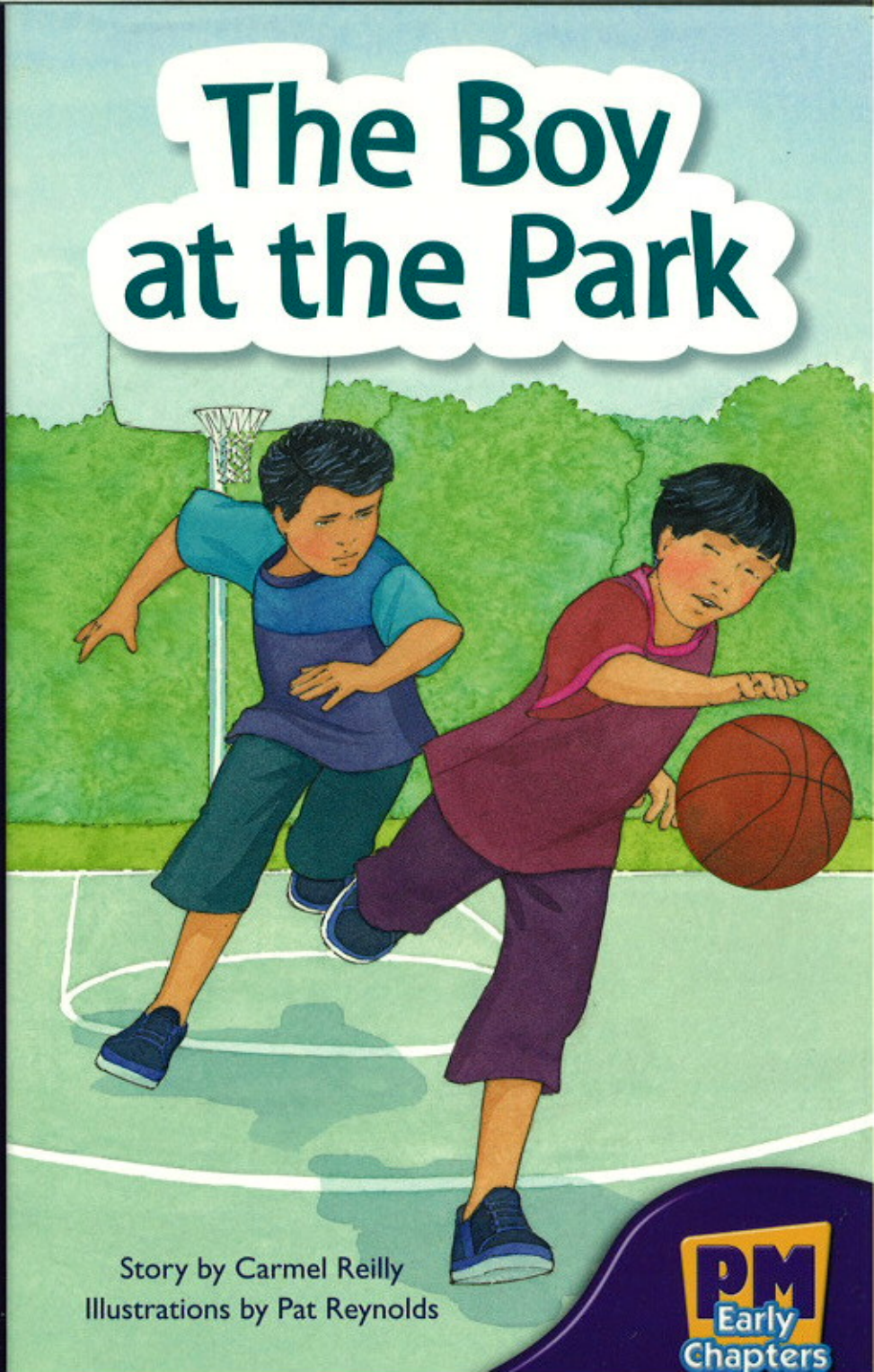
The Boy at the Park



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PM Early Chapters

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Level 20

Running Words	Complete text	574
Reading Record	Pages 2–10 (to end of line 3)	204

Key Teaching Points

- Familiarise students with the game of basketball.
- Discuss the boy's actions and his reactions to Nina and Eddie.
- Find examples in the text that show Dylan was proud of his father.

Key Questions

- Why do you think the boy didn't answer Eddie (on page 4)? *(Inferential)*
- Why was the boy annoyed when the ball landed on his drawing? *(Literal)*
- Why did the boy grab the ball off Eddie? *(Literal)*
- Why do you think the boy was so mean to Nina and Eddie? *(Inferential)*
- Describe how you resolve problems at school. *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Explain that adverbial phrases increase meaning; e.g. *past the hoop.*
- Identify past-tense verbs that convey action; e.g. *snatched, grabbed.*
- Revise more difficult letter clusters; e.g. *-ight, -ouch, -atch.*

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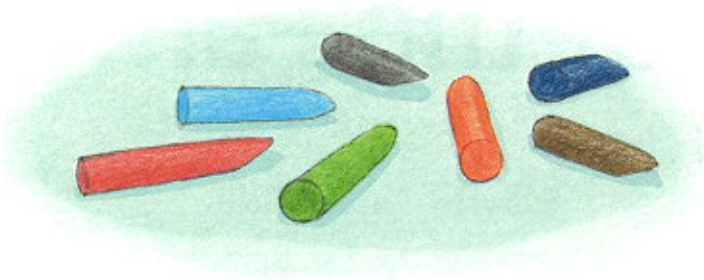
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Chapter 1

The Chalk Drawing

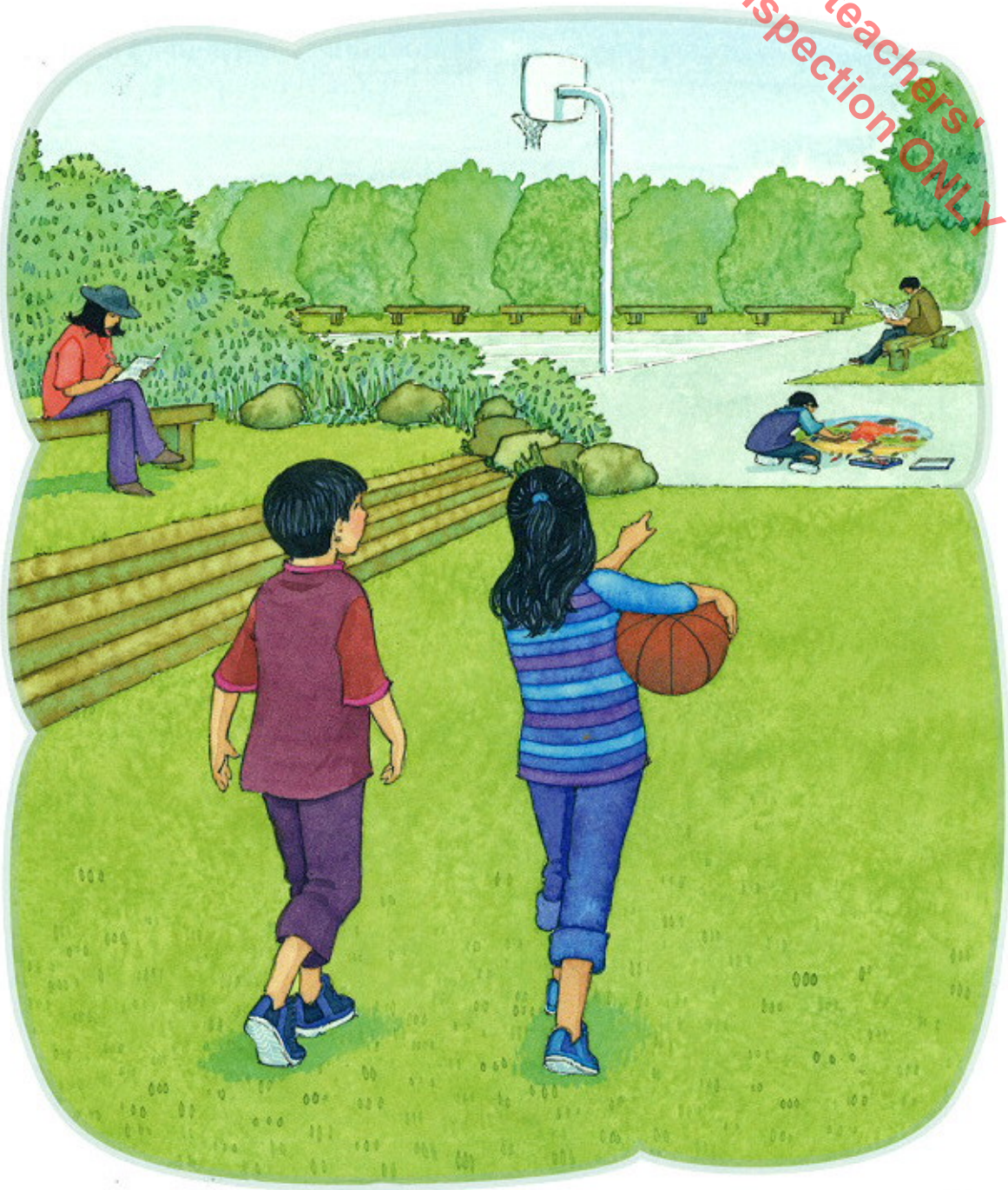


Nina and Eddie had come down to the park to practise their basketball moves.
As they walked towards the basketball court, Nina pointed to a boy who was crouched down on the pavement nearby.

"What's that boy doing?" she said.

When they came closer,
they could see that he was drawing
a picture of someone playing basketball.

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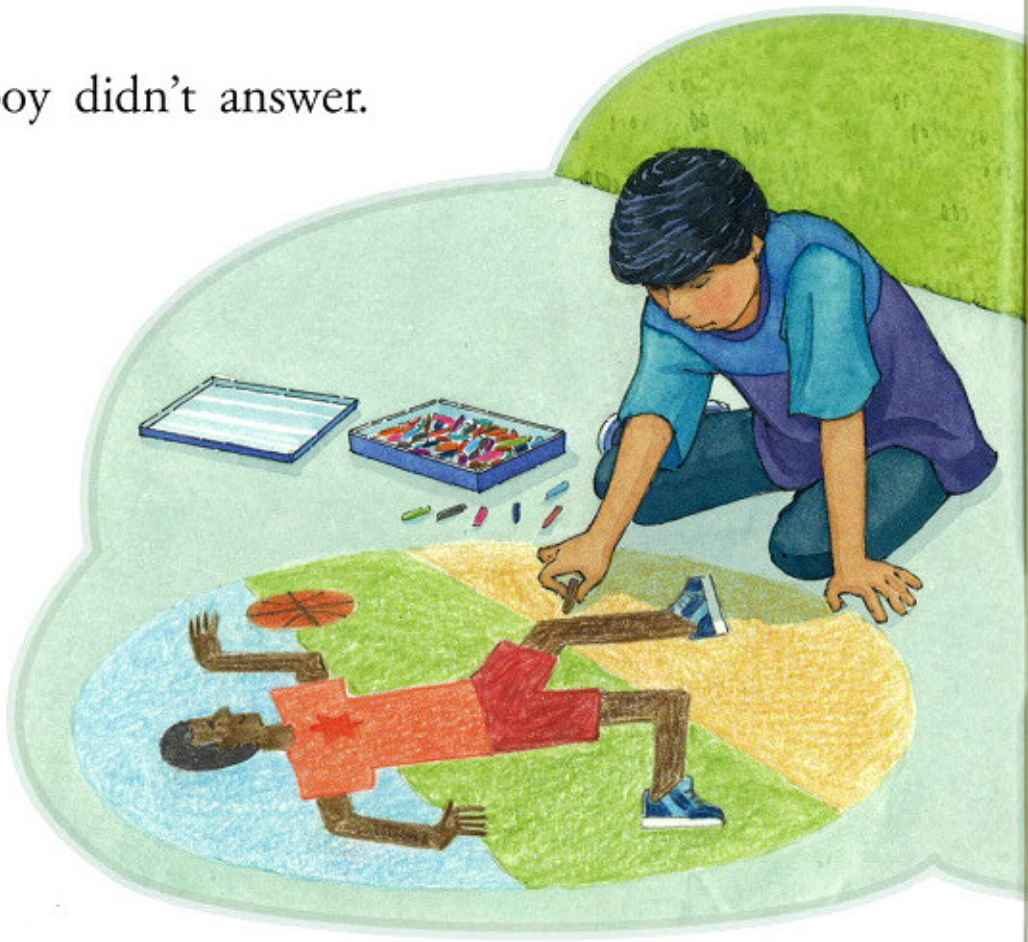
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"That's a great picture," Nina said to the boy.

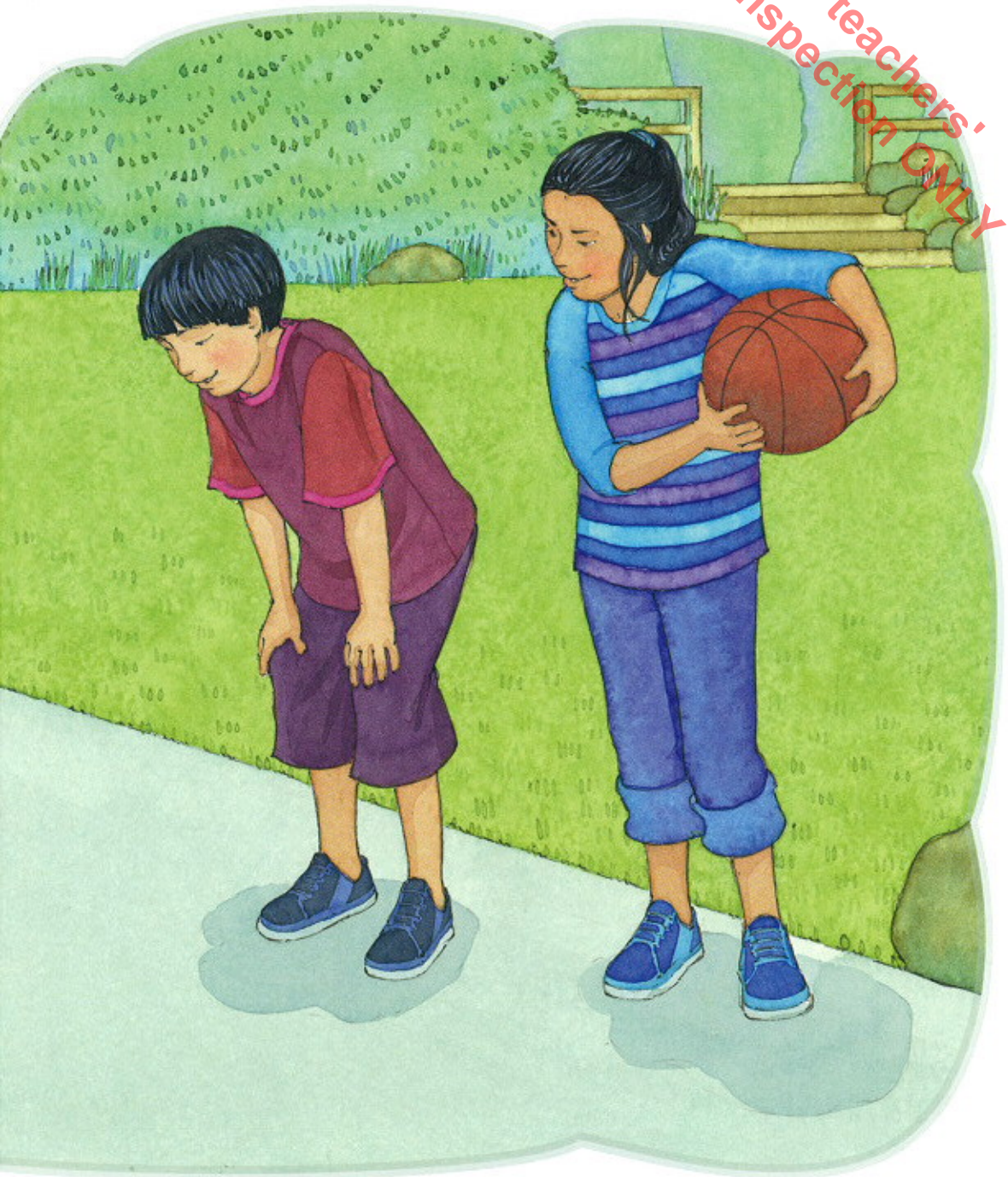
The boy shrugged, but he didn't turn around.

"It must have taken a long time to draw it," said Eddie.

The boy didn't answer.



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Eddie and Nina looked at each other,
then ran onto the court.

Eddie took a shot at the basket,
but he threw the ball too hard
and it flew past the hoop.

