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BABY ROBOT



ENGLISH TODAY READERS

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Look! This is Chris Jones.
He is nine.

Look! This is Cathy Jones.
She is his sister.
She is seven.

They are playing with a ball.
The ball is red.

Look! This is Mr Jones.
He is giving food to the chickens.
He is a farmer.



food



farmer



playing

It is hot.
Mr Jones is giving food to the ducks.
He is a farmer.
The ducks are eating.
They are hungry.

'Look under the tree!' says Chris.
'What is it?' says Cathy.
'It's a basket,' he says.

Chris and Cathy are not playing.
They are running to the tree.

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eating



running



basket

Look at the cat!
It is not running.
It is a fat cat.
It is sitting.
It is washing.

The grass is green. The flowers are white.
Chris and Cathy are running to the tree.
A basket is under the tree.
Something is in the basket.
What is it?



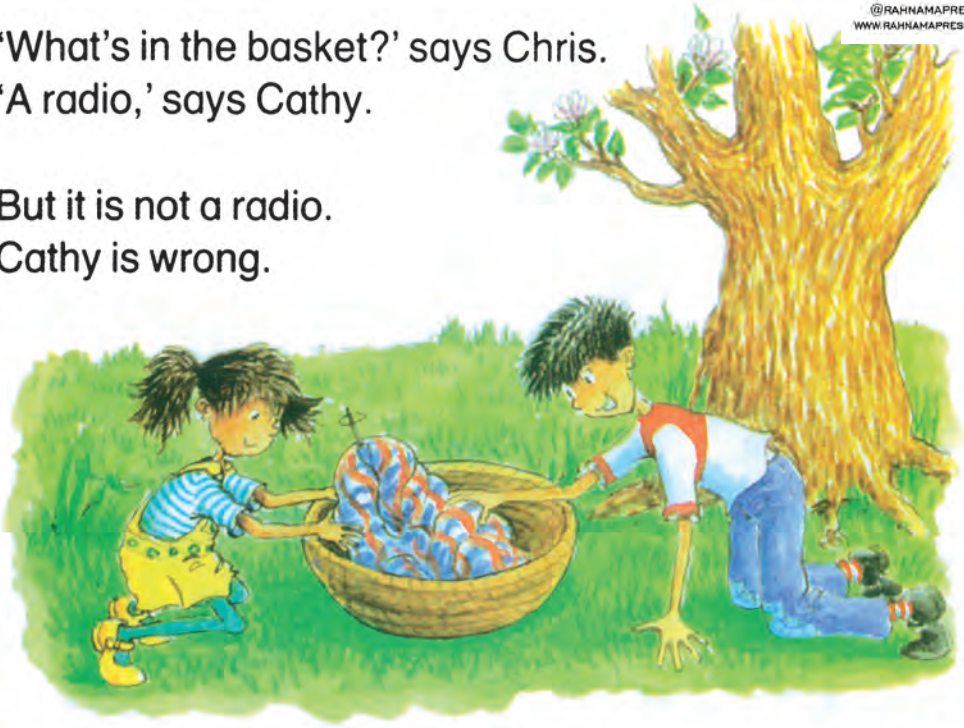
sitting



washing

'What's in the basket?' says Chris.
'A radio,' says Cathy.

But it is not a radio.
Cathy is wrong.



Chris picks it up.
He holds it.
'What is it?' says Cathy.
'A baby,' says Chris.

But it is not a baby.
Chris is wrong.

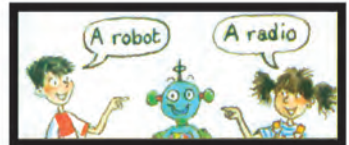
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radio

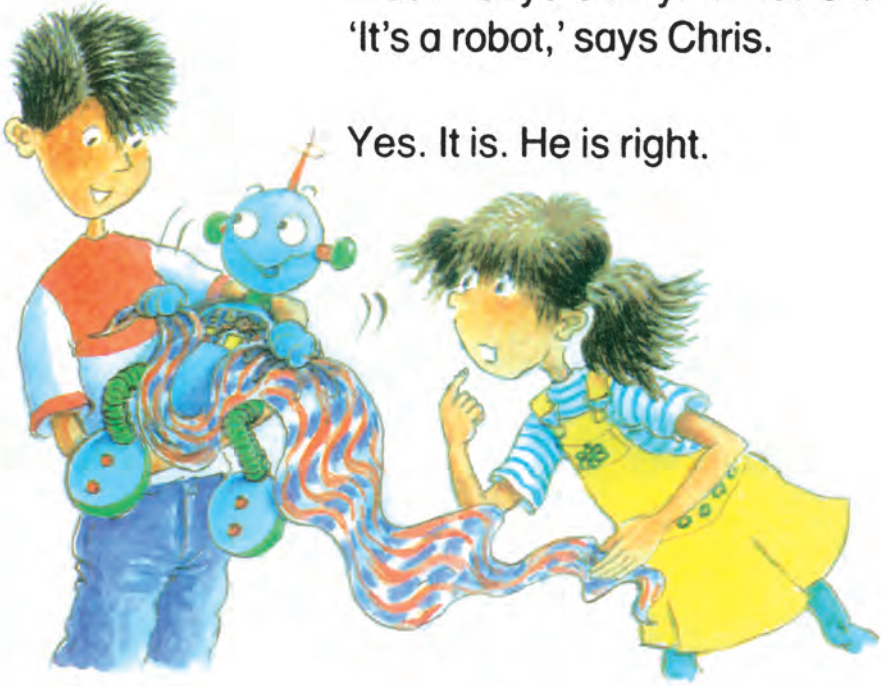


baby



wrong

'Look!' says Cathy. 'What is it?'
'It's a robot,' says Chris.



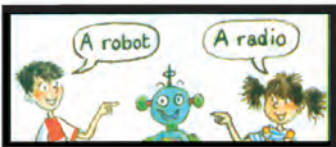
Yes. It is. He is right.

'Give it to me,' says Cathy.
Chris gives it to her.
She holds it.
'It is a baby robot!' she says.



Yes.. It is. She is right.

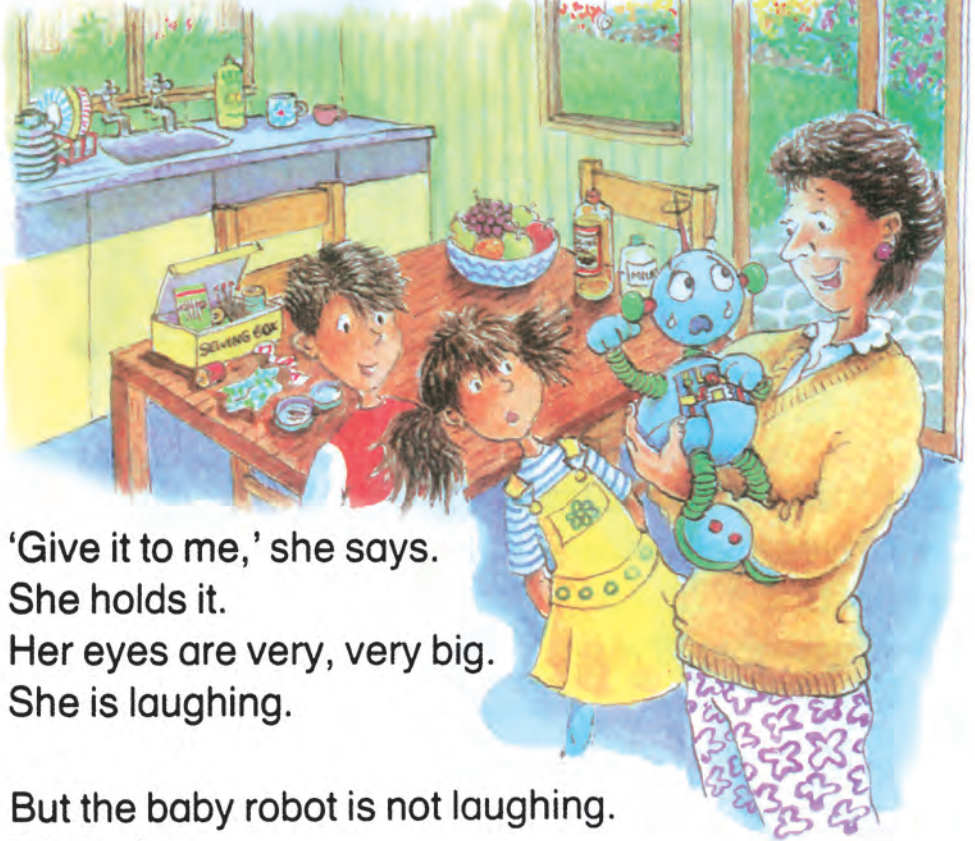
Chris and Cathy smile.



right

‘Look, mother!’ says Cathy.
‘It’s a baby robot,’ says Chris.

Mrs Jones looks at it.
Her eyes are very big.
‘A baby robot?’ she says. ‘Are you playing?’



‘Give it to me,’ she says.
She holds it.
Her eyes are very, very big.
She is laughing.

But the baby robot is not laughing.
It is crying.

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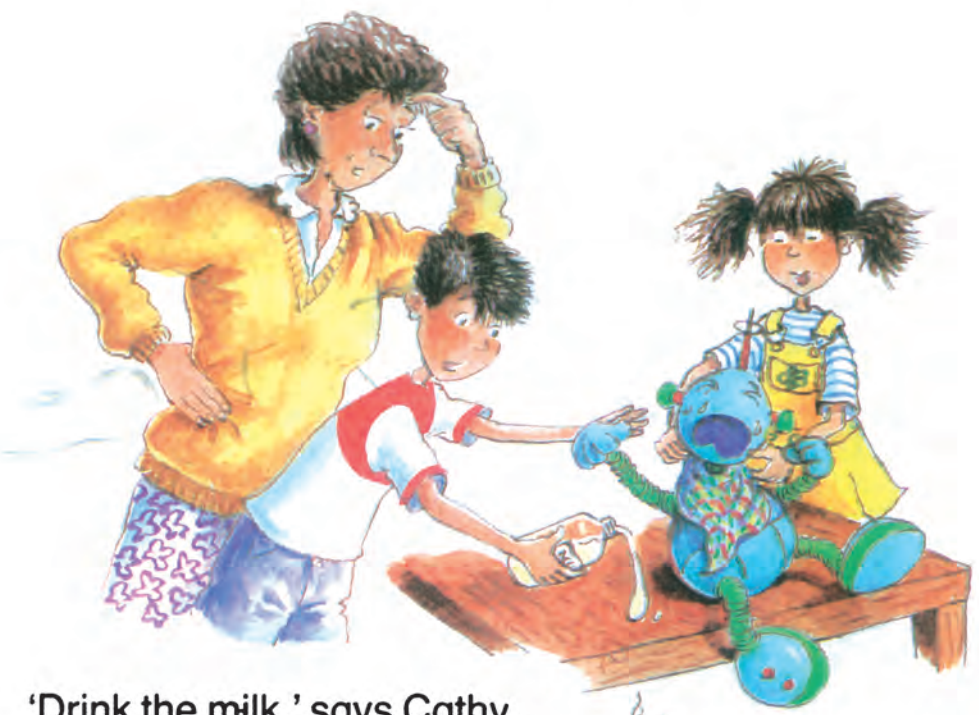


laughing



crying

The baby robot is sitting on the table.
It is hungry and thirsty.
'It wants to eat,' says Cathy. 'It is hungry.'
'No,' says Chris. 'It wants to drink. It's thirsty.'



'Drink the milk,' says Cathy.
'Babies drink milk,' says Chris.

But is the baby robot drinking the milk?
No. It is not.



milk



drinking

'Eat the ice-cream,' says
Chris.

'Babies eat ice-cream,'
says Cathy.

But is the baby robot
eating the ice-cream?
No. It is not.

Look at the cat!
It is running!

'Eat the banana,' say
Chris and Cathy.



'Babies eat bananas,'
says Mrs Jones.

But is the baby robot
eating the banana?
No. It is not.



A basket is under a tree.

'What's in the basket?' says
Chris.

'A radio,' says Cathy.

But it is not a radio.

Cathy is wrong.

What is it?

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