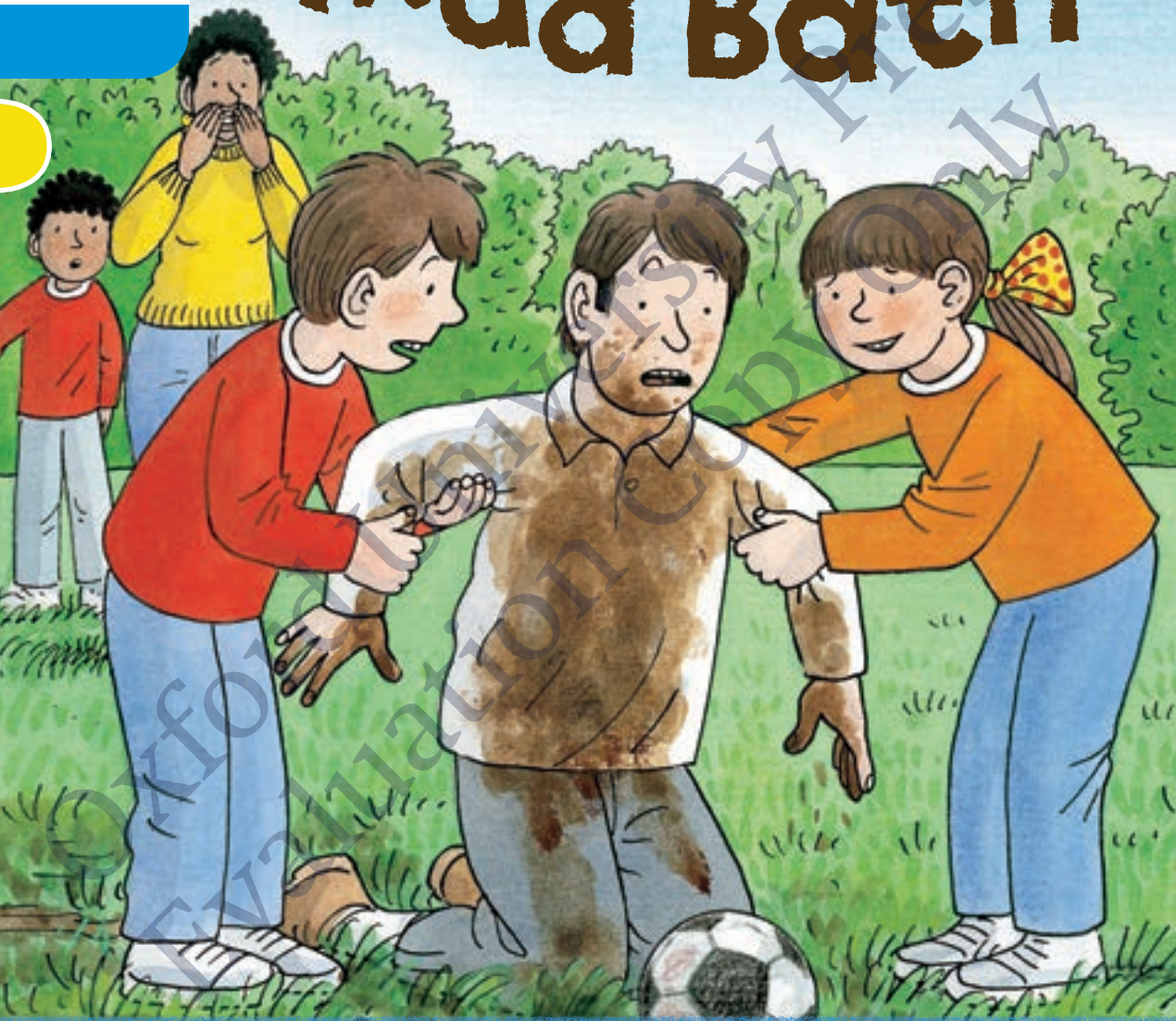


The Mud Bath





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BEFORE READING

Talk together

- Look at the cover and read the title together.
- Look at the picture on page 1 and talk about how Dad might get muddy.
- 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:
**with down that Dad
ran fell mud forgot
kick luck mess bad**
- Some words may be more challenging. Encourage or model blending, then read the words below to your child if necessary.

**was he ball
playing football
called over
splat want**



DURING READING

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

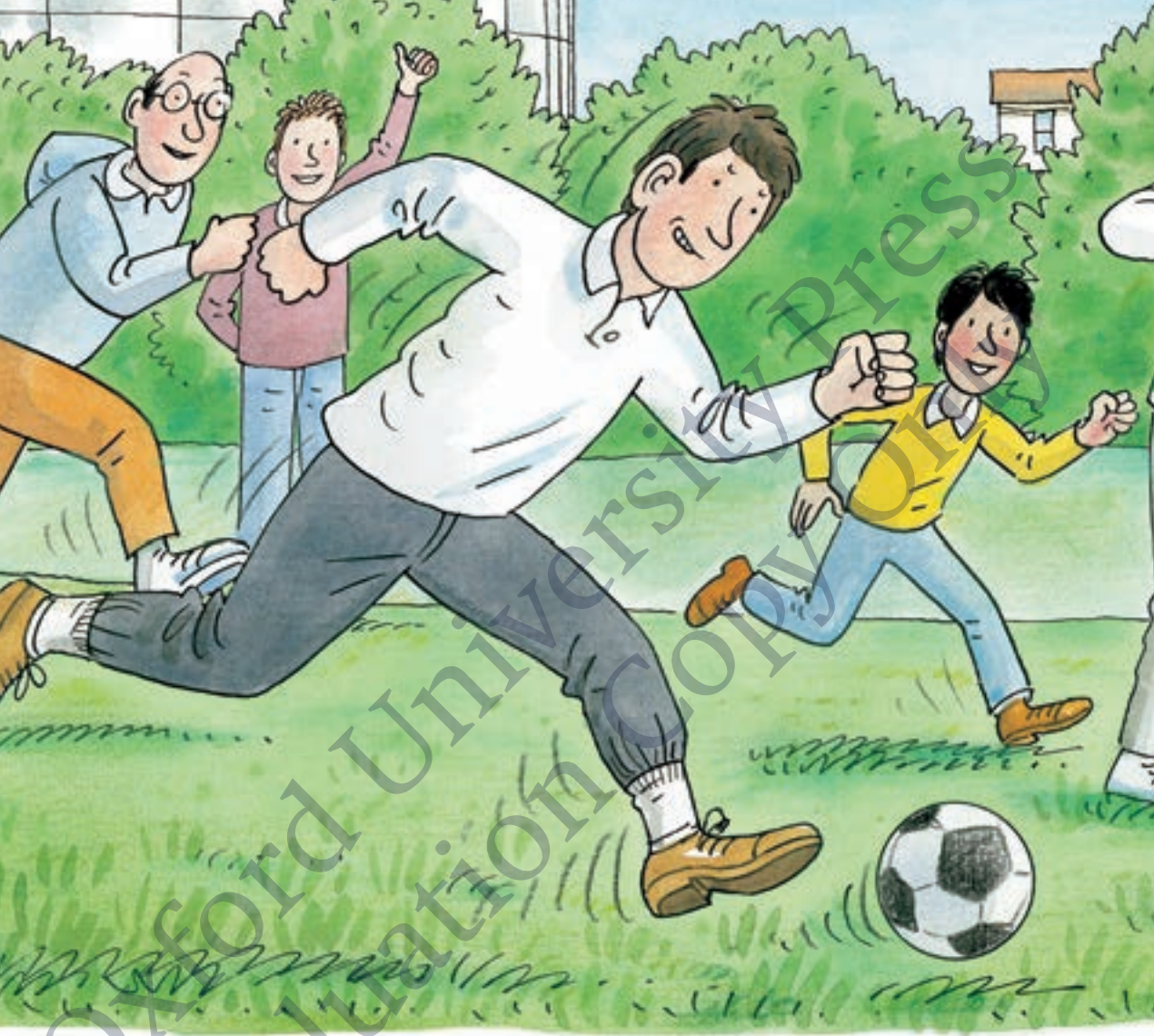
- Ask your child to point from left to right under each word whilst reading.
- Model how to sound out and blend new words if necessary.
- If a word is still too tricky, simply say the whole word for your child.
- Use the pictures to talk about the story and learn the meaning of new words.



See the inside back cover
for more ideas.



Dad was playing football.



He ran with the ball.



“Go on Dad!” called Chip. “Kick it!”



Dad fell over in the mud. Splat!



“Bad luck, Dad!” said Biff.



“Oh Dad,” said Mum. “What a mess.”



“I want a bath,” said Dad.



Dad went up to the bathroom.



He ran a bath.



Dad came down.



There was football on TV.



Dad looked at the football.



“Go on!” he called. “Kick it!”



Dad forgot the bath.



Drip! Drop! Drip!



Plop! Plop! Splat!



“What was that?” said Dad.



Splash! “Oh no,” said Dad.

AFTER READING

- Look at Dad on page 6. Ask: *What do you think Dad said to Mum?*
- Talk about the ending. Ask: *Did you expect this to happen?*
- Ask: *Why did Dad forget about the bath?*

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