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Level 6 – Orange

Helpful Hints for Reading at Home

The graphemes (written letters) and phonemes (units of sound) used throughout this series are aligned with Letters and Sounds. This offers a consistent approach to learning whether reading at home or in the classroom.

HERE IS A LIST OF NEW GRAPHEMES FOR THIS PHASE OF LEARNING. AN EXAMPLE OF THE PRONUNCIATION CAN BE FOUND IN BRACKETS.

Phase 5			
ay (day)	ou (out)	ie (tie)	ea (eat)
oy (boy)	ir (girl)	ue (blue)	aw (saw)
wh (when)	ph (photo)	ew (new)	oe (toe)
au (Paul)	a_e (make)	e_e (these)	i_e (like)
o_e (home)	u_e (rule)		

HERE ARE SOME WORDS WHICH YOUR CHILD MAY FIND TRICKY.

Phase 5 Tricky Words			
oh	their	people	Mr
Mrs	looked	called	asked
could			

GPC focus: /i_e/

TOP TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD TO READ:

- Allow children time to break down unfamiliar words into units of sound and then encourage children to string these sounds together to create the word.
- Encourage your child to point out any focus phonics when they are used.
- Read through the book more than once to grow confidence.
- Ask simple questions about the text to assess understanding.
- Encourage children to use illustrations as prompts.

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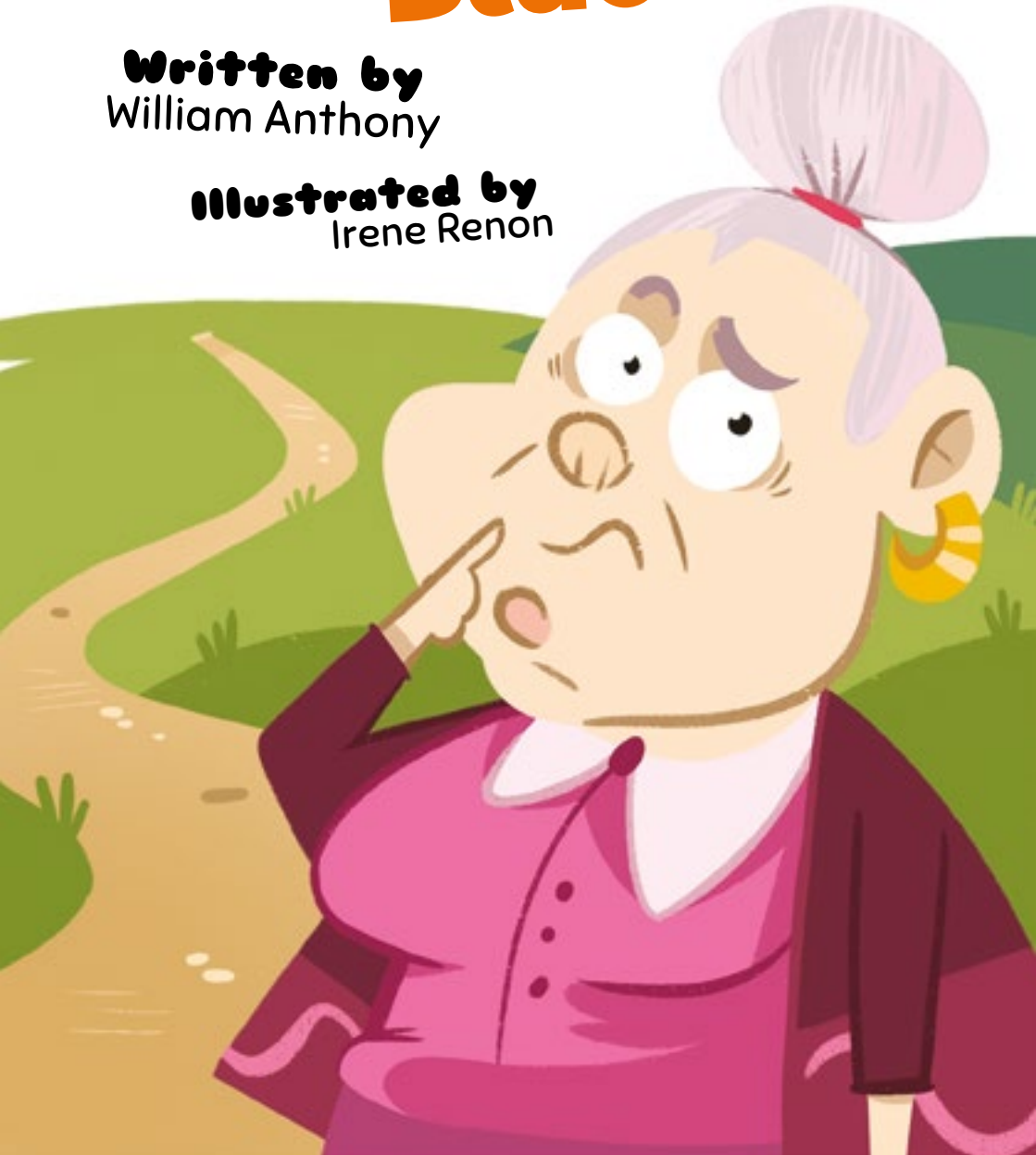
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All was not well in Toyton. Things had never been perfect, but today they were less perfect than normal.



Phillis had a plump bump on her chin. But that was to be expected, given that her life had been turned upside down.



Jeff's chip shop was not much better. It had been turned into real chips. It smelled good, but that was not the point.



Poor Jean, too – someone had put ketchup in her teapot. That made for a grim cup of tea.



“NOOOOOO!”

It was Clive. A lot of the time, he was a strong person, but today he was in tears. He was a shell of a man.





"Has something happened to you too?" asked Jean.

"Not quite," Clive blubbered. "It's my turkey... He's... He's..."

Clive sighed.

"My turkey is blue."

He held his blue turkey high up in the air,
for all to see.





Some people gasped. Some people cried.
One person even fainted.
How could they sleep at night if even a turkey
was not safe?

“We must have been pranked!” yelled one person. Whispers filled the air. Could it be true – did someone prank Toyton?



It was true that Toyton and Boxtown never got on well. Boxtown was the next town to the west. Could they have pranked Toyton?



Toyton elected Phillis to be a snooper and sneak into Boxtown. People tried to elect Clive but he was too sad about his turkey.





Five days had passed by the time Phillis got back. She had not had much luck. There were a few clues, but nothing helpful.

A classic Boxtown prank was off the list. Jean had a suspect. Greg the Grump was in a proper mood the other day. Did he let his anger out on Toyton?





Jean banged on Greg's shack.
"Go away! I'm in a grump!" yelled someone
from inside.

“Greg, we need to ask, did you have a big strop with some chips, ketchup and a bucket of blue paint?” asked Jean.



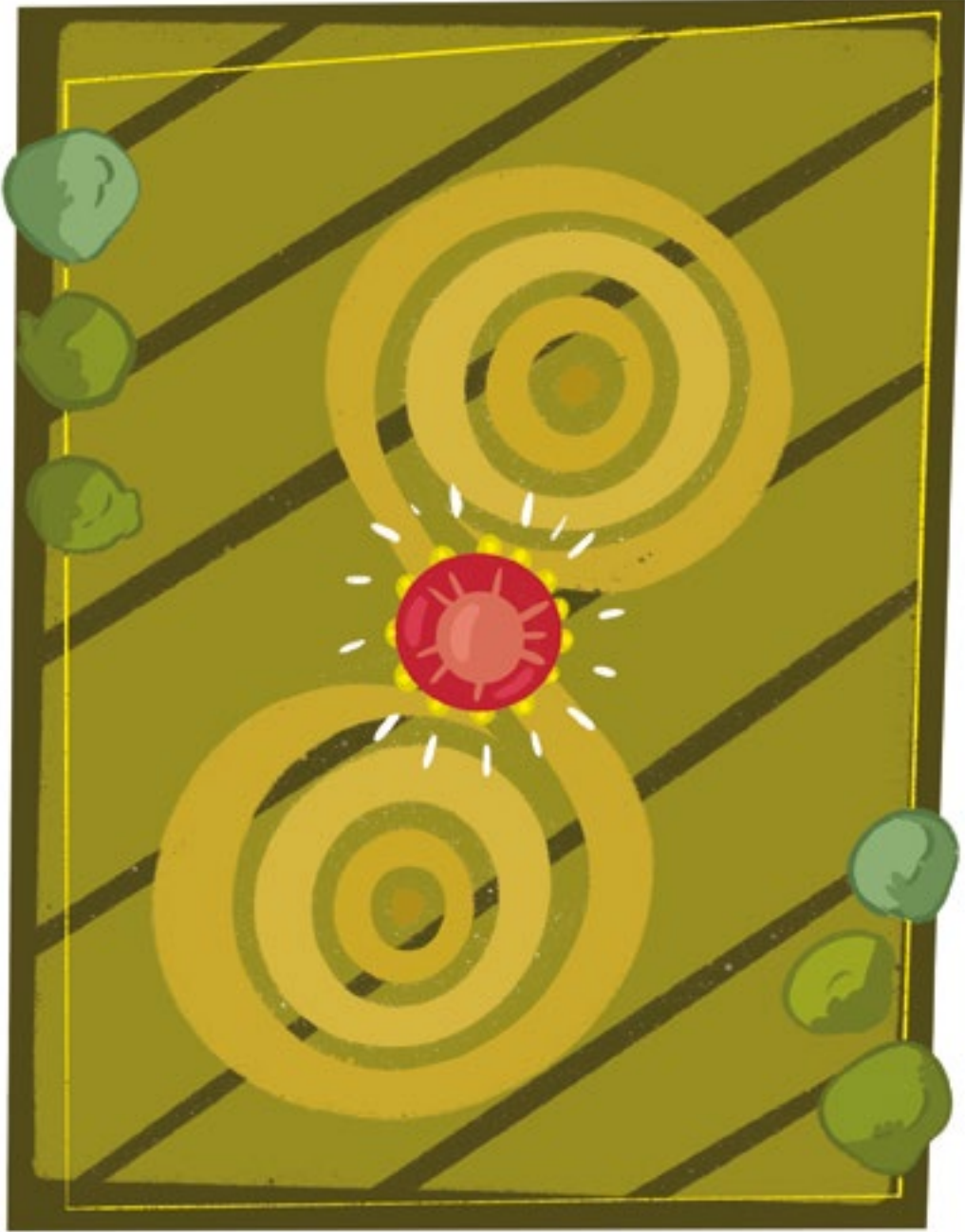
Greg came out of his shack. He seemed bright and sweet... but not for long.

"No," he grunted, planting a pie in her face and stomping back inside.



Oh dear, Jean – first a grim tea and now a face full of pie. Jeff never did think it was Greg's fault. Jeff had a different culprit.





Jeff snuck off to the UFO landing site. Big Green Zorbon visited Toyton sometimes, and he liked to make problems.

The last time Big Green Zorbon landed in Toyton, he cut all the dogs' hair and made them round.



The lights on Zorbon's UFO were blinking and flashing. Jeff tap, tap, tapped on the side. Big Green Zorbon's mum came out.



“Zorbon cannot come to play. I saw him with shears and dogs again, so he has been banned from leaving the UFO for the last week,” she said.



If Zorbon had been inside the UFO for the last week, he did not do the crime at all. Zorbon was Toyton's last suspect.



The people of Toyton never did catch the culprit.

In fact, they had to stop looking, as it was Caroline's bedtime.





Caroline put down her paintbrush and blue paint. She grabbed her plate of chips and the ketchup and took them to the kitchen.

When Caroline came back, she put her toys away in the box for the night. In went Phillis, next to Clive, Jeff, Zorbon and Jean.



Caroline turned off the lights, and another tale in Toyton came to an end.



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1. What happened to Jeff?
 - (a) His house got turned upside down
 - (b) His chip shop got turned into real chips
 - (c) Someone put ketchup in his teapot
2. Why was Clive so upset?
3. What did Big Green Zorbon do to all the dogs?
4. A new character appears at the end of the story. She has chips, ketchup and blue paint. Where in the story have you seen those three things before?
5. Are Toyton, Boxtown and all the characters real? If not, what are they?

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