Junior Super Stars



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PM Early Chapters

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Level 22

Running Words	Complete text	772
Reading Record	Pages 12–17	202

Key Teaching Points

- Before reading the text, list some of the terms used in basketball.
- Discuss the excitement, anticipation and anxiety experienced by the children.
- Ensure the students can read long sentences and retain meaning.

Key Questions

- How many children were selected for the Junior Super Stars team? *(Literal)*
- Why do you think Brad started with throwing, catching and defending? *(Inferential)*
- Why do you think the ball often slid around the top of the hoop before falling through? *(Inferential)*
- Why do you think Brad made the children work hard and fast before they had a break? *(Inferential)*
- Why is it important to always try your best? *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Compare the meanings of these words: *tall, taller, tallest.*
- List words that have a similar meaning to the word *nervous.*
- Write the root words of these words: *slid, tried, threw, leapt.*

Links with other PM Books

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Chapter 1

Go, Eddie!



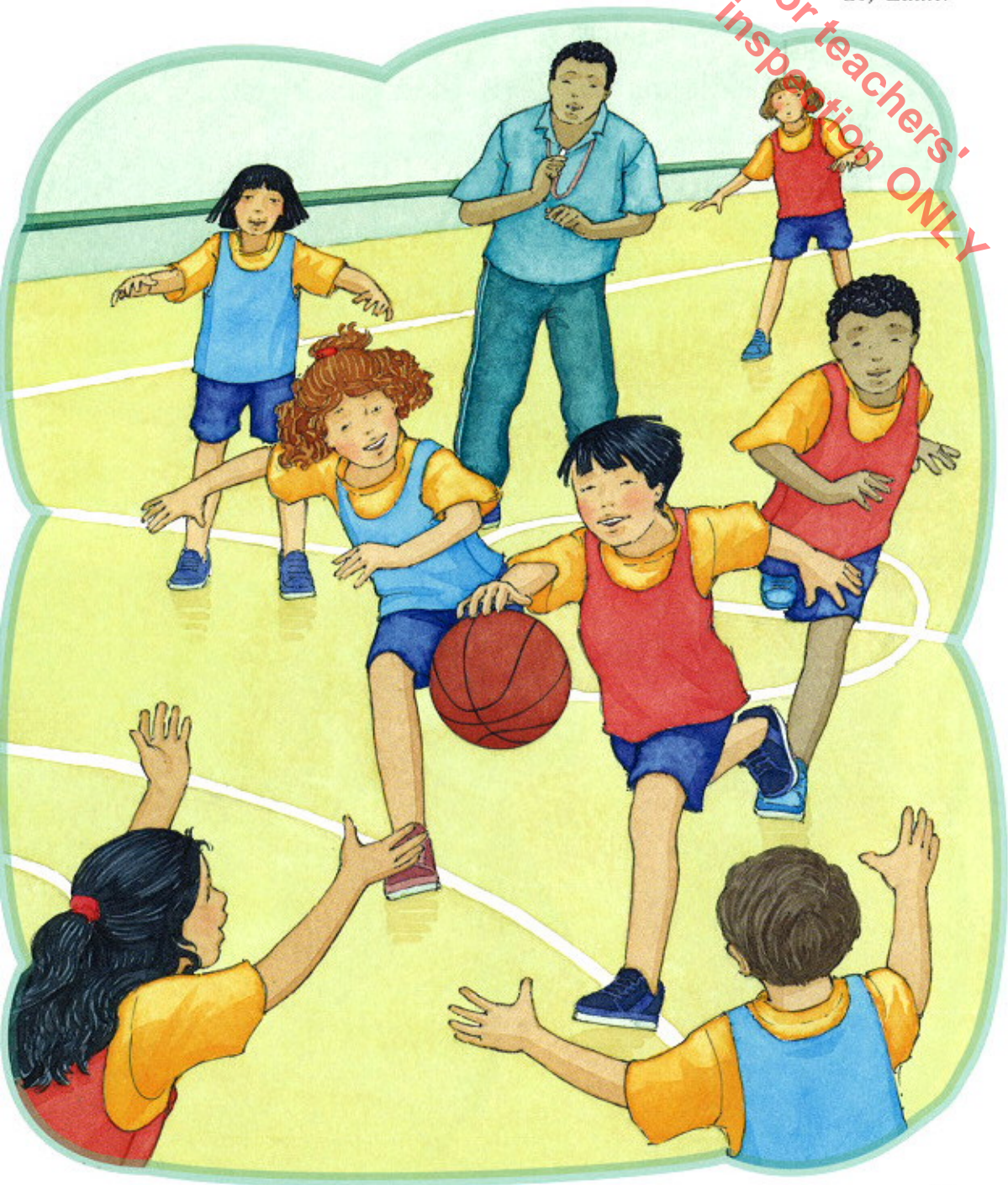
Eddie bounced the ball down the court.
He raced past one player, and then past another.

"Go, Eddie!" yelled Nina.

Within moments, Eddie was at the end of the court.
He threw the ball to Nina
and she passed it back to him.
He took aim at the basket. It was a difficult shot.
The ball slid around the top of the hoop
and fell through.

There were shouts and cheers from the sideline.
Eddie's team had won.

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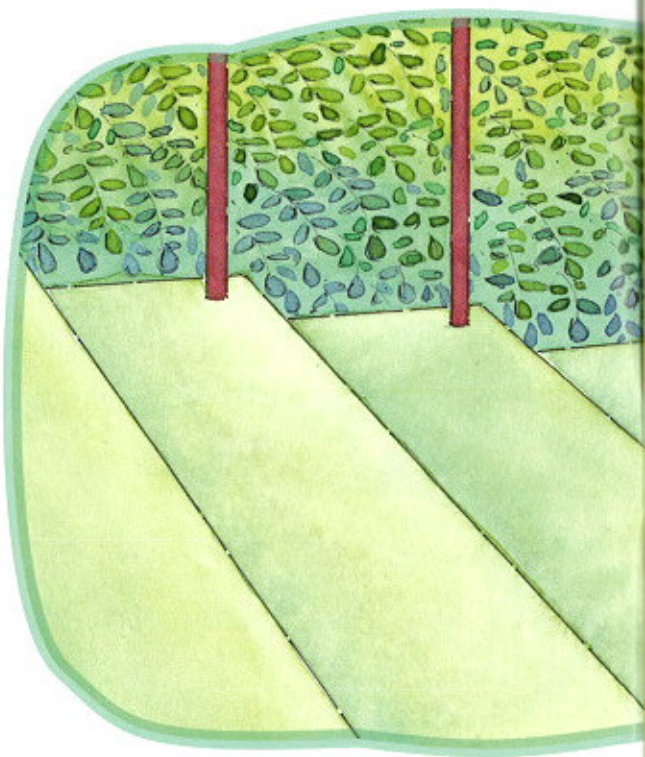
Nina and Eddie returned to their classroom.

"I love playing basketball," said Eddie.
"I wish that I could play it all day."

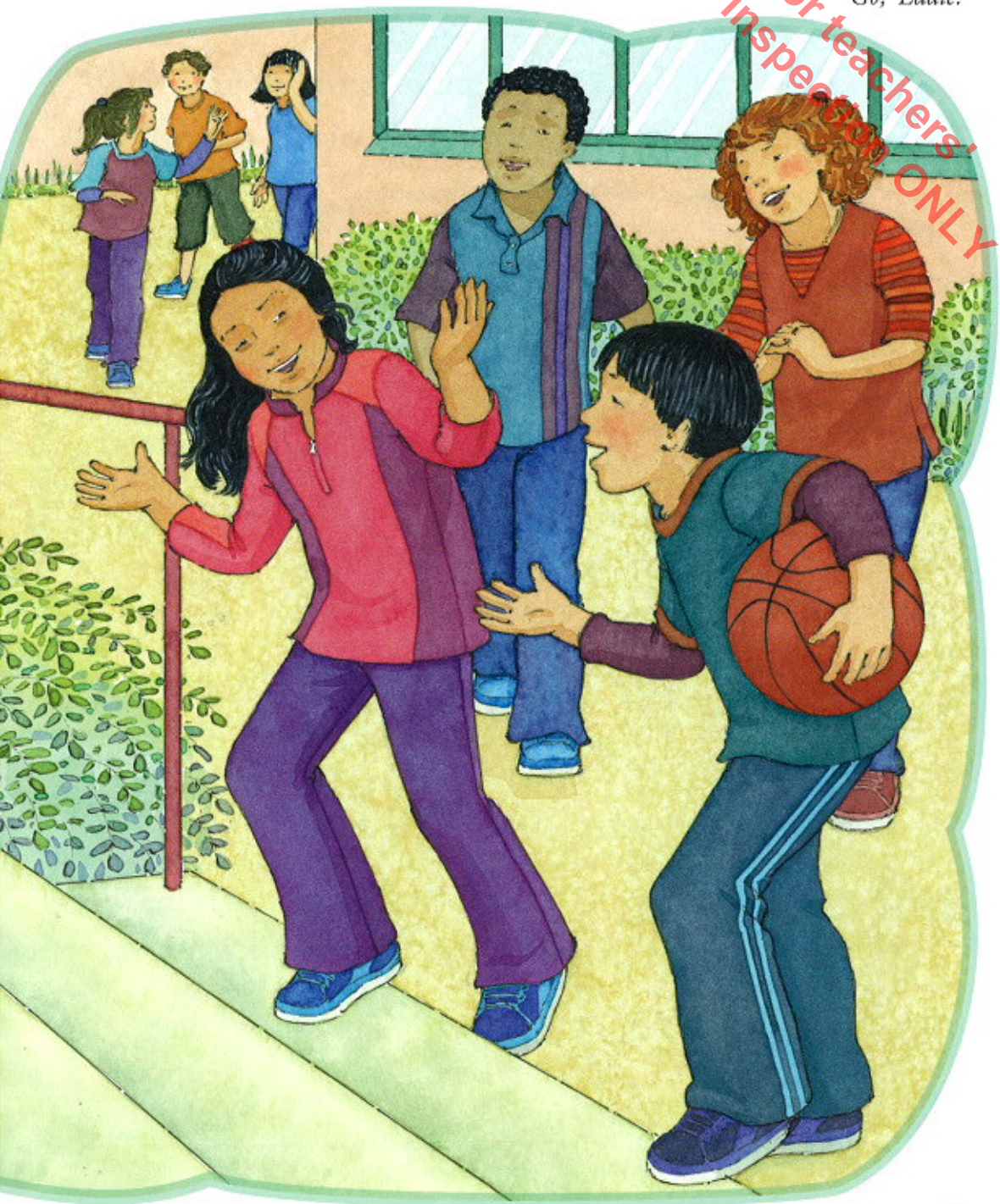
Nina laughed. "You are a great player, Eddie," she said.

"You're good, too," he said.

"But I'm not nearly as good as you are," said Nina, shaking her head.



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Chapter 2

The Visitor



Mrs Jacobs, the principal,
came into the classroom with a visitor.
"Hello, everybody," she said.
"I'd like to introduce Brad Hill to you."
He is the captain
of the City Super Stars basketball team."

"Brad Hill is fantastic!" Eddie whispered to Nina.
"He's my favourite player. I can't believe he's here!"

"Brad is starting a Junior Super Stars team,"
said Mrs Jacobs.
"He has come to look at our Grades 3 and 4 players."