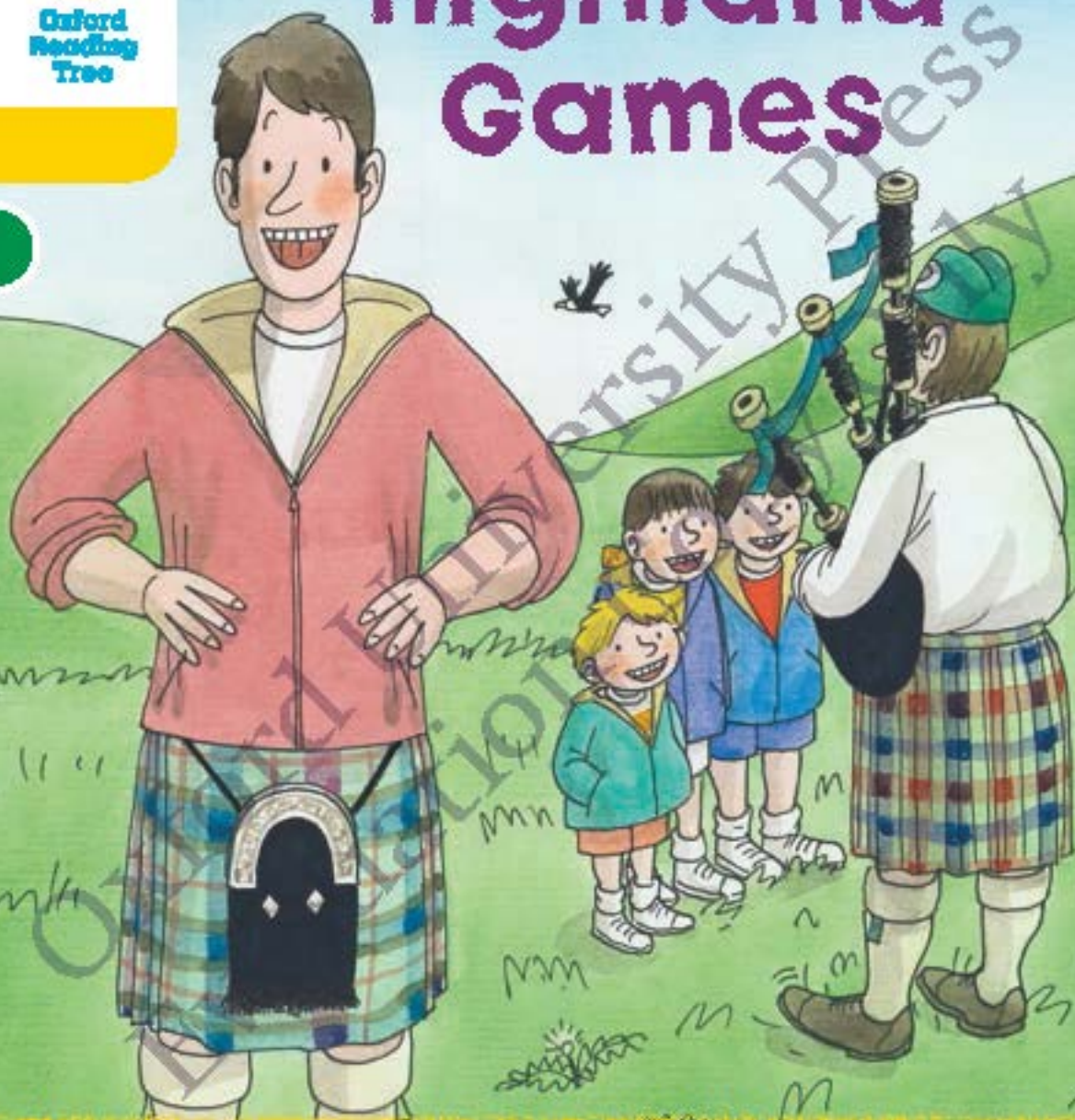


Highland Games





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the title and cover picture. Talk about where the story might be set.
- Ask: *What do you think the games might be? Do you think the family will join in?*
- Look through the book and talk about the pictures.

About the words in this book

- Your child should be able to sound out and blend some words, which may include:
**by your came here put
race throw show kilt
round hammer straw**
- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**oh asked caber
mountains enormous**



DURING READING

Enjoy the story together.
If your child needs support to read the story:

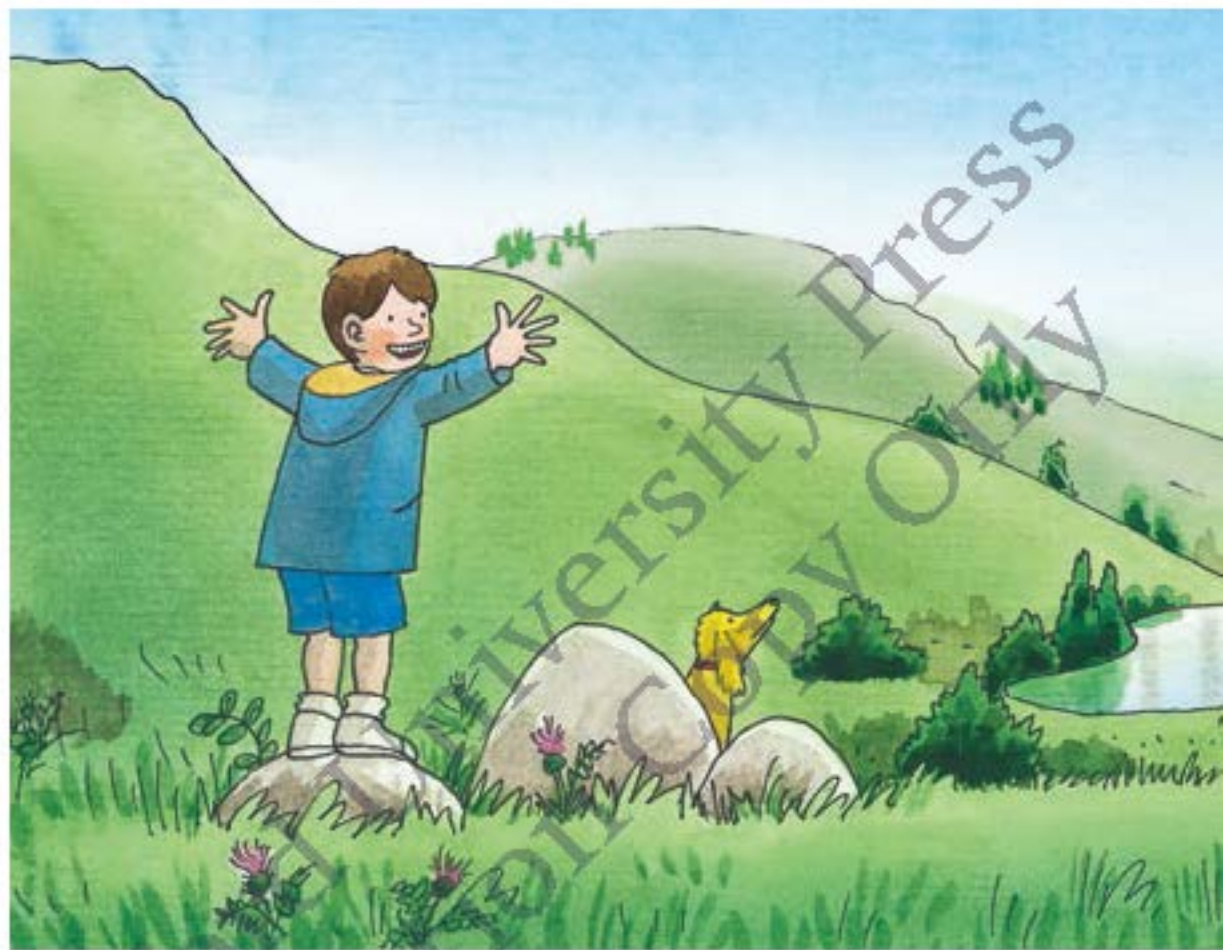
- Remind your child to sound out and blend unfamiliar words from left to right.
- Look for compound words, where two words create a bigger word, e.g. *moonlight*.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Re-read sentences to focus on their meaning where necessary.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



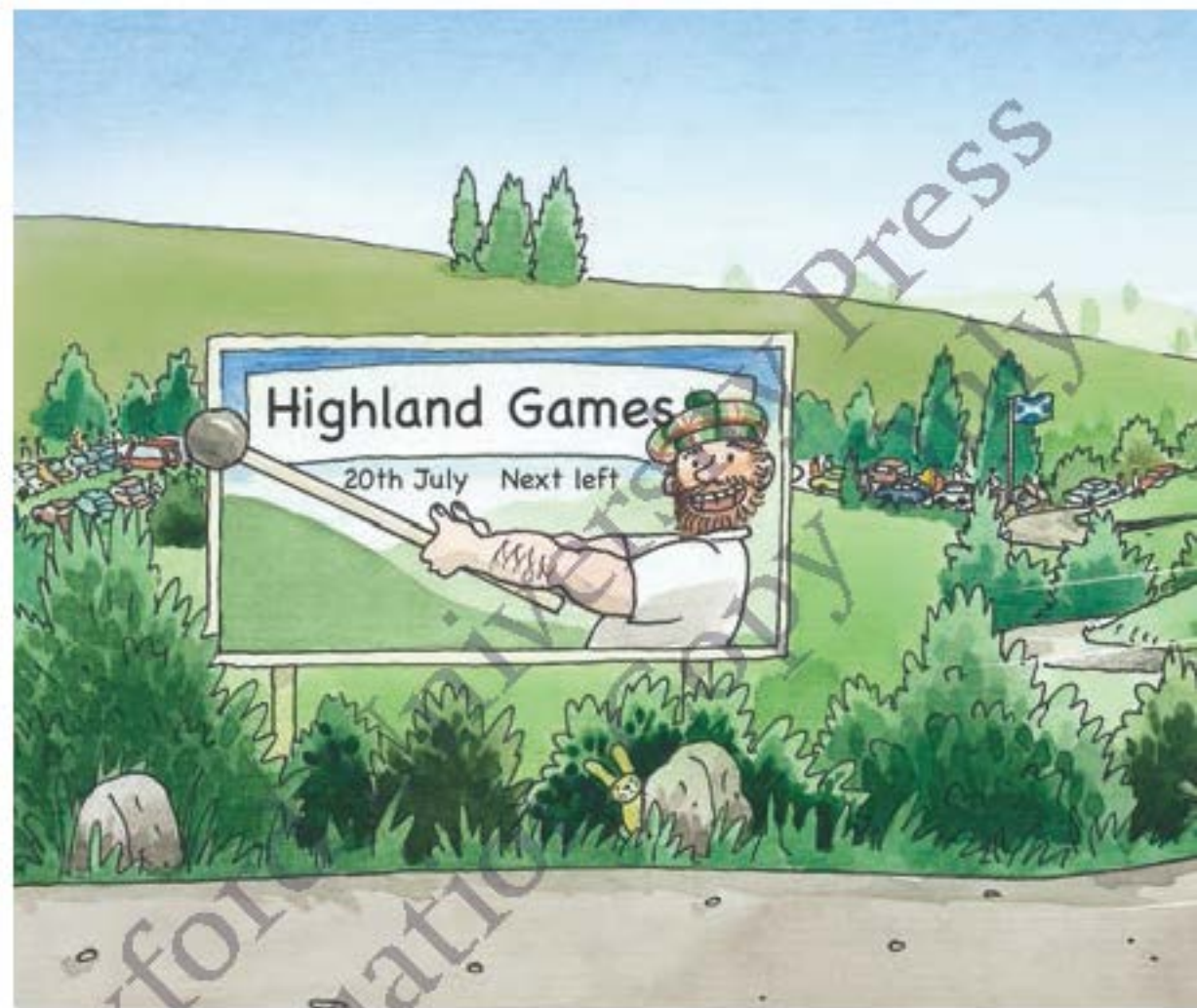
The Robinson family went on holiday to Scotland.



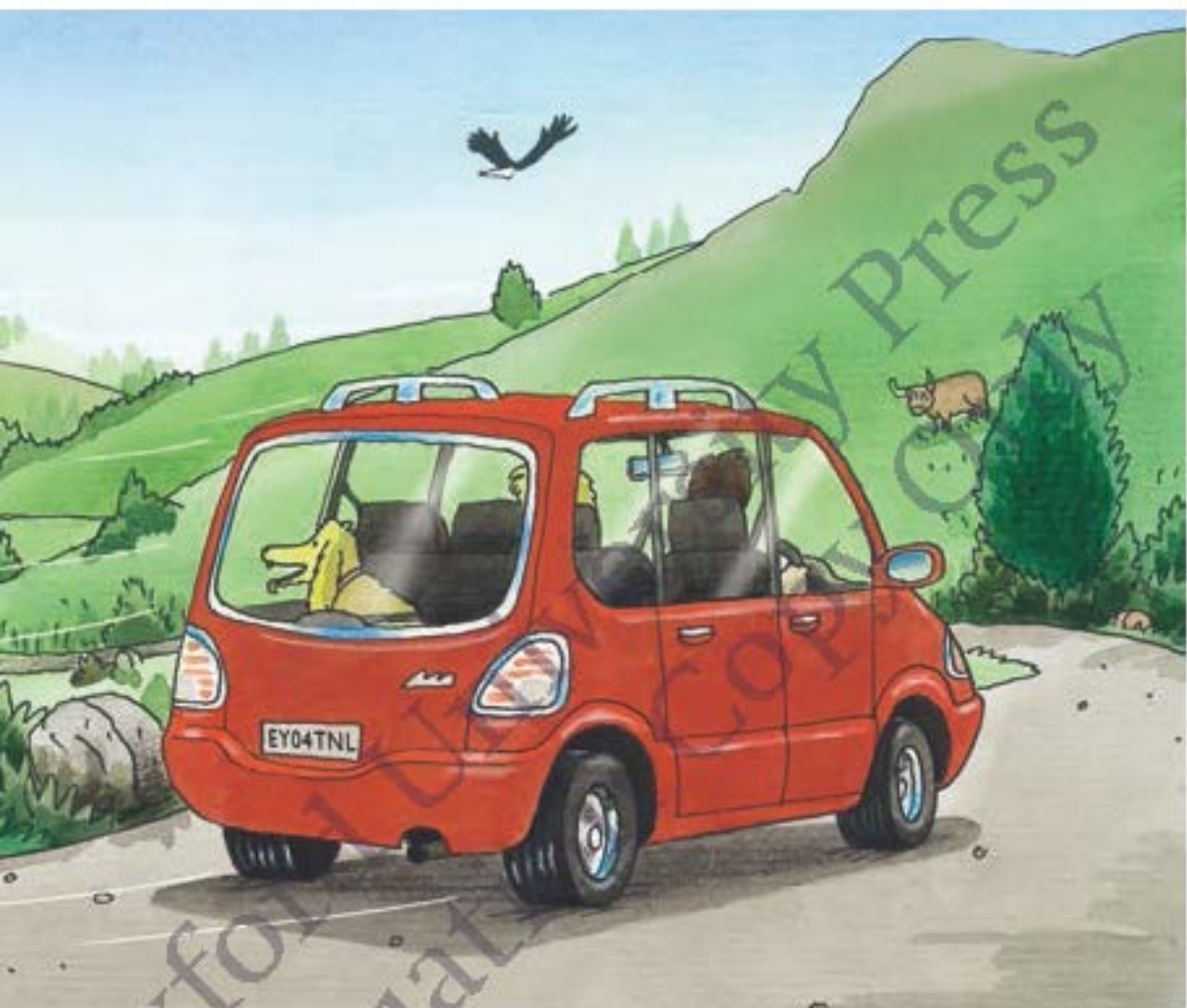
"The mountains seem to go on forever," said Chip. "This part of Scotland is fantastic."



Kipper drew a picture of the mountains.
Biff took a photo.



“Look at that big sign,” said Biff.
“It says ‘Highland Games’.”



“Let’s go and watch them,” said Dad. “It will be fun.”



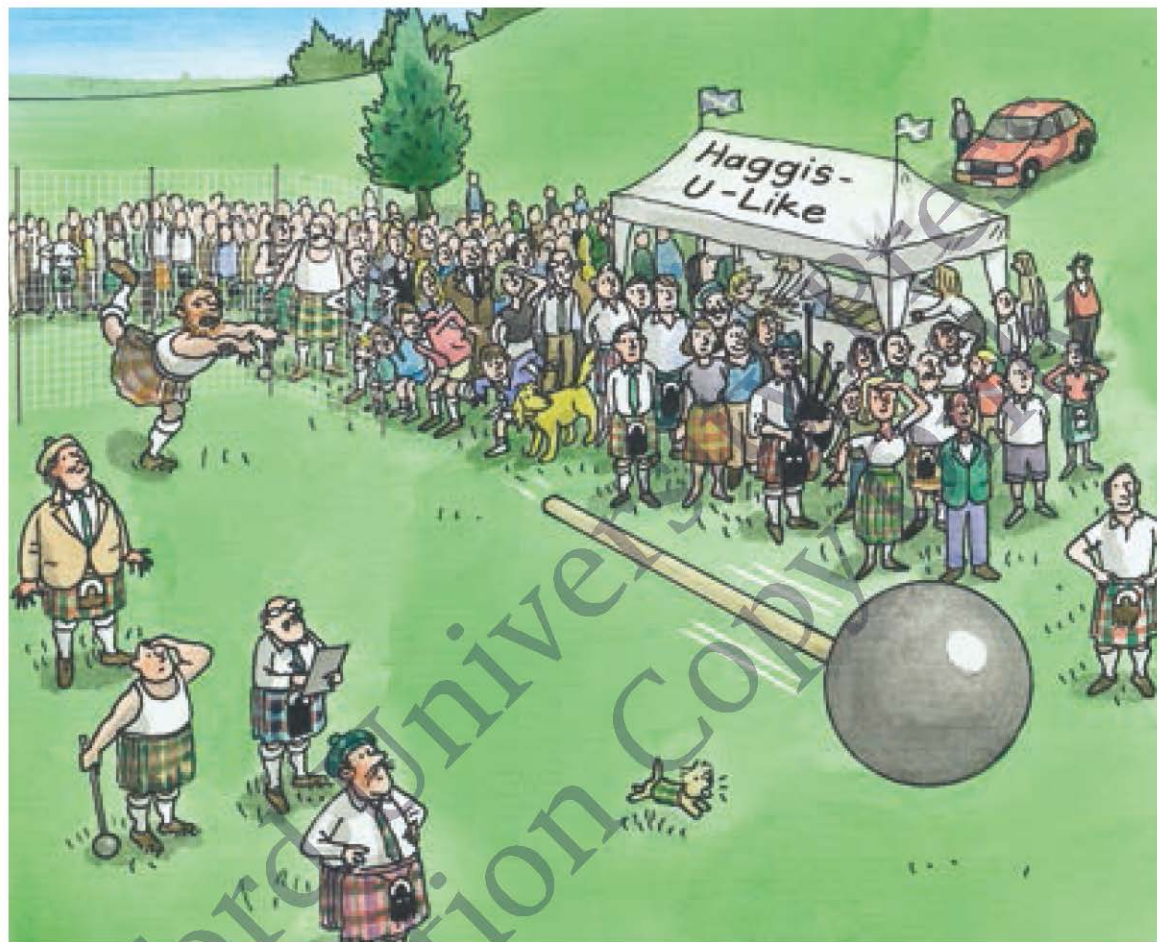
A band of pipers was playing.
“They are playing bagpipes,” said
Chip.



“What a fantastic sound,” said Biff.
“And they are wearing kilts.”



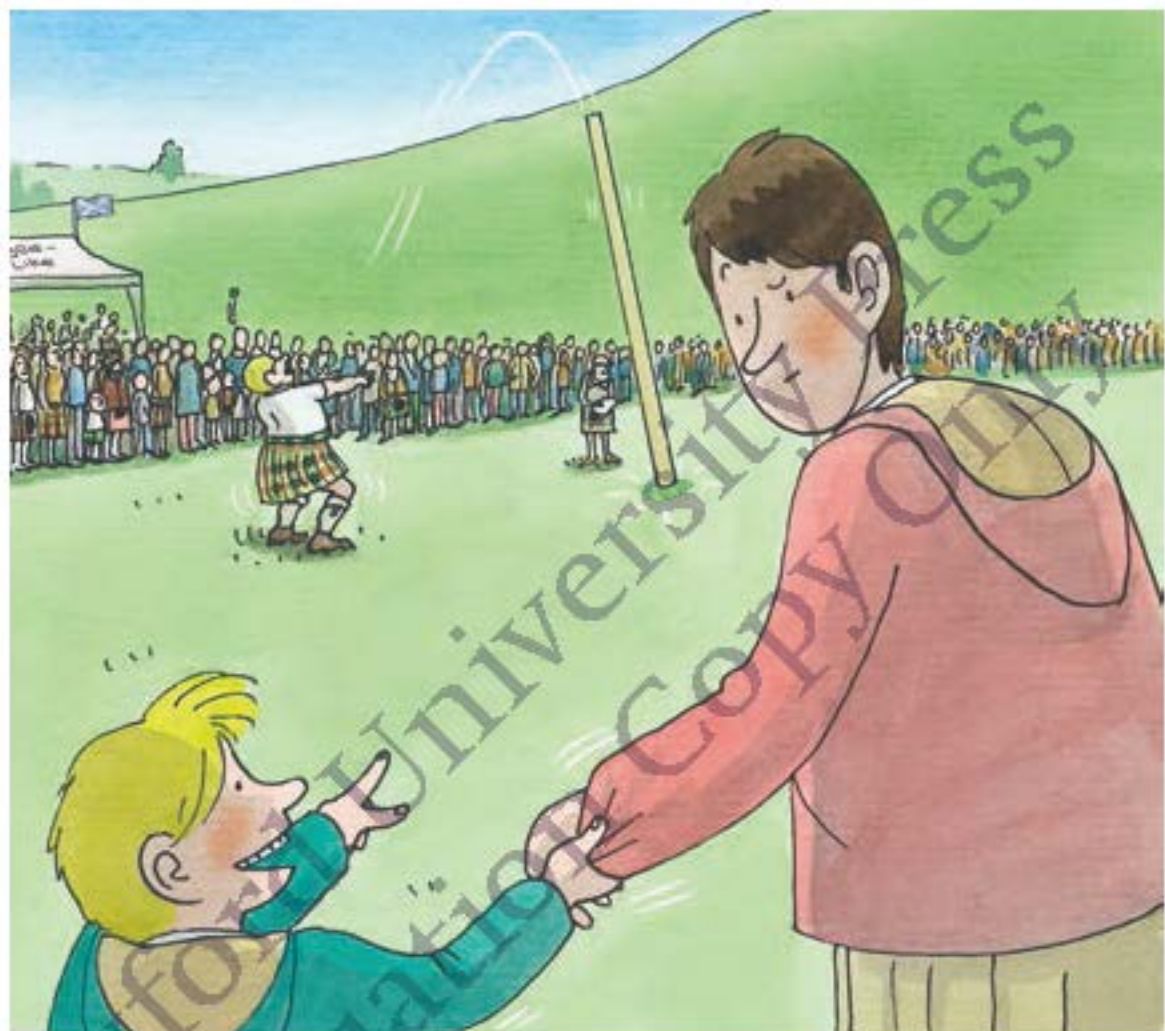
“These men are throwing hammers,”
said Dad. “Let’s watch how they
throw them.”



“Wow,” said Biff. “What a throw!
I bet you can’t do that, Dad.”



“That man is tossing the caber,”
said Dad. “Watch how he throws it.”



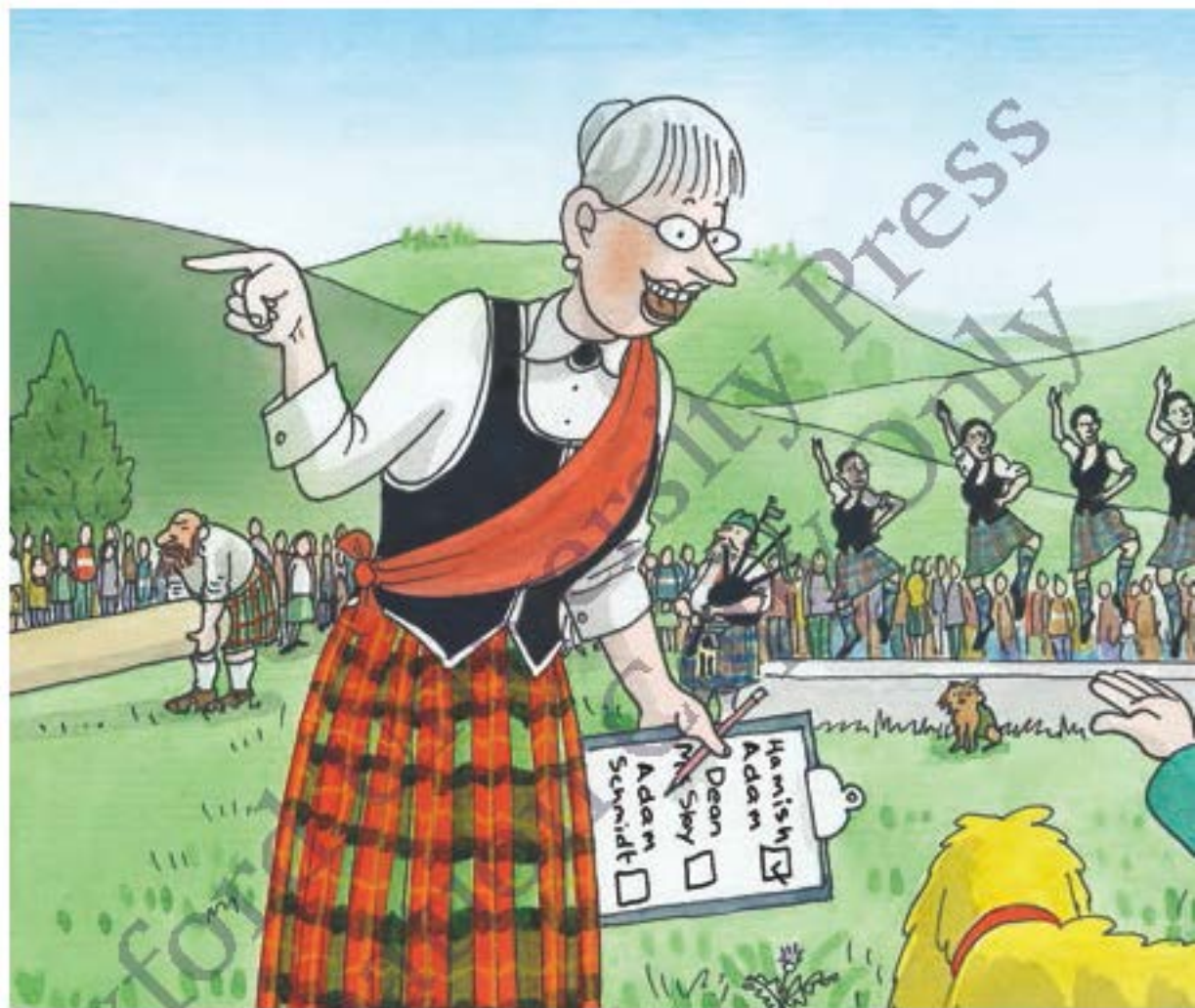
“Phew!” said Kipper. “What a throw! I bet you can’t do that, Dad.”



A man lifted an enormous log.
It was the biggest log of all, and
he was the winner.

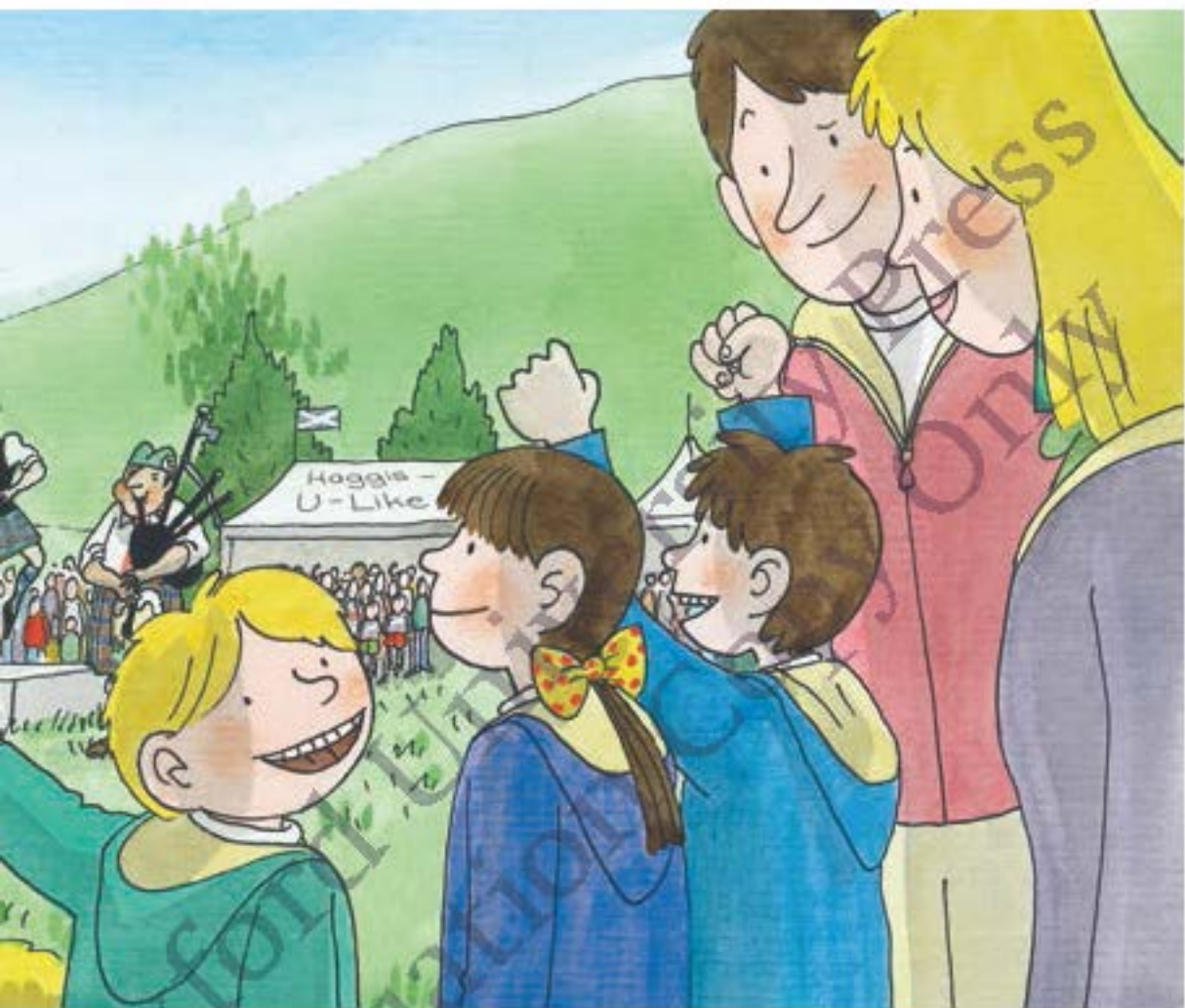


“He must be really strong,” said Chip. “I bet Dad can’t do that.”



A woman spoke to them.

"There are events for children," she said.

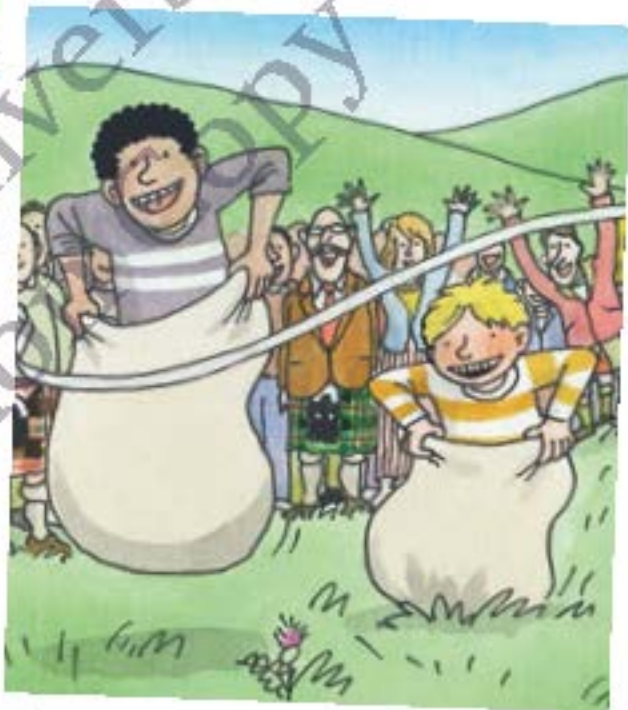


The children were excited.
“Can we have a go?” they asked.



Biff and Chip
won a race.

Kipper came
second in
a race.





Mum came
third in a race.

"Your turn, Dad,"
they all said.





"I'll show you," said Dad.
"I'll throw the hammer."



"This is just for fun," said a man.
"You must put on a kilt to do it."



Dad picked up
the hammer.

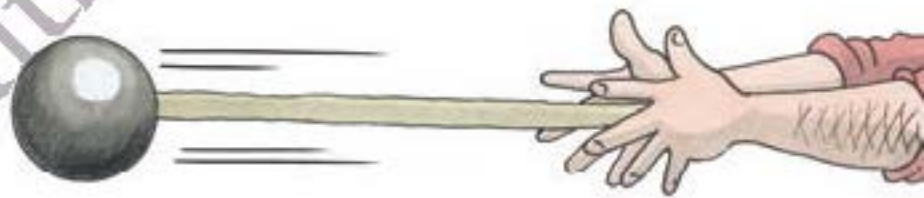
He spun
round . . .





... and round
and round.

Then he let go.



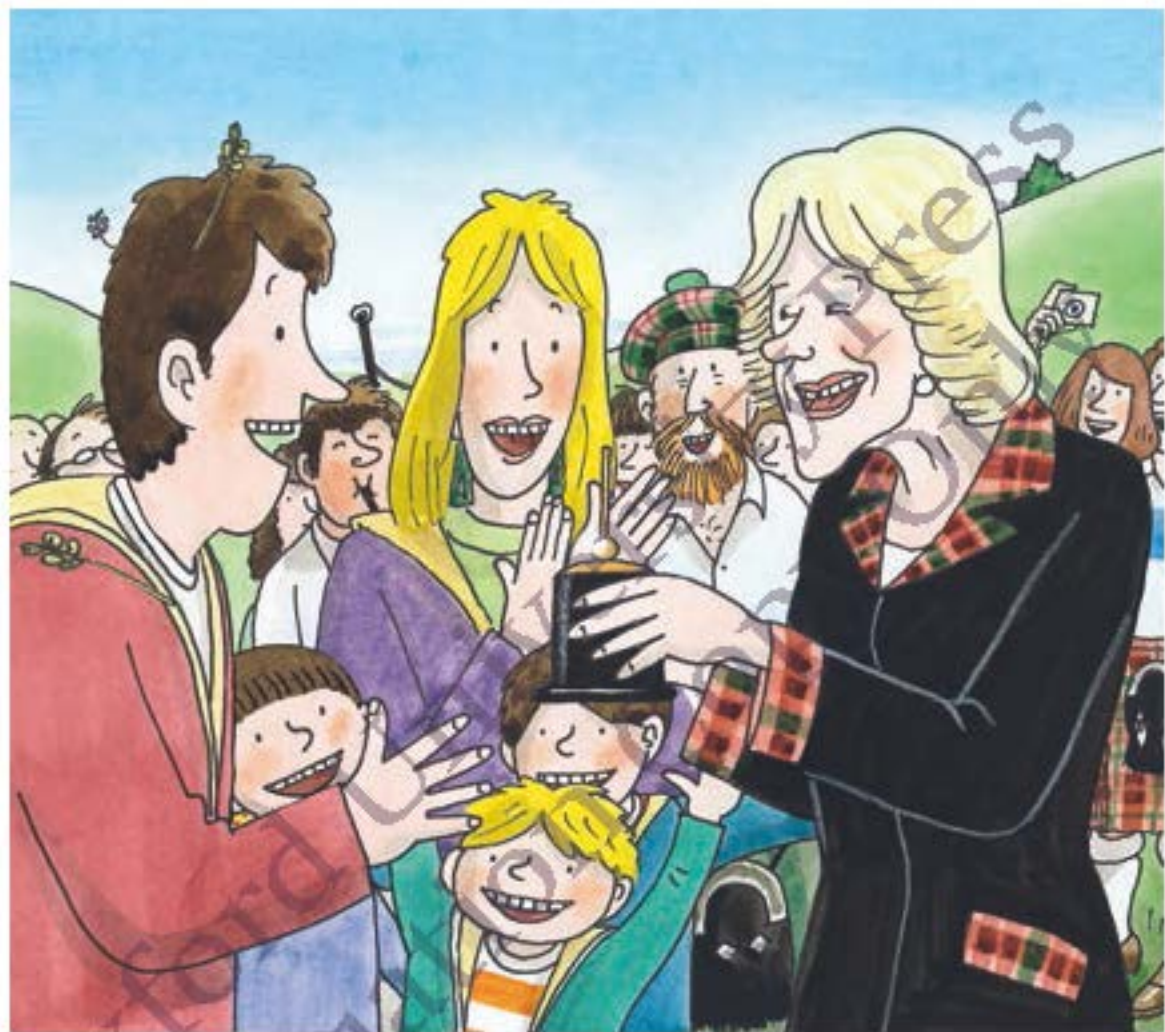


Oh no! Dad went flying and
fell in some straw.



"You win a prize," said a woman.

"But not for throwing the hammer. . ."



“It’s for being the first man to be thrown by a hammer!” she said.

AFTER READING

- Look at pages 8–13 again and re-read the text. Ask: *Why do the children think Dad won't be able to do the different events?*
- Talk about the end of the story. Ask: *Why is everyone laughing? What is the joke?*
- Ask your child to re-tell the story to you.

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