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Running Late



Hey, Natalie,
where are you?

PING! PING! PING! PING!

I'm so sorry!
I'm on a bus!

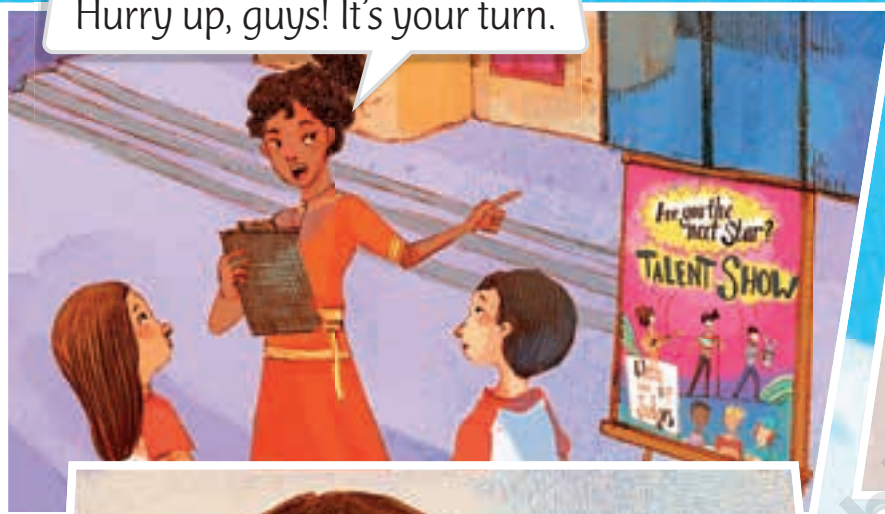
How far are you from the theater?

Not far. But the bus isn't moving!

I can't get there
in time, Lucas.

Hi, Leah.

Hurry up, guys! It's your turn.



I'm really sorry, Leah.
We have a problem.

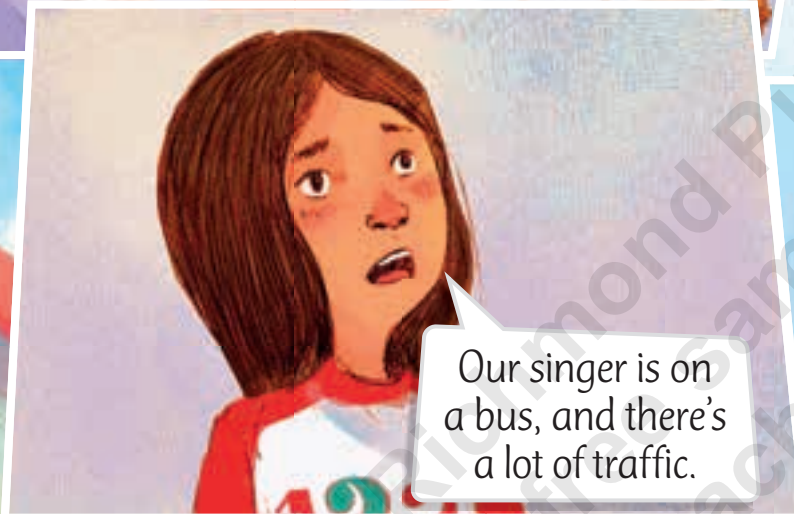


Can we play later,
please? Please,
please, please?



Let me check.

Our singer is on
a bus, and there's
a lot of traffic.



But I can't make any promises.



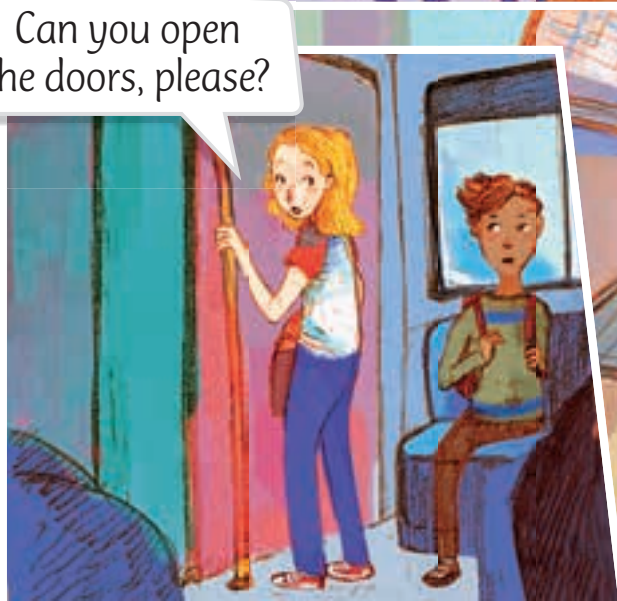
Thank you!

What's Natalie saying?



She's not answering.

Can you open
the doors, please?

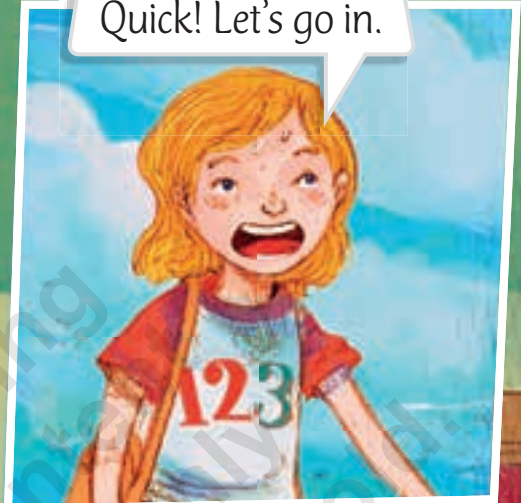




Hey, guys!



Quick! Let's go in.



Natalie's here!
Can we play now?



No, you can't.

But you can play
at the end of the day.
In about... three hours.



Thank you, Leah!



Thank you so much.



Three hours!!!
What can we do?

Let's meet the
other performers.





What are you doing today?

I'm doing magic tricks.



Oh wow! Can you make things disappear?

Yes, I can.



That's amazing!



Joe Pringle!

Good luck!



And for my next trick... a rabbit!



Don't worry, Joe. We think you're great!





I'm so nervous!

Me too.

It's your turn.

Are you Natalie, Lucas and Clara?

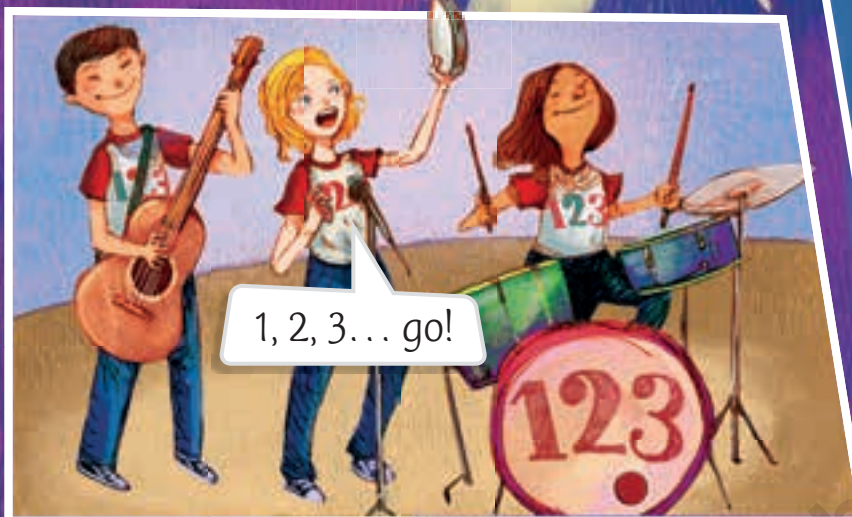
Yes, we are.

You're the kids who can't arrive on time.

Well, it's late now. Hurry up! And I hope you're better than the other kids.

We're very sorry. The traffic...

Come on, guys. We can do this.



1, 2, 3... go!



Oh no!



I'm so sorry.

Can they start again, please?



1, 2, 3, you and me...

Oh, OK... But this is your last chance.



3, 2, 1, the moon and the sun...



You were incredible!



Congratulations!



1 Label the actions.

do magic tricks

do gymnastics

play the drums

sing



2 Match the sentences that have similar meanings.



I can't get there in time.



Let me check.



I'm so nervous!



But this is your last chance.

A You have one more opportunity.

B I'm not sure.

C I'm going to be late.

D I am not calm.

3 Match the questions with the answers.

- 1 Can we play later?
- 2 What's Natalie saying?
- 3 Can we play now?
- 4 What are you doing today?
- 5 Can you make things disappear?
- 6 Are you Natalie, Lucas and Clara?

- A Yes, I can.
- B Yes, we are.
- C No, you can't.
- D She's not answering.
- E Let me check.
- F I'm doing magic tricks.

4 Complete the conversations.

Come on

Don't worry

Good luck

I'm so sorry

Me too

Hi



_____! I'm sitting on a bus!



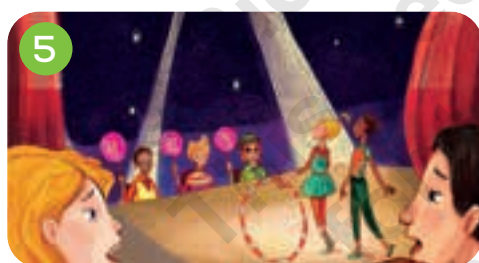
_____, Leah.



Joe Pringle! _____!



_____, Joe. We think you're great.



I feel so nervous.

_____.



_____, guys. We can do this.

5 Read and write T (true) or F (false).

- 1 Lucas and Clara wait inside the theater. _____
- 2 Natalie runs to the theater. _____
- 3 The friends can play after all the other performers. _____
- 4 Leah is one of the judges. _____
- 5 Clara plays the tambourine. _____
- 6 The judges like Clara, Lucas and Natalie's performance. _____



6 Discuss the questions.

How are Lucas, Clara and Natalie polite? When are they kind to others?

How are you polite and kind?