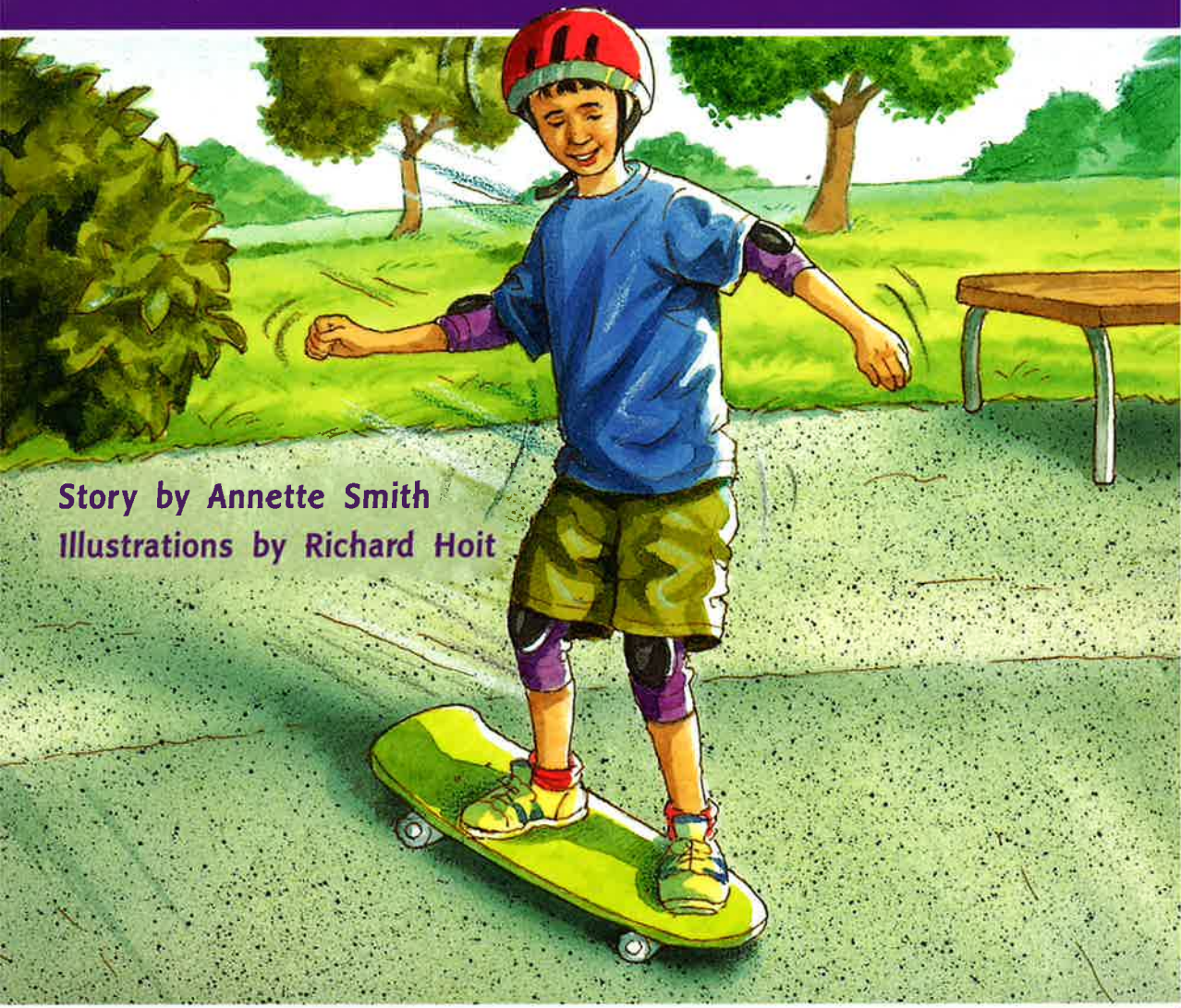
Riding the Skateboard Ramps

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Zac and Grandad had just arrived at the new skateboard park.

"Look!" said Grandad. "Matt and Lucy from next door are here."

"Matt is **so** good at skateboarding," said Zac, as they watched Matt riding up and down the ramps. "I wish I could do tricks like that."

Matt rode over and jumped off his board. "Hi, Zac. Hi, Mr Hill," he said. "Lucy and I are practising for the display next Saturday."



"It's the official opening of this new park," said Matt's sister, Lucy, coming over to join them. "There's a special event for the under ten-year-olds. Why don't you come in it, Zac?"



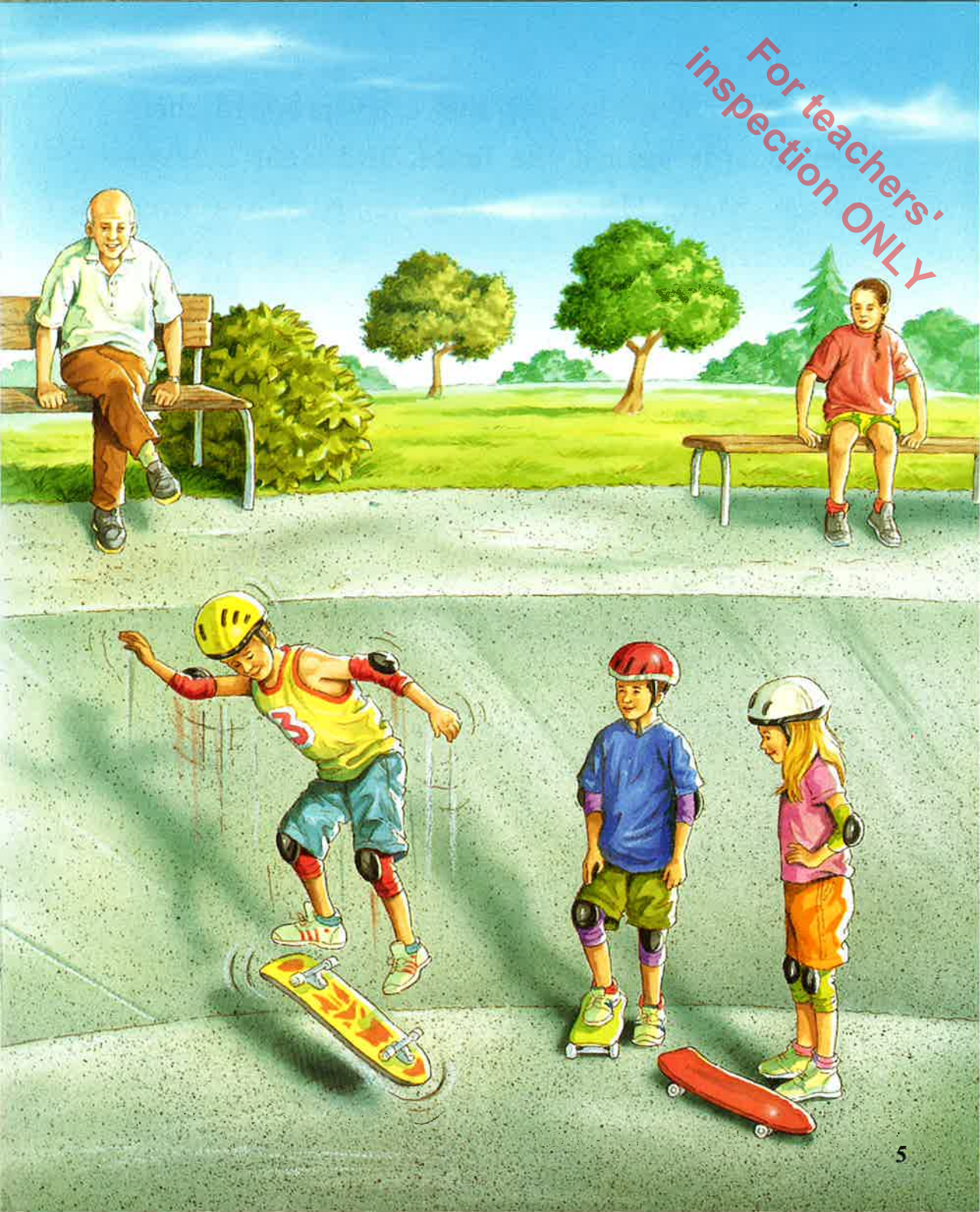
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Zac wasn't sure that he wanted to go in a display. "I'm not really good enough," he said, "because I don't even know how to ride the ramps yet. I only know how to go backwards and forwards, and how to turn my board."

"That's okay. You just need some more practice," said Matt. "When you get really good, I'll show you how to do a kick-flip like this!" he added, as he pushed off. He made it look easy as his board rolled part way up the ramp. Then with a flick, he flipped his skateboard over, crouching slightly as he landed back on top of it.

Matt showed Zac and Lucy some easier moves, and then he left them to practise by themselves. They were concentrating so hard that they didn't notice that a girl was watching them.

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After a while, Zac and Lucy propped their skateboards against the fence, and went over to watch Matt. He was doing jump moves over some rails.

Grandad walked around to the far side of the big ramp, because he wanted to check some seats and railings. Grandad was an engineer, and he had helped to design the new park.

Suddenly, the girl who had been watching them grabbed one of the skateboards! She pushed off quickly, and the board rolled down the ramp. But she was going too fast, and she lost control. She let out a yell as she tumbled backwards.

Zac spun around. "Hey, are you all right?" he called.

The girl stood up quickly, and muttered something that they couldn't hear.