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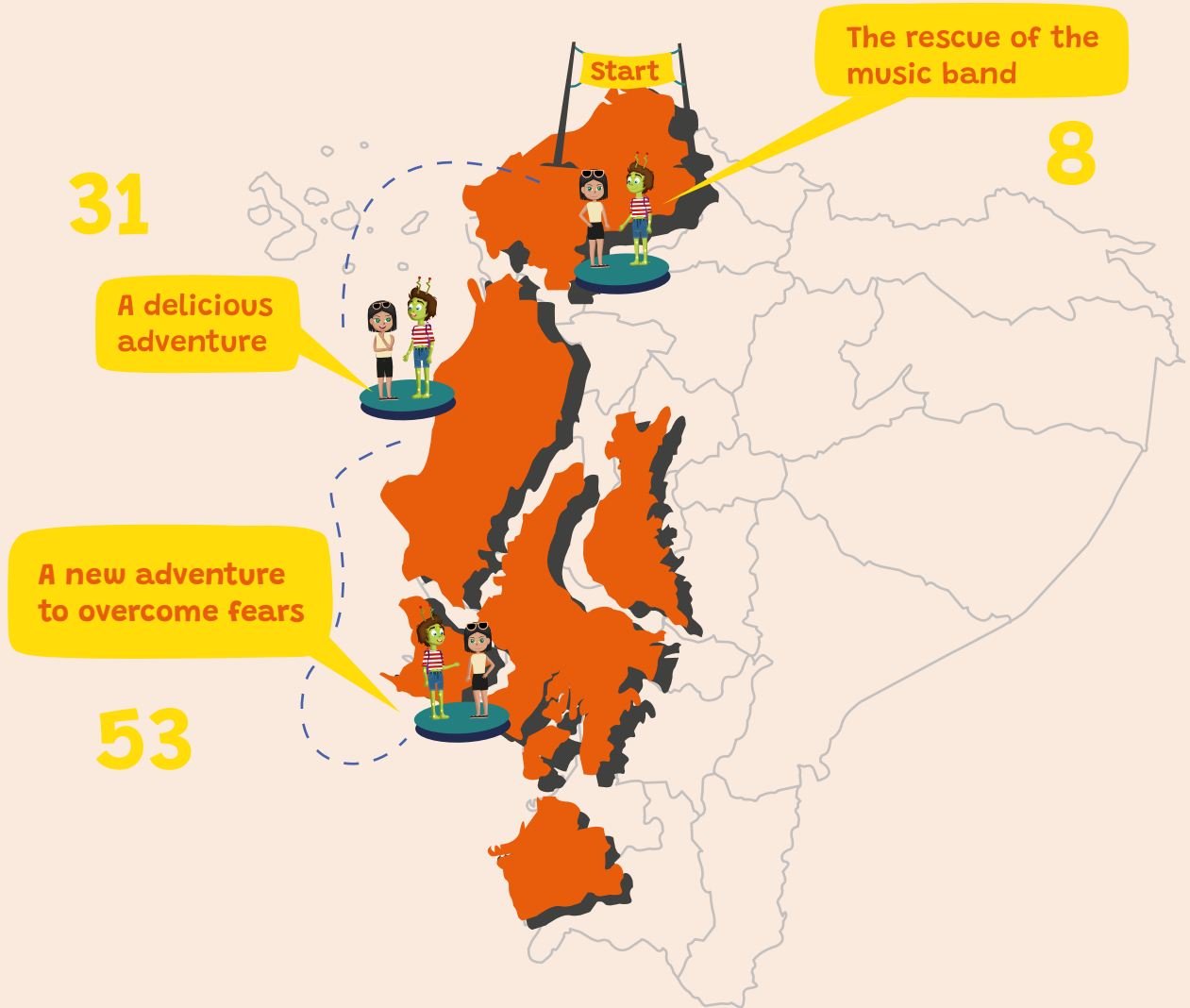
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# Content



# Prologue

In the third book of Isabela and Orion's adventures where they embark on a new journey along the breathtaking Coast of Ecuador. This storybook describes three marvelous tales, each woven around specific grammar and vocabulary topics. These stories were crafted not only for the classroom but also for the magical moments outside, shared between parents and children, where the joy of learning knows no bounds.

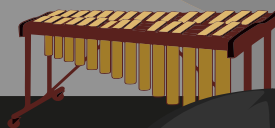
Within the stories, young readers will discover not only the beauty of the English language but also the richness of Ecuador's culture and geography. But these tales are more than just stories. They are a gateway to the world of language. Before each adventure unfolds, you'll find pre-reading activities to pique your curiosity. As you journey alongside Isabela and Orion, there are activities to complete during the reading. At the end of the book there are post-reading activities that will keep the adventure alive, nurturing not only your language skills but also your imagination.

Teachers can take the stories into their classrooms to engage in group activities, inspire creativity, and foster cultural awareness, for these stories align perfectly with Ecuador's Ministerio de Educación's curricular threads of communication, cultural awareness, oral communication, reading, and language through the arts.

This storybook is a labor of love and learning and was created with one noble purpose—to ignite the flame of knowledge in young hearts and minds. It is a passport to a world of imagination and education, designed to help kids learn English through the sheer joy of reading.

So, dear readers, whether you are a young explorer eager to uncover the secrets of a distant land or a dedicated educator guiding the way, let us turn the pages and embark on this extraordinary journey together. The Coast of Ecuador awaits, and with Isabela and Orion as your guides, every step promises wonder and discovery.

# The Rescue of the Music Band





# Pre-reading Activity

**Before diving into the story, let's brainstorm a list of musical vocabulary words related to instruments.**

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Once you have the list, transform the words into flashcard. Grab 12 sheets of paper and write the word on one side and draw it on the other side. Use these flashcards to help you reinforce your understanding of the vocabulary throughout the story. You can use them to help you visualize the instruments as you read.

Isabela and Orion were ready for their next adventure. Isabela was happy and wanted to dance. So, Orion used his antennas to localize a place with great music.



I can hear wonderful music. It is a warm, resonant, and mellow sound. The music is coming from Esmeraldas!

Let's go!



Orion and Isabela traveled from the Highlands to the Coast for Ecuador.



When they arrive in Esmeraldas, Orion discovers that the climate is very different from the highlands. On the coast, the weather is very hot and humid.



**ESMERALDAS**

Orion starts to sweat a lot, and his face turns red. So, he decides to use his powers to change their clothes.



The poncho turns into a T-shirt and the pants into shorts. Finally, Isabela and Orion are comfortable and start to walk around.



They were amazed by the beautiful landscapes, the beaches, the plants, the food, etc. Orion used his antennas to localize the music.

The music is louder, and it is coming to the Palmas Beach.

I think we are close!  
Let's go!





They went to Palmas Beach trying to find music. As soon as they arrived, they met Darby, who was playing the marimbas. Then, Orion and Isabela start to dance.





That sounds amazing!

Do you play in a band?

Used to play with my friends, Tleyotl and Naidu, but we had a big fight and don't talk to each other anymore.

We couldn't agree on which song to play for their big performance at the town's festival. Tleyotl wanted to play a traditional song, Naidu wanted to play a modern one, and I wanted to play a mix of both. They argued so much that they decided to quit the band.



Maybe we can help.

We can talk to Tleyotl and Naidu to see if we can find a solution.

It's worth a try.

# While-reading Activity

**Now that you have read a bit of the story, take a moment to make some predictions about what might happen next.**

What do you think will happen to the music band? How will Isabela and I be able to help them?

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Isabela and Orion found Tleyotl playing the drums in the central park of Esmeraldas.

Hey, Tleyotl, we just met Darby, and he's really sad that you guys stopped playing together. Can we help you solve your problem?

Tleyotl – Sure, let's talk.



Next, they found Naidu playing the bombo in a café.

# Coffe Shop

Naidu, we need your help. Darby wants to play music with you again. Can we talk about what happened and find a solution?

Luis - Okay, let's give it a try.



Darby, Naidu, and Tleyotl sat down and discussed what had happened. They realized that they had all been too focused on their preferences and hadn't listened to each other.





Finally, they came up with a great idea. They would play a traditional song with a modern twist, and Darby would add some of his mix to it. Everyone was happy with the decision, and they practiced together until they were ready to perform.



On the day of the festival, the band played their amazing song, and the audience loved it. Orion and Isabela cheered and danced, and Darby, Naidu, and Tleyotl smiled at each other, happy to be playing music together again.



# Post - reading Activity

Now, let's have our own musical adventure! Use paper, cardboard, beans, rice, or beads to make cool instruments like maracas, drums, or shakers, just like the ones we heard in the story. Don't forget to decorate them with paint or markers to make them even more fun!

**Here are the materials you need and the instructions to make maracas.**

## **Materials:**

- Two same-size recyclable plastic bottles with lids
- Dried beans, rice, small pebbles, or beads
- Decorative materials (optional)
- Glue or tape

## **Instructions:**

Add your desired amount of dried beans, rice, small pebbles, or beads to the containers. The amount you use will depend on the size of your containers and how full you want your maracas to be.

Be sure to leave some space at the top so the contents can move around and make noise.

You can decorate your maracas with stickers, paint, or other materials.

Finally, shake the maraca and make sure they sound how you want them to. You can add more beans, rice, pebbles, or beads if they're not loud enough. If they're too loud, you can remove some of the contents. Your maracas are now complete and ready to use!

After the performance, Isabela and Orion congratulated the band on their great success. Darby - We couldn't have done it without your help.

We're just glad that we could help you solve your problem.

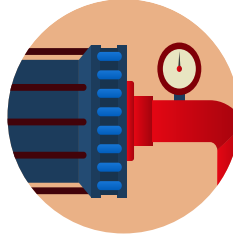


As Isabela and Orion left Esmeraldas, they knew that they had made a difference in the lives of three friends. They also knew that sometimes misunderstandings can be solved with little listening and understanding.



# Pre-reading Activity

Your first task is to identify the picture and write its name. I can't wait to see what you all come up with!



**Backpack**  
**Cocoa tree**  
**Cocoa beans**  
**Tools**

**Chocolate**  
**Water pump**  
**Cocoa pod**

# A Delicious Adventure





Ecuador has delicious chocolate!



It is tasty!



Since Orion came to Earth, his favorite snack has been chocolate.



No, I haven't. But that's a great idea. We should find out!


Orion, have you ever wondered how chocolate is made?



So, they decided to travel to Manabi, Ecuador, where the best chocolate in the world is made. After a long journey, they finally arrived in Manabi and met a kind and friendly woman named María José.

**Portoviejo**





Hello, María José. My name is Isabela, and this is my friend Orion. We have come here to find out how chocolate is made.

Hello, Isabela and Orion. Welcome to Manabi. I can show you how we make chocolate on my family farm.

So, they went to María José's family farm.





Wow, they're so tall!

This is where we grow the cocoa trees.

There are so many beautiful trees!

Maria José explained the process of making chocolate.



First, we harvest the cocoa pods from the trees. Then we remove the beans and let them ferment for a few days. After that, we dry them in the sun and roast them to bring out their strong and unique flavor.

Orion was fascinated by the cacao beans and couldn't resist trying one.



Mmm, this is delicious.



Be careful, Orion. We need those beans for making chocolate.

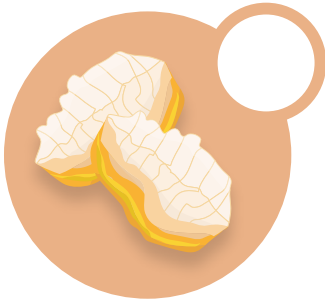
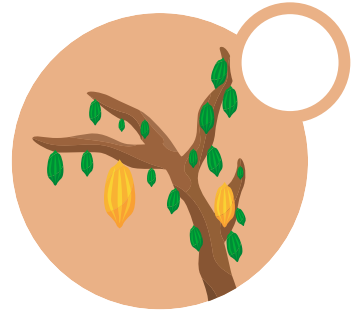


Next, we grind the roasted cocoa beans into a paste and mix it with sugar and milk to make chocolate.



# While-reading activity

Now, try to remember the steps to make chocolate. Organize the pictures below.

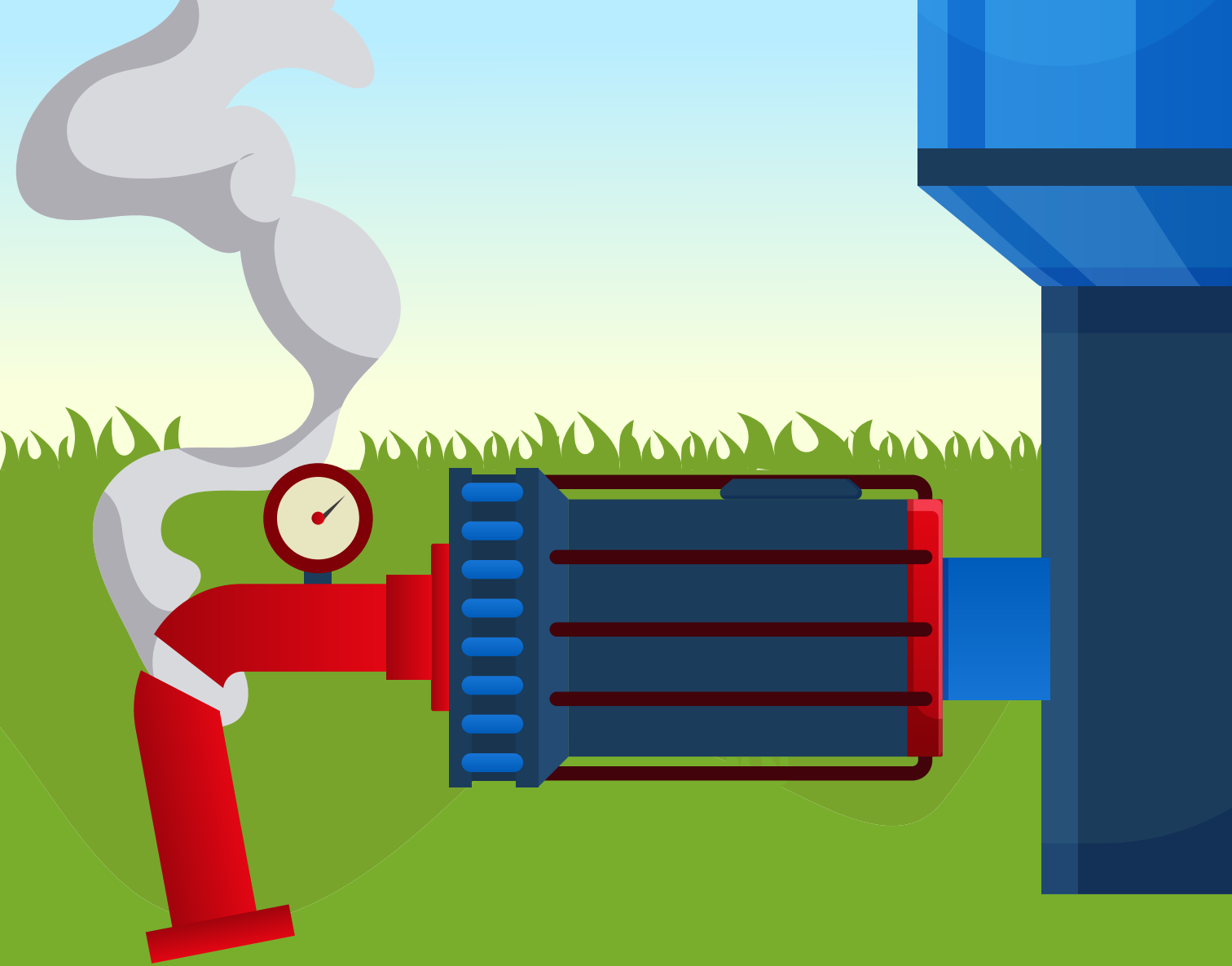


Suddenly, Maria noticed a problem with the water pump.

Is there anything we can do to help?

Oh no, the pump is not working! We need to water the cocoa trees.





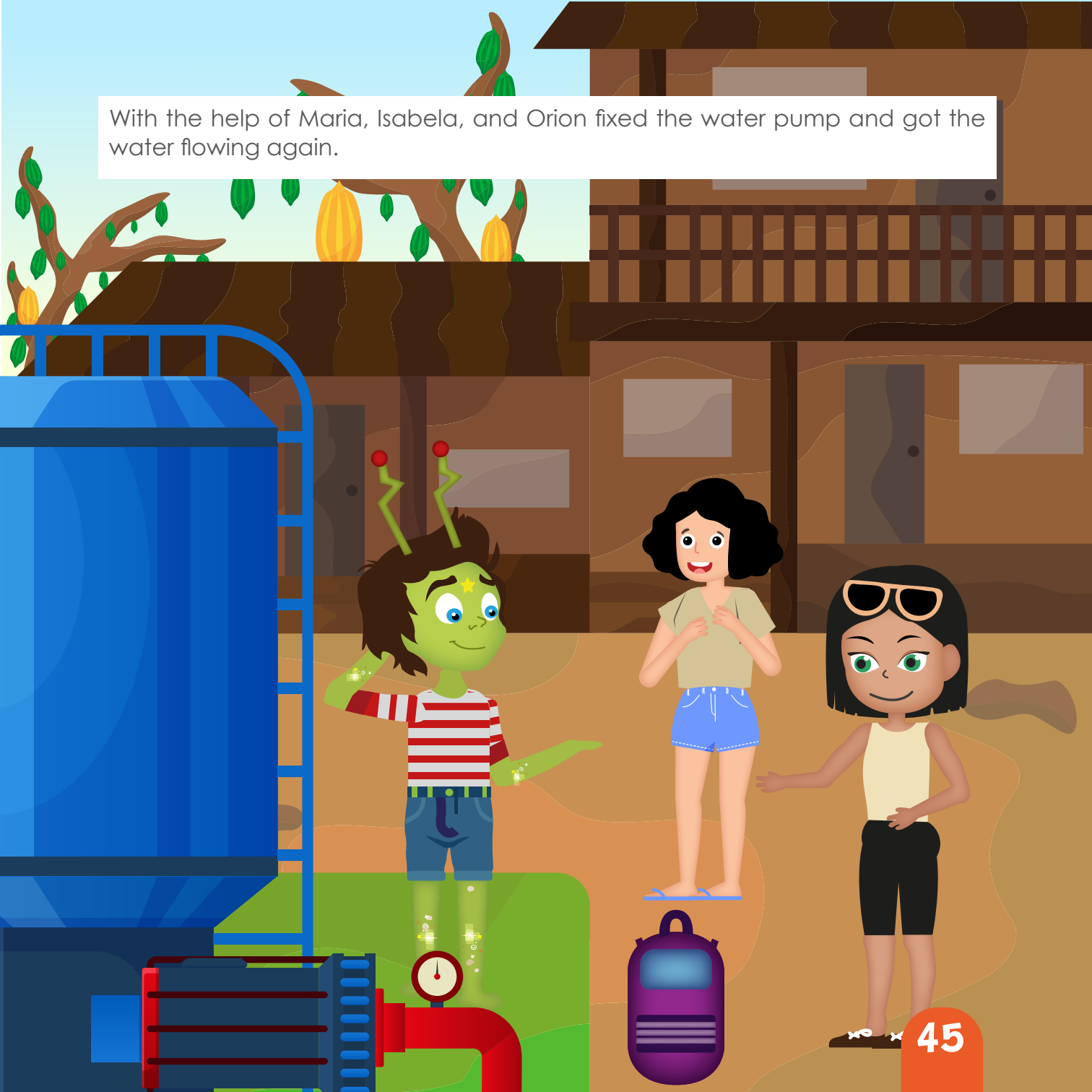
Isabela and Orion quickly checked the pump and discovered a small part was broken.



I think we can fix it.

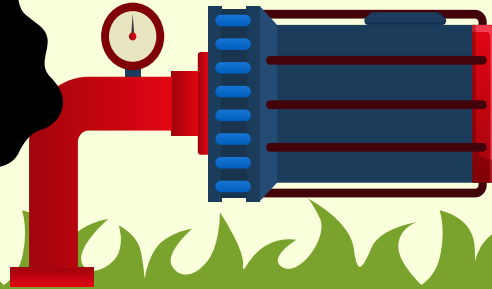
Yeah, I have some tools in my backpack.

With the help of Maria, Isabela, and Orion fixed the water pump and got the water flowing again.



It was our pleasure. We're happy to help.

Thank you so much for your help. You two are lifesavers!



After helping Maria, Isabela, and Orion continued learning about chocolate making. They tasted different types of chocolate and even got to make their chocolate bars.




This is the best chocolate I've ever tasted!





Isabela and Orion said goodbye to Maria Jose and thanked her for showing them how to make chocolate.





I agree, Orion. It's important to know where our food comes from and appreciate the hard work of making it.

Isabela, this was the best adventure ever. I'll never forget how chocolate is made.

Isabela and Orion returned home, happy and content with their adventure.



## Post - reading Activity



Remember, we harvest the cocoa pods from the trees, remove the beans, ferment and dry them, roast the beans, grind them into a paste, and mix it with sugar and milk to make chocolate. Think of your favorite flavors and ingredients that you want to add to your chocolate recipe.

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We can't wait to hear what delicious creations you come up with!



# A new adventure to overcome fears





Hey, kiddos! Are you excited to learn about extreme sports?

Let's start with a scavenger hunt!

There are pictures of extreme sports from the story around the classroom.

# Pre-reading Activity

1. Look at the images of extreme sports below and find them all. Once you find them, we can talk about which sport you would like to try.





# Montañita

In search of a new adventure, Orion and Isabela decided to visit Montañita to try some extreme sports. Orion was a little nervous, but he was excited to explore new places and try new things.





As they arrived in Montañita, they met a friendly girl named Carlota, who showed them around. They saw several extreme sports.



Are you sure, Orion? Some of these sports are intense.

Wow! This is amazing! I can't wait to try all of these sports!

I'm sure! I'm an alien! I can handle anything!



They started with paragliding. Isabela and Carlota went first, soaring through the air like birds. Orion watched nervously from the ground, wondering if he could do it.



I don't know, Isabela.  
This looks scary.



Come on, Orion!  
It's your turn!





Don't worry, Orion, we'll be right here with you. And you'll have the time of your life!

Okay, let's do it!

Orion took a deep breath and nodded.



They strapped on their harnesses and lifted off the ground. Orion closed his eyes tightly, his heart pounding in his chest. But as they soared higher and higher, he felt a rush of excitement.




This is incredible!

We knew you'd love it, Orion!

Next, they went swimming in the ocean. Isabela and Carlota dove in fearlessly, swimming through the waves. Orion watched from the shore, his eyes wide.







I'm not sure about this one. I'm not a very good swimmer.

Come on, Orion! The water's fine!

Don't worry, Orion. We'll be with you every step of the way. And we'll make sure you're safe.



Okay, I'll give it a try.

Orion- hesitated for a moment, then nodded.

The went into the water, and Orion gripped Carlota's hand tightly. But as they swam deeper, he started to relax.





This is amazing!

We knew you could do it, Orion!

Next, they tried canopying. Isabela and Carlota zipped through the trees like monkeys. Orion watched from below, his stomach filled with butterflies.






I don't know,  
Isabela. This looks  
really scary.

Come on, Orion!  
It's your turn!

# While-reading Activity

1. Color the mountain green according to the answer.

A. Isabela, Carlota, and Orion are in:

-  Mount Everest
-  Church of Cuenca
-  Montañita

B. Who said I am an alien?

-  Orión
-  Carlota
-  Raquel




C. Which is the first activity Isabella and Carlota did?


-  Swimming
-  Paragliding
-  Rafting

D. Who took a deep breath and nodded?

-  Isabella
-  Carlota
-  Orión

E. Who were in the trees like monkeys?

-  Isabella, Orión
-  Orion
-  Isabella, Carlota, and Orion



Don't worry, Orion, we'll  
be right here with you.  
And we'll make sure  
you're safe.

Okay, I'll  
try it.



As they flew through the trees, Orion's heart raced. But he felt a sense of excitement and wonder he had never experienced.





Finally, they went horseback riding. Isabela and Carlota galloped ahead while Orion rode behind, still feeling nervous.

Come on, Orion! You can do it! Just let go and feel the freedom of the ride!

Orion took a deep breath and urged his horse forward. As they galloped through the mountains, Orion felt the wind on his face and the power of the horse beneath him.



Isabela and Carlota cheered, thrilled to see Orion finally enjoying himself.



They also tried rafting, climbing, and camping, and with each sport, Orion became more and more confident. He realized that sometimes it's okay to be scared, but facing your fears and trying new things is important.



As they prepared to leave Montañita, Orion turned to Isabela and Carlota with a smile.



Thank you both for showing me how to be brave. I never thought I could do any of these sports, but with your help, I had the time of my life!





Isabela and Carlota hugged him tightly, happy to have shared this adventure with him.

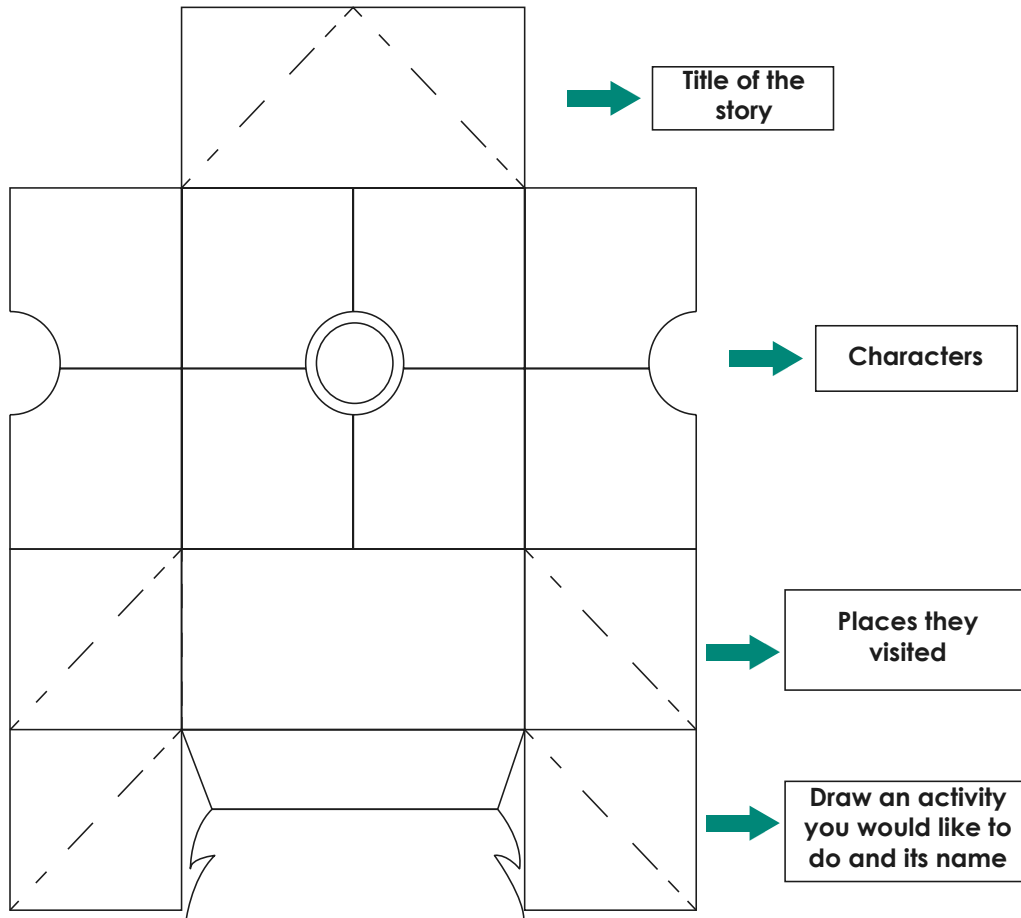


From that day on, Orion was no longer afraid to try new things. He realized that the only thing holding him back was his fear and that with a bit of courage, he could conquer anything. And he knew that wherever his travels took him next, he would face every challenge with bravery and determination.



# Pos - reading Activity

Let's create a special rocket-themed foldable about the story you just read. Inside this rocket, you'll fill in the information based on what you remember from the story. Let's blast off into fun learning!





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