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- Things To Do at Home suggestions
- Writing activity
- Mathematics activity
- Reading activity

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- Tips and activities for parents and students

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Kids Learn!

Getting Ready for

3rd Grade

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Welcome to Kids Learn!



Dear Family,

Welcome to *Kids Learn! Getting Ready for 3rd Grade*. Third grade will be an exciting year. There will be plenty of new learning opportunities, including longer books to read and multiplication facts to memorize! Interesting new topics in science and social studies will keep students engaged in lessons at school.

Kids Learn! was designed to help solidify the concepts your child learned in second grade and help your child prepare for the year ahead. The activities are based on Common Core State Standards and provide practice with essential skills for the grade level. Keeping reading, writing, and math skills sharp while your child is on break from school will help his or her third grade year get off to a great start. There is also a section at the end of the book that provides practice for standardized testing.

Keep these tips in mind as you work with your child through the *Kids Learn!* book:

- Set aside a **specific time each day** to work on the activities.
- **Complete one language arts and one mathematics page** each time your child works in the book rather than an entire week's worth of activity pages at one time.
- Keep all **practice sessions with your child positive and constructive**. If the mood becomes tense or if either of you gets frustrated, set the book aside and find another time for your child to practice.
- **Help your child with instructions**, if necessary. If your child is having difficulty understanding what to do, work some of the problems through together.
- Encourage your child to do his or her best work and **compliment the effort that goes into learning**. Celebrate the completion of all the activities by filling in the certificate at the end of the book and displaying it in a special place.

Enjoy the time learning with your child during his or her vacation from school. Third grade will be here before you know it!

Things to Do at Home

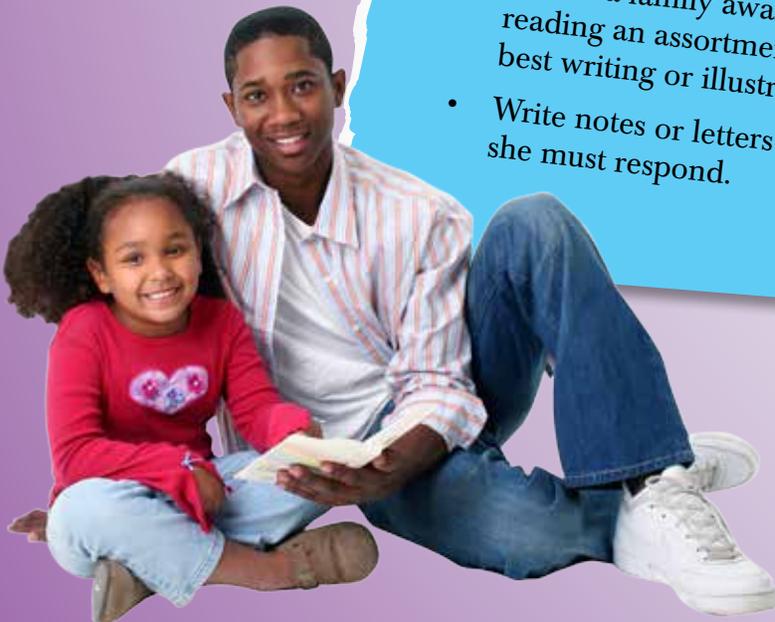
To Develop Healthy Habits

- Make sure your child gets plenty of sleep. Children this age need 10–11 hours of sleep each night. Take time to establish bedtime routines that involve relaxing activities, such as taking a warm shower or reading.
- Help your child become organized and responsible. Have places for your child to keep important things. Take time to set up a schedule together. Use a timer to keep track of time spent on different activities.
- Have conversations with your child. Ask your child questions about his or her activities and tell your child stories about funny things that happened to you.



To Practice Reading

- Set a reading time for the entire family. Make sure your child chooses books that are at a comfortable reading level, and that are interesting to him or her. See the Suggested Vacation Reading list on page 100.
- Create a family award for the best book of the month. Take turns reading an assortment of books and vote on which ones have the best writing or illustrations.
- Write notes or letters to your child, asking questions to which he or she must respond.



Capital Review

Directions: Circle all the letters below that should be capitals.
Hint: There are 53 of them.

1. **t**he first day of school is exciting.
2. freddy wilson's frog, peepers, hopped into mrs. woolsey's purse.
3. the fourth thursday in november is thanksgiving.
4. i like halloween best when it is on a saturday.
5. aunt susan went to yellowstone national park.
6. connie lives on maple street in bismarck, north dakota.
7. brazil, argentina, and peru are in south america.
8. the mediterranean sea and the atlantic ocean touch spain.
9. the letter was signed, "love always, esther."
10. davis medical center opened in january last year.
11. we visited my friend youko in japan.
12. last tuesday, ruben walked his dog, spotty, down tulip street to central park.

Measuring Length

Directions: Use a ruler to measure each inchworm. Write on the line how many inches each worm is.

1.  3 inches
2.  _____ inches
3.  _____ inches
4.  _____ inches
5.  _____ inches
6.  _____ inches
7.  _____ inches
8.  _____ inches

Sentence Scramble

Directions: Unscramble the words to make sentences. Start each sentence with a capital letter and end with a punctuation mark.

1. bird cat the chased the

The cat chased the bird.

2. letter friend I a wrote my to

3. trip the took a family

4. a baker cake baked the

5. sea jumped into penguin a the

6. song to a puppets audience the sang the

Money Problems

Directions: Solve each money problem.

1. Donna spent 5¢ more than Susie. Susie spent 28¢. How much did Donna spend?



2. Derek has 50¢. He buys a comic book and now has 20¢ left. How much was the comic book?



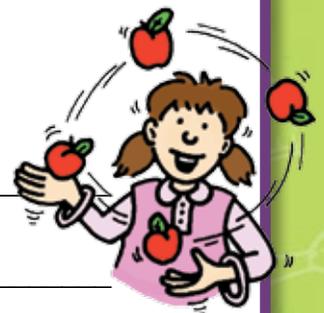
3. José and Lin both went shopping and received some change back. José received twice as much change as Lin, who got 12¢ back in change. How much change did José get back?



4. Nihal had a \$5 bill. He went shopping and received \$1.50 in change. How much did he spend?

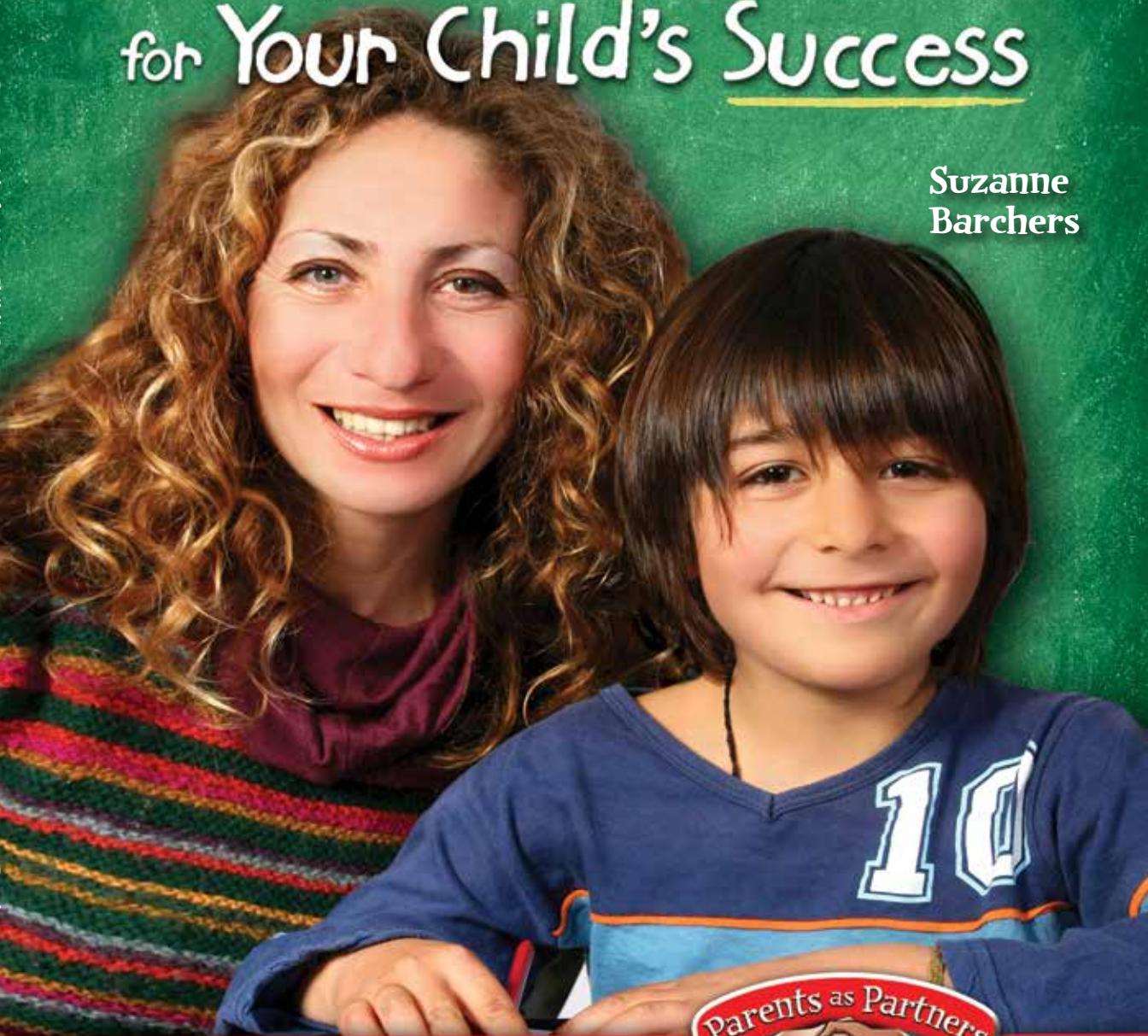


5. Write your own money number story. Find the answer, and write a number sentence to go with it.



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Word Play

By now, your child is probably quite good at telling a joke. Puns, knock-knock jokes, or anything with a punch line are all fair game. Play with language whenever you can!

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These word games will help your third grader build his or her understanding of word meanings.

Tongue Twisters

Tongue twisters occur when a beginning consonant or vowel in neighboring words is repeated within a phrase or sentence. For example, *now or never, Peter Piper picked peppers.*

Palindrome

A palindrome is a word or phrase that is read the same forward and backward. For example, *mom, kayak, and radar.*



Spelling

Strategies

Third graders are expected to write with accuracy. Teaching them a variety of strategies to help them correctly spell words by themselves is essential at this age.

*You can learn together
and have fun with these ideas!*

Patterns

There are common spelling patterns. If your child knows how to spell one word, he or she can spell other words that follow the same pattern.

Spelling Endings

There are a few spelling rules that will help. Keep these useful rules handy.

Does the word end in a silent *e*? Drop the *e* before adding *ing* or *y*.

like → **liking** **nose** → **nosy**

Is the word one syllable, ending in one consonant? Double the consonant and add the ending.

bed → **bedding** **hop** → **hopped**

Is the word one syllable, ending in two consonants? Or does it have two vowels in a row? Just add the ending.

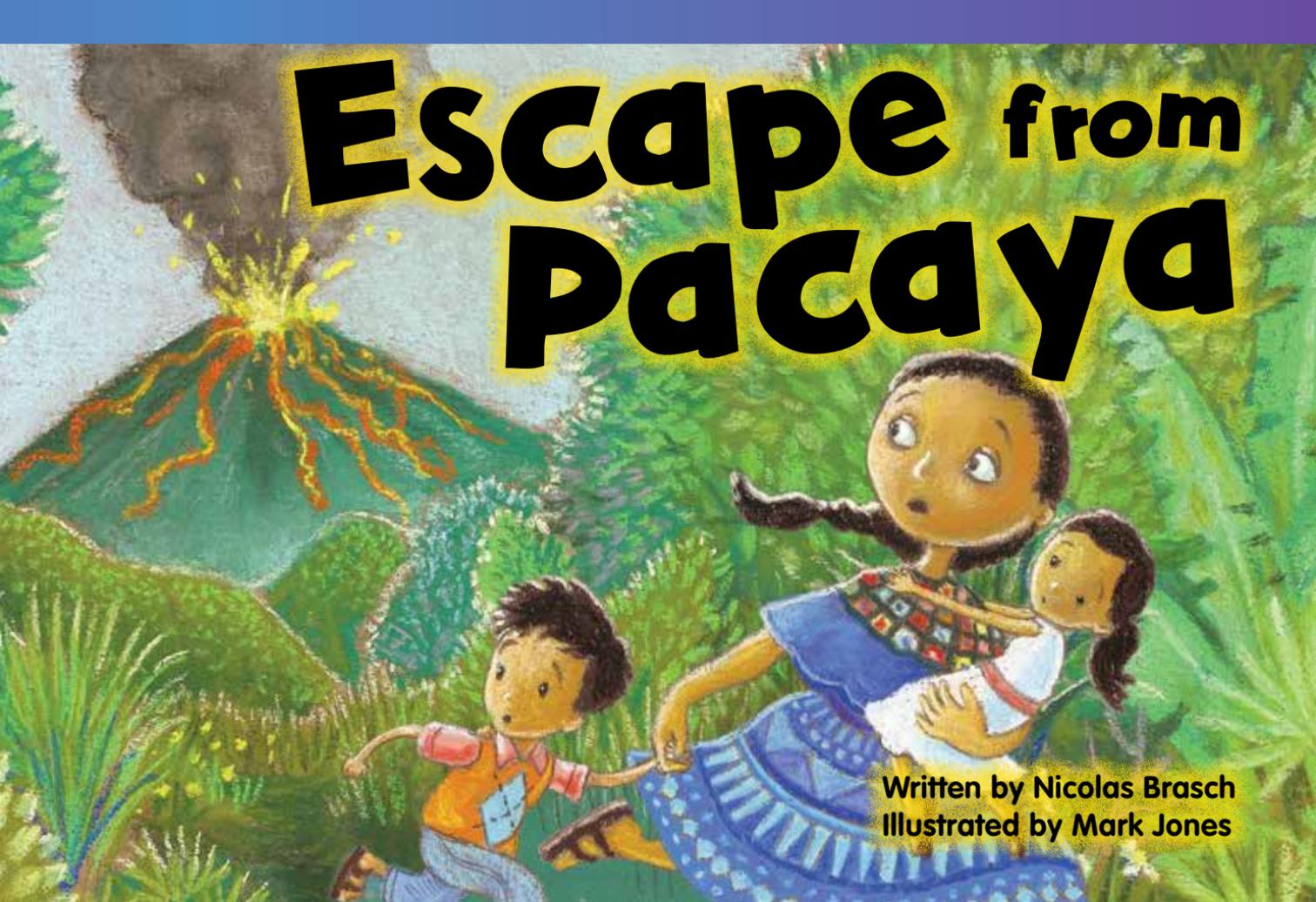
jump → **jumping** **peel** → **peeled**



One last thought...

Even great spellers have to work at memorizing some rules. Don't be afraid to keep a list of frequently misspelled words for quick reference.

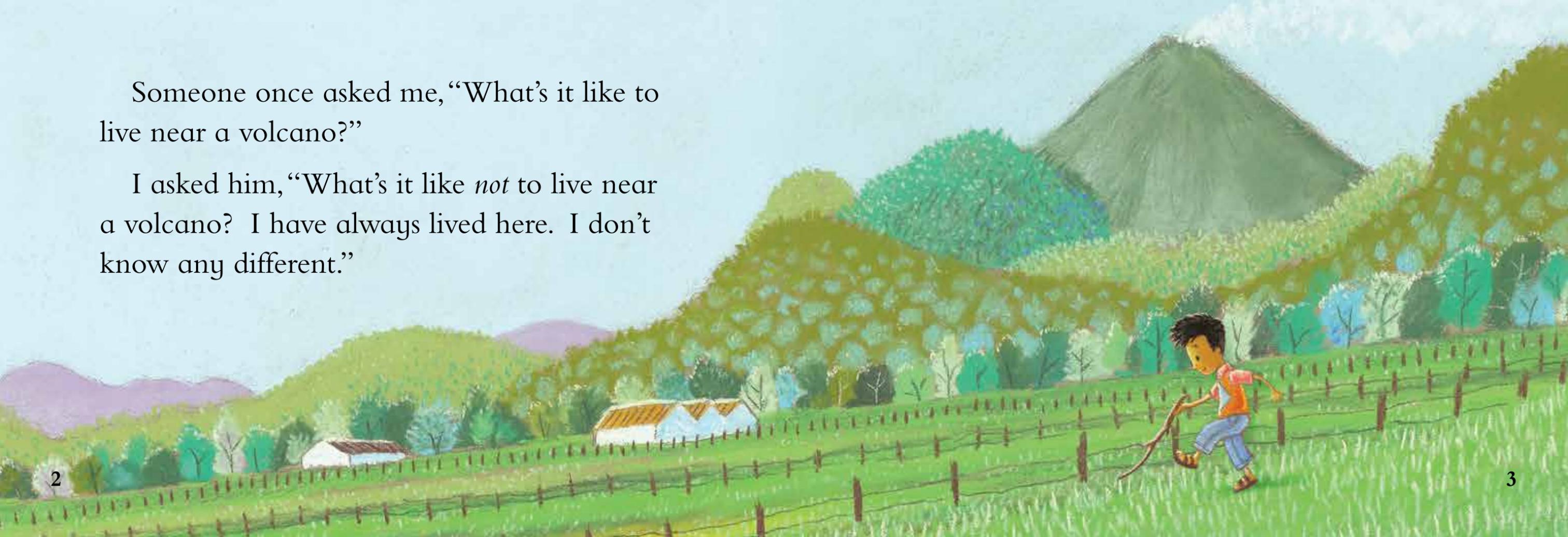
Escape from Pacaya



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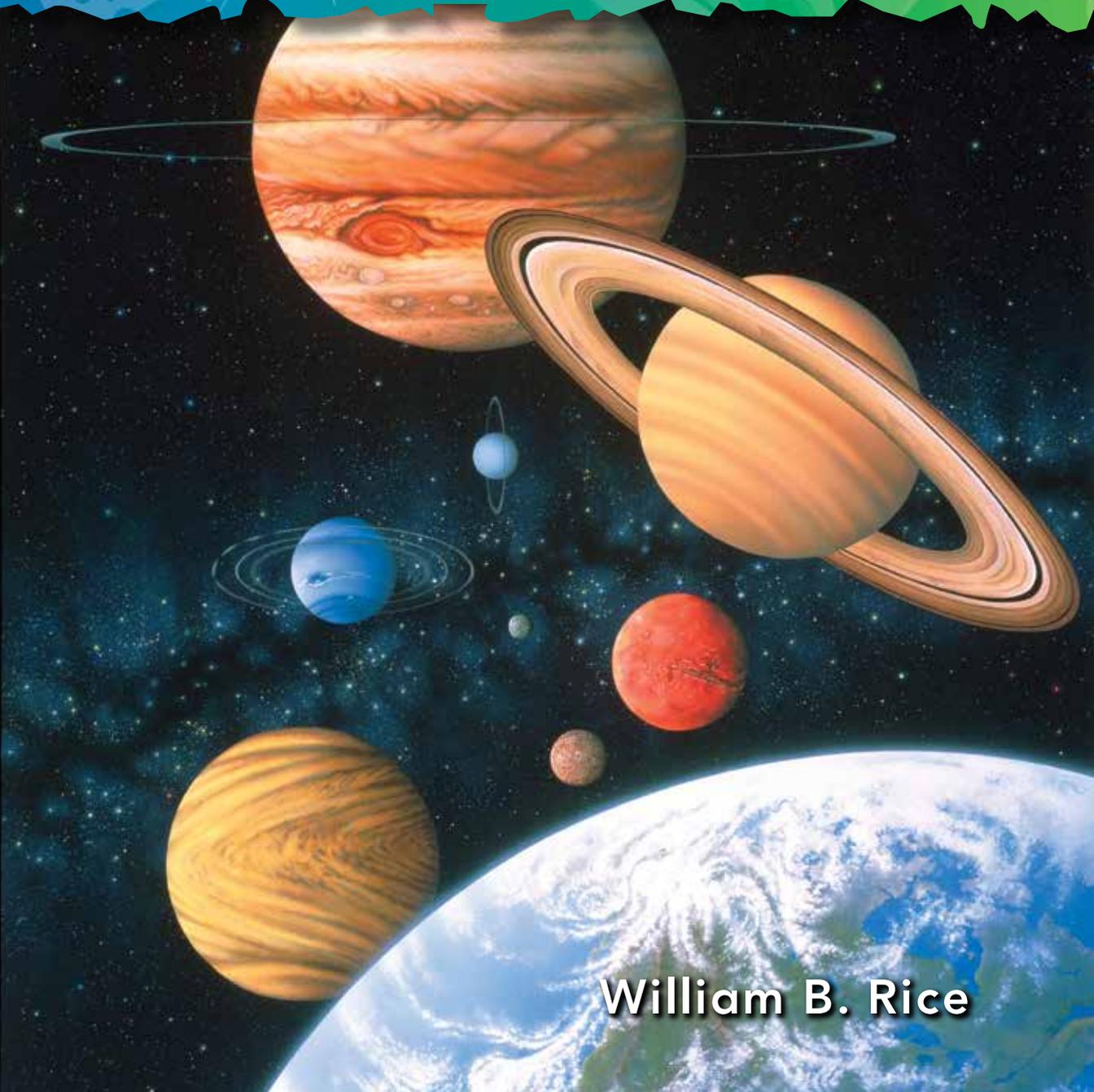
Someone once asked me, “What’s it like to live near a volcano?”

I asked him, “What’s it like *not* to live near a volcano? I have always lived here. I don’t know any different.”



Then, I tell him my story. Most of the time, Mount Pacaya is quiet. But sometimes, there are small explosions. Lava and ash may shoot out the top. Then, it is quiet again.

Planets



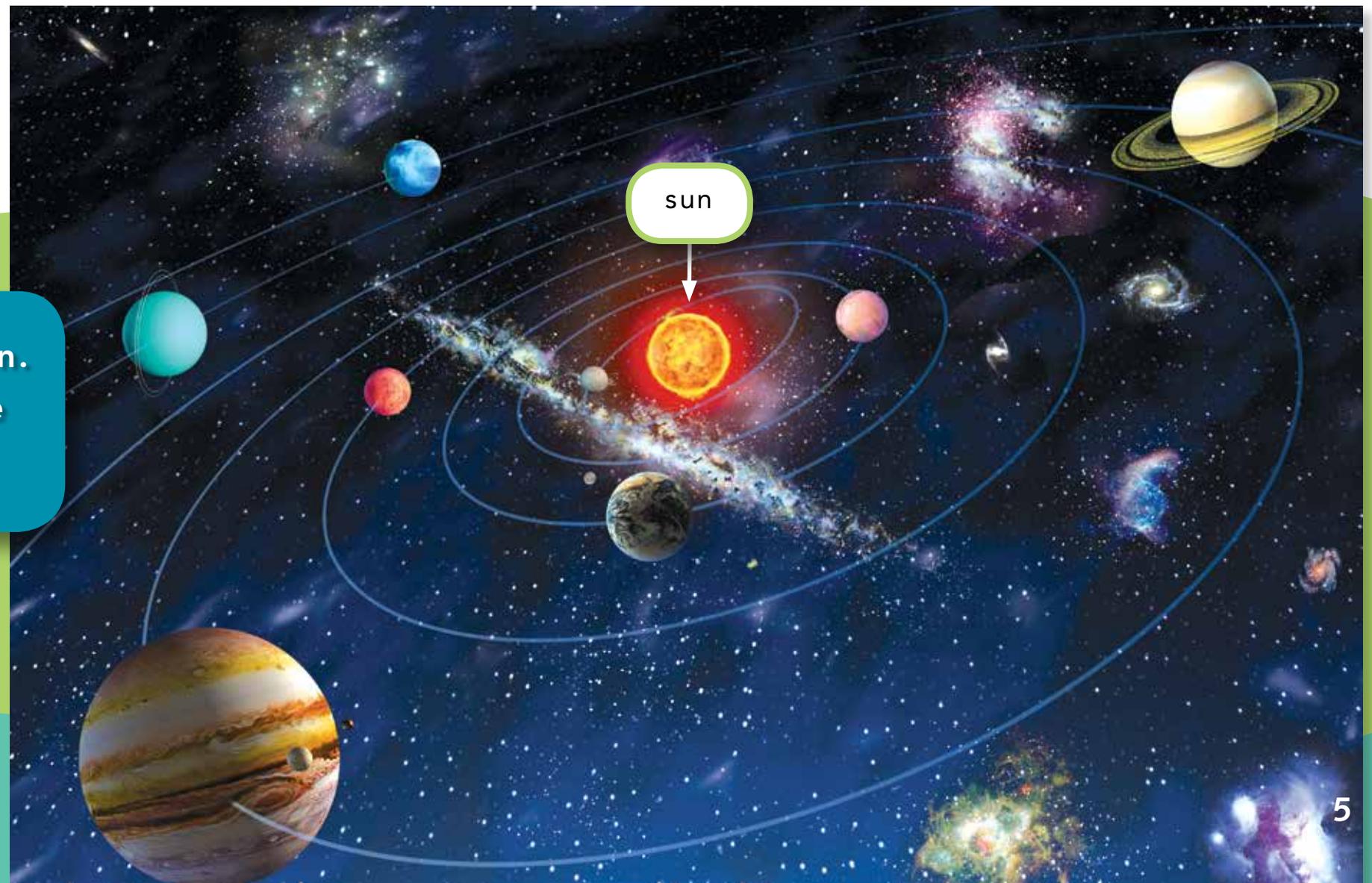
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The Solar System

Space is a big place. It has **trillions** of stars and planets! Our sun is just one of those stars. Eight planets move around our sun.

The sun and its planets are called the **solar system**.

The planets orbit the sun.
To orbit means to move
around something.



We live on one of the planets. Our planet is Earth. Earth is the third planet from the sun.

Earth

