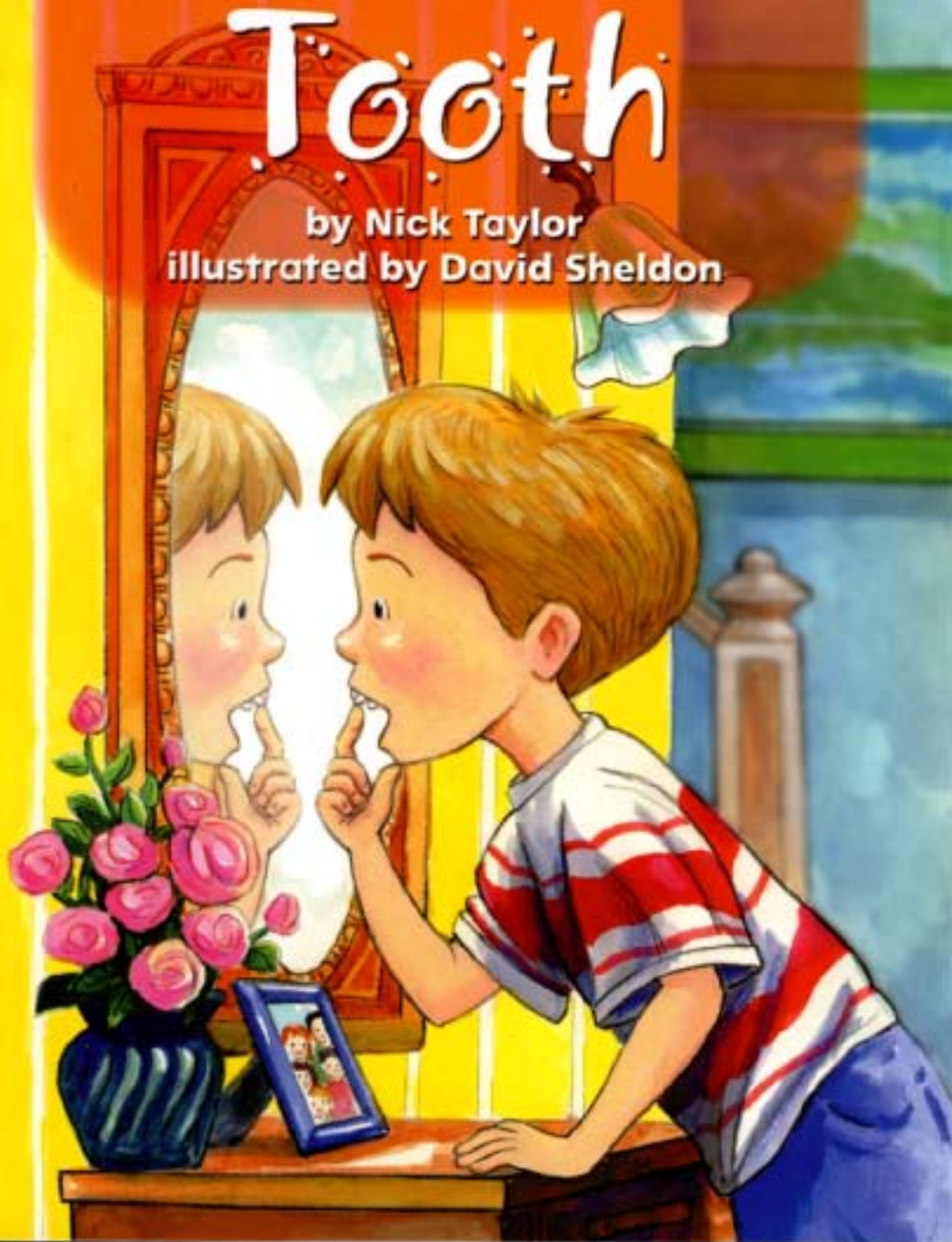


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Read to Find Out

What will Mike's family do to help him with his loose tooth?

STRATEGIES & SKILLS AT A GLANCE Comprehension

- Strategy: Generate Questions
- Skill: Make Predictions

High-Frequency Words

- call, funny, how, more, so, there

Phonics

- long /i/i_e

Word Count: 412

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Chapter 1

Wiggle and Jiggle

I had a loose tooth. It was the very first time I had a loose tooth. I looked in the mirror at my funny tooth.

I wiggled it and jiggled it. But the tooth just wouldn't come out.



My Grandma called to me and then came into my room.

"So, did your tooth come out yet, Mike?" Grandma asked.

"No, not yet," I said.

"I have something special for you," Grandma said gently.



She showed me a little silver box. There was a whale sculpture perched on top.

"You can use this for your tooth when it comes out," said Grandma. "I used it for my first lost tooth."

"Thanks," I said. "It's terrific, but how can I get my tooth to come out?"

"Just wiggle it and jiggle it some more," Grandma suggested.

My sister Molly came in and asked, "So, did your tooth come out yet, Mike?"

"No, not yet," I said.

"I have something special for you," Molly said.



Molly handed me a small blue box with a funny clown on it.

"When your tooth comes out, put it in the box," said Molly. "I used this box for the first tooth I lost."

"Thanks," I said. "But how can I get my tooth to come out?"

"Just wiggle it and jiggle it some more," said Molly.



Then my brother Pete came in and asked, "So, did your tooth come out yet, Mike?"

"No, not yet," I said.

"This racing car is special because its convertible top goes up and down," said Pete. "And it's great for keeping things safe. When I was little, I put the first tooth I lost in there."

"Great," I said, "but I'm certain my tooth will never come out."

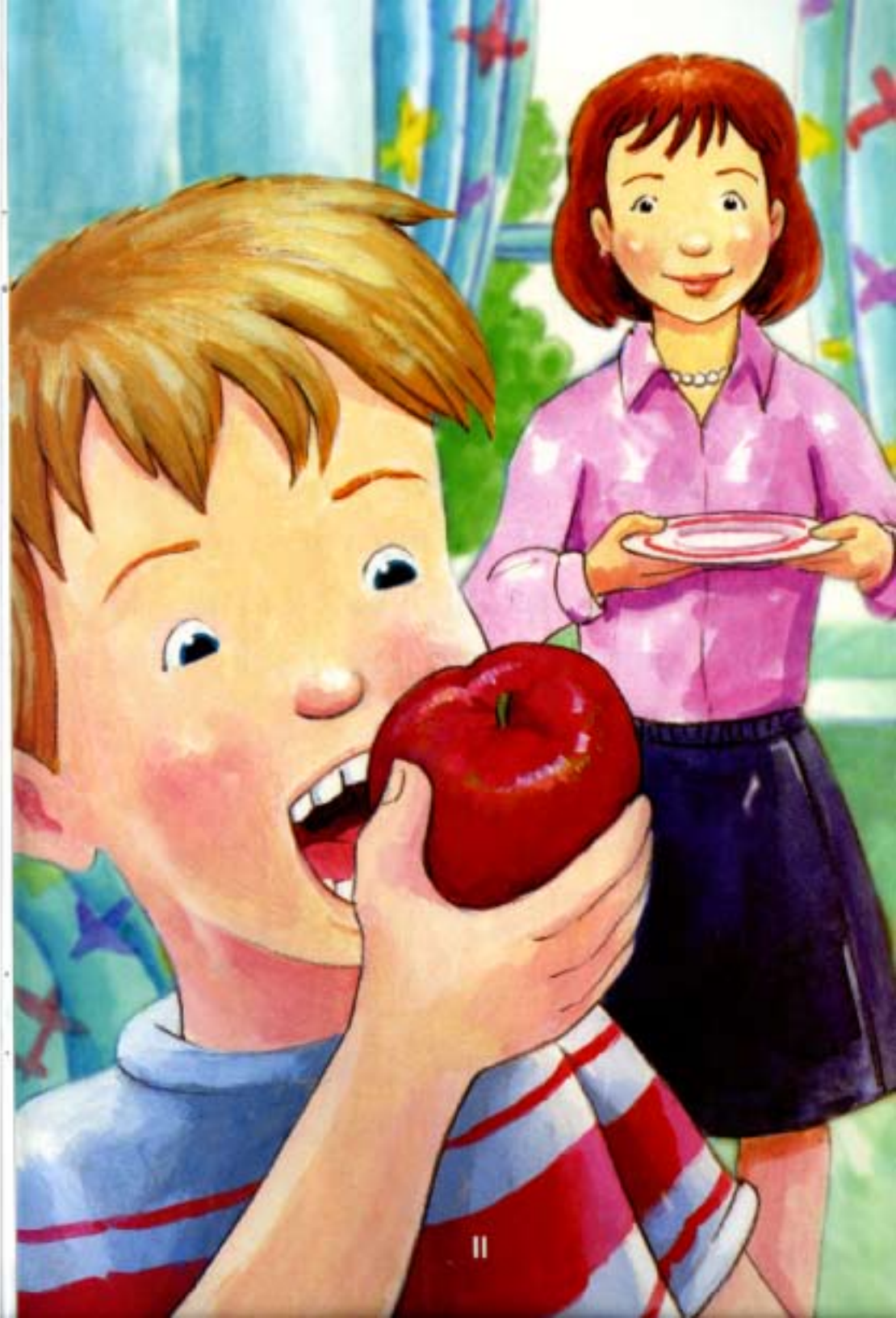


Chapter 2

Mom Helps

Then Mom came in. She didn't have anything special, just a big red apple on a plate.

I took one big bite of the delicious apple. And do you know what happened? That loose tooth came right out!



Mom told me to put my tooth in a special place. My family had given me lots of special places. But for now, I had found a place of my very own. It was a baseball I made. The top came off, and I put my tooth in it.

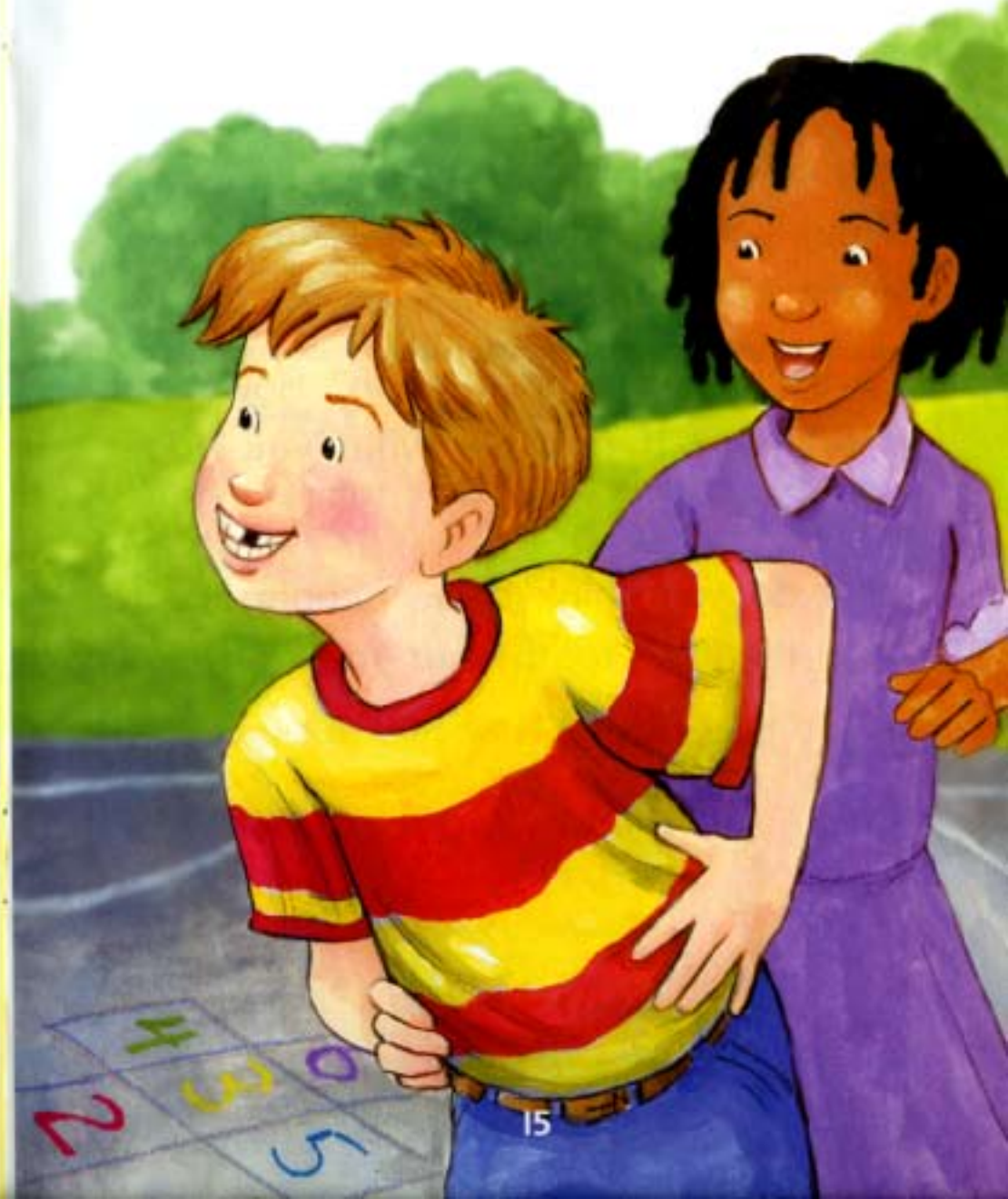


The next day at school, I called my friends over.

"Look!" I told them. "My very first tooth has come out."



Then I smiled a big smile so that everyone could see.



Comprehension Check

Retell the Story

Use a Predictions Chart to check your predictions about the story.

What I Predict	What Happens

Think and Compare

1. What will the children at school say when Mike smiles?
2. Have you ever lost a tooth? How did it happen? If not, tell what you hope will happen.
3. Why do you think some people like to save the first tooth that falls out?

Literacy Activities



Thank-You Note

Write a thank-you note to someone in your family who has helped you. Be sure to tell that person how you felt when he or she helped.



First Teeth

Write a number sentence to answer each of these questions.

Children have 20 first teeth.

If 1 tooth falls out, how many are left?

If 3 fall out, how many are left?

If 5 fall out, how many are left?



1.3 Week 4

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