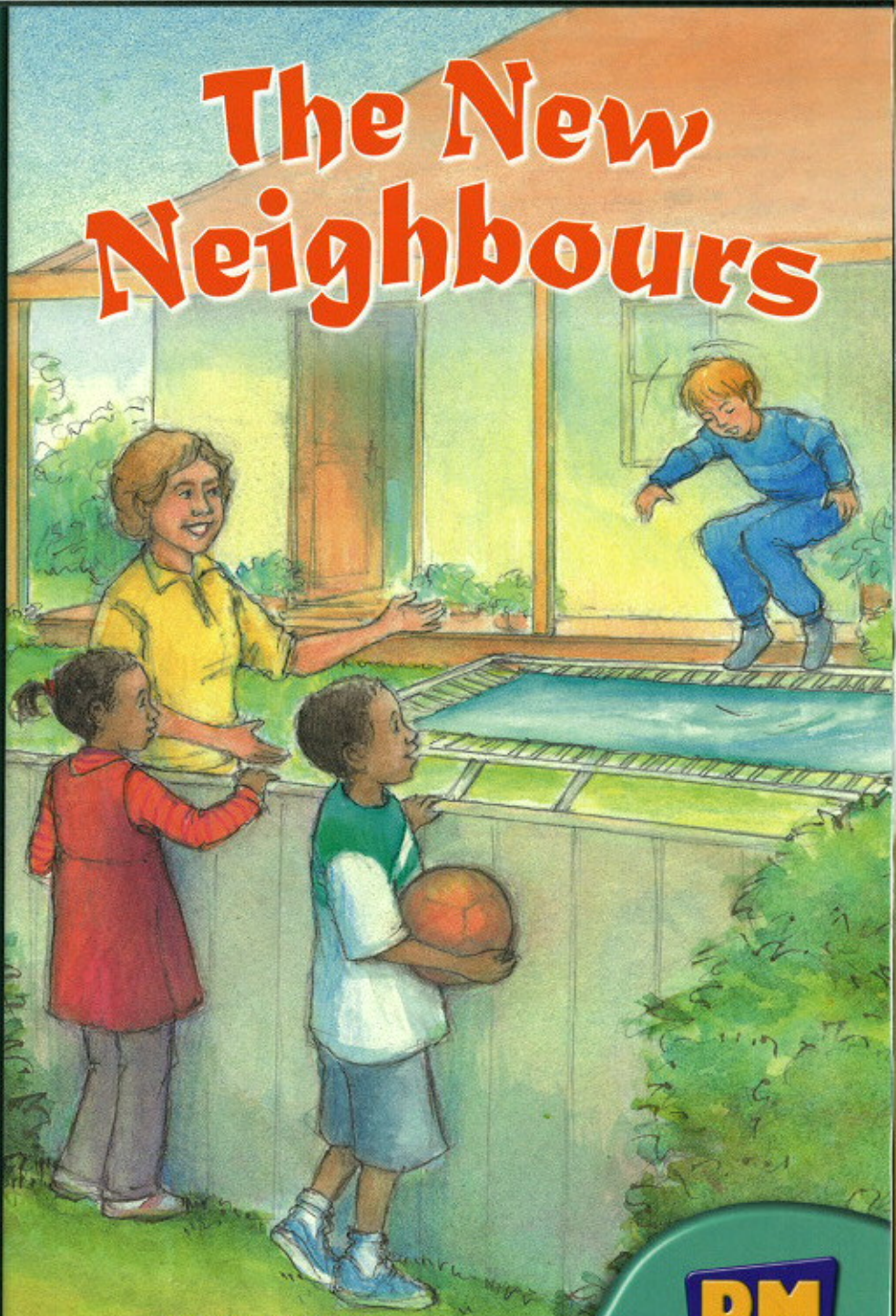
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Key Teaching Points

- Help the students understand Dan's autism.
- Discuss Emma and Matthew's kindness to Dan.
- Talk about other ways Matthew and Emma could help Dan.

Key Questions

- What was Dan doing when he was jumping on the trampoline? *(Literal)*
- Why did Emma decide to play a number game with Dan? *(Literal)*
- Why did Clare explain that Dan had autism? *(Inferential)*
- How do you think Matthew and Emma felt when they knew that Dan had autism? *(Inferential)*
- What games would you play with Dan? Why? *(Inferential)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Discuss the tenses of these verbs: *hear/heard, know/knew, find/found.*
- Explain that the adverb *loudly* adds to the meaning of the verb *counting.*
- Revise these contractions: *there's, didn't, I'm*; introduce these contractions: *wouldn't, doesn't.*

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Chapter 1

The Neighbours Move In



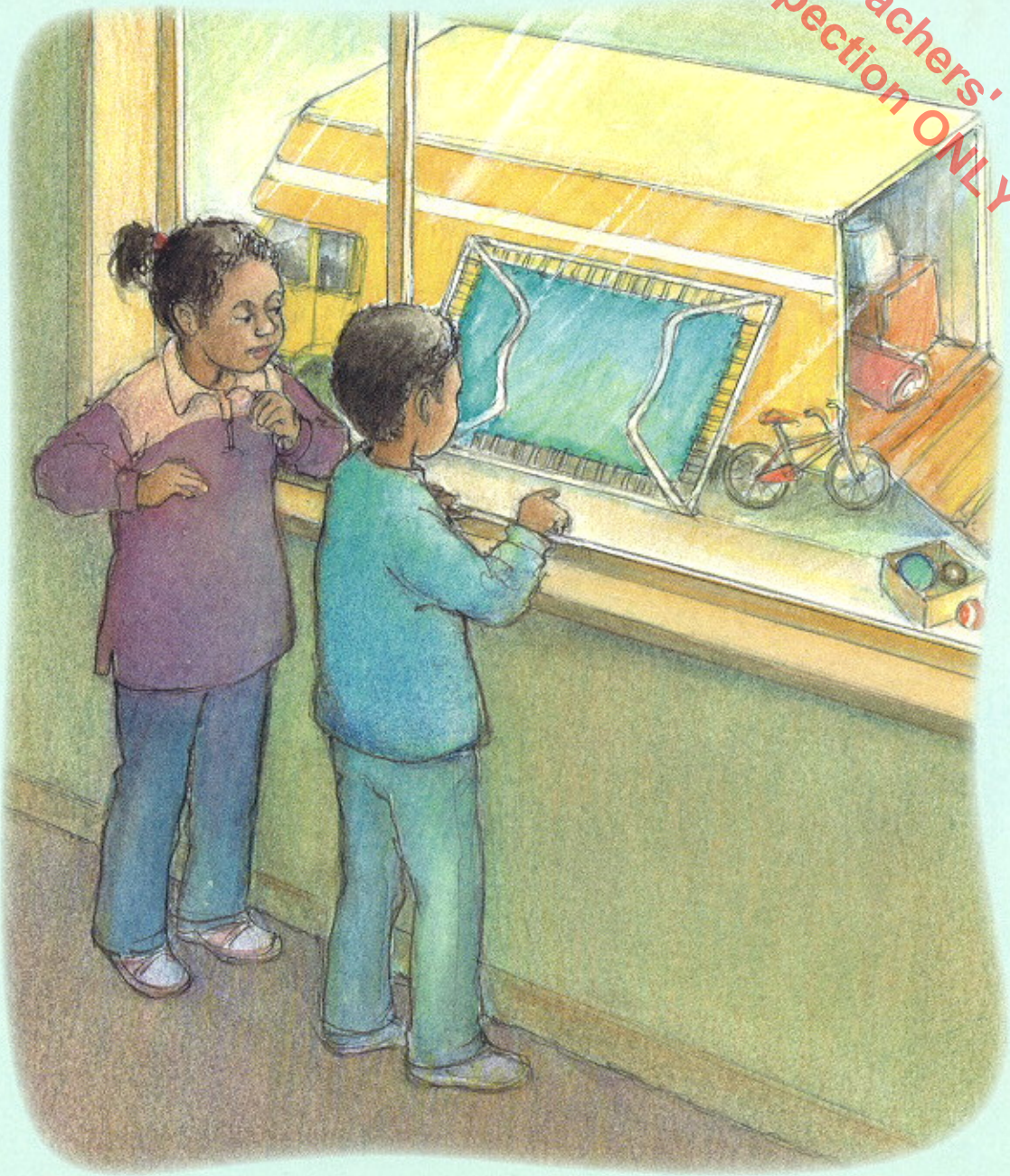
Emma could see the new neighbours moving in next door.

"Come and look, Matthew," she called. "There's a bike and some balls."

"They must have children," said Matthew, "because that looks like a trampoline."

"It will be fun to have some new children to play with," said Emma.

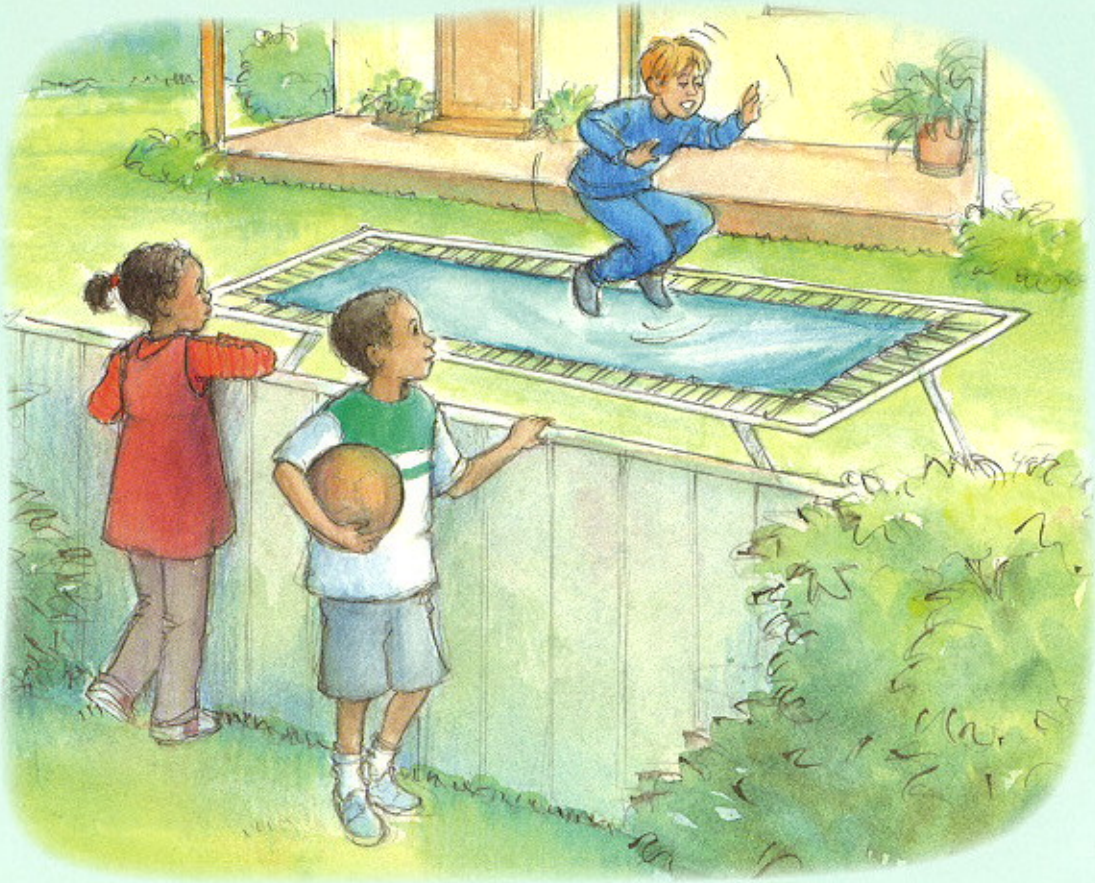
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The next day, Emma and Matthew heard a noise coming from over the fence.

A boy was jumping on the trampoline, and counting loudly.

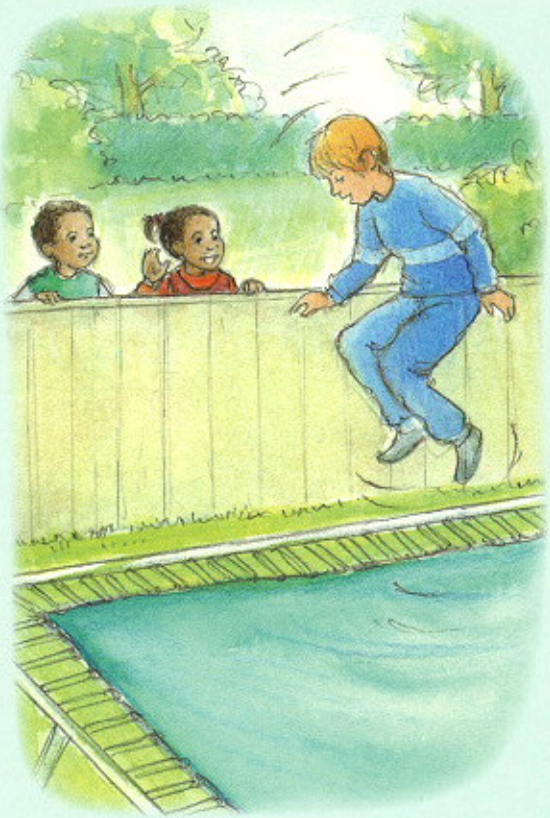


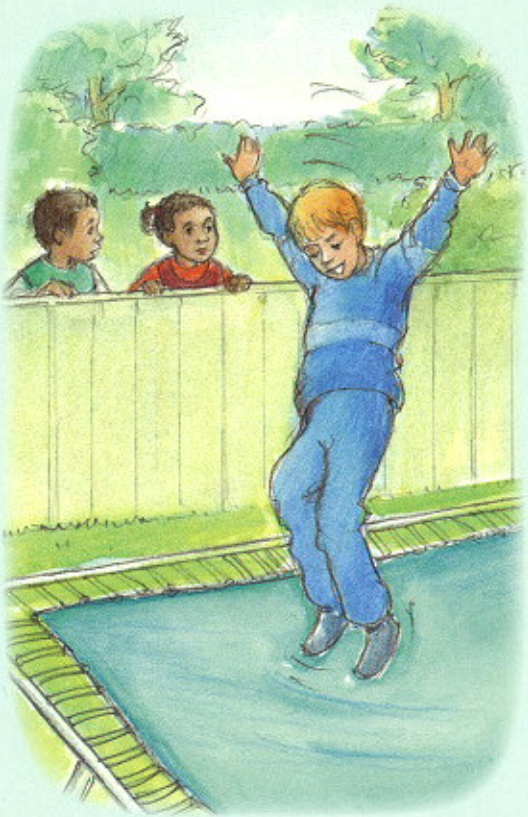
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"Hello," called Emma.

The boy didn't look at Emma.
He kept jumping and counting.

"Why didn't he hear us?" asked Matthew.





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Chapter 2

Dan



A woman came out of the house.
"Hello," said the woman.
"My name is Clare, and this is my son, Dan."

"Hello, Dan," called Matthew.
"Would you like to play with us?"

Dan still didn't look at Emma and Matthew.
"I like number ten," he said.
Then he jumped off the trampoline
and walked away.