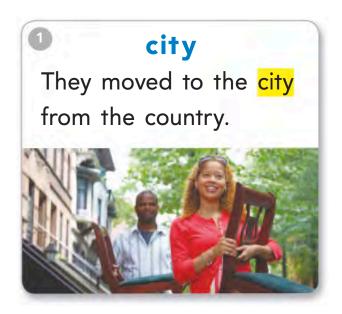


Words to Know



- Read each Context Card.
- Use a blue word to tell about something you did.





school

He met many new friends at school.



party

They had a party for their new classmate.



seven

She will bring seven apples to school.



buy

She will buy a plant for her friend.



please

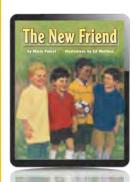
"Please play with us," they said.



family

They invited the family to come in.





Read and Comprehend







TARGET SKILL

Understanding Characters Remember that you can learn a lot about what story characters are like from their words and actions. Use what the characters say and do as clues. Figure out how they feel and why they act the way they do. You can list the clues, or text evidence, on a chart.

Words	Actions	Feelings
	12	



TARGET STRATEGY

Summarize Stop to tell about the important events as you read.



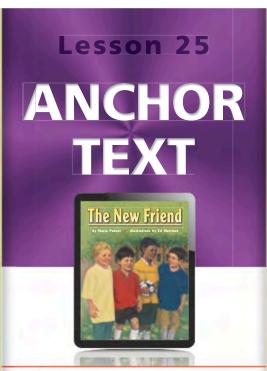


Learning About Our Country

We live in the United States of America. People have come to this country from all over the world. You learn about our country at school. You can read books about our country, too. What do you know about our country?

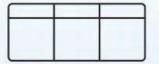
You will read about a boy who moves to the United States in **The**





TARGET SKILL

Understanding Characters Tell about characters' words, actions, and feelings.



GENRE

Realistic fiction is a story that could happen in real life. As you read, look for:

- characters who act like real people
- events that could really happen



RL.1.3 describe characters, settings, and major events; **RL.1.6** identify who is telling the story; **RL.1.10** read prose and poetry

Go Digital

Meet the Author

María Puncel

María Puncel lives in Spain.

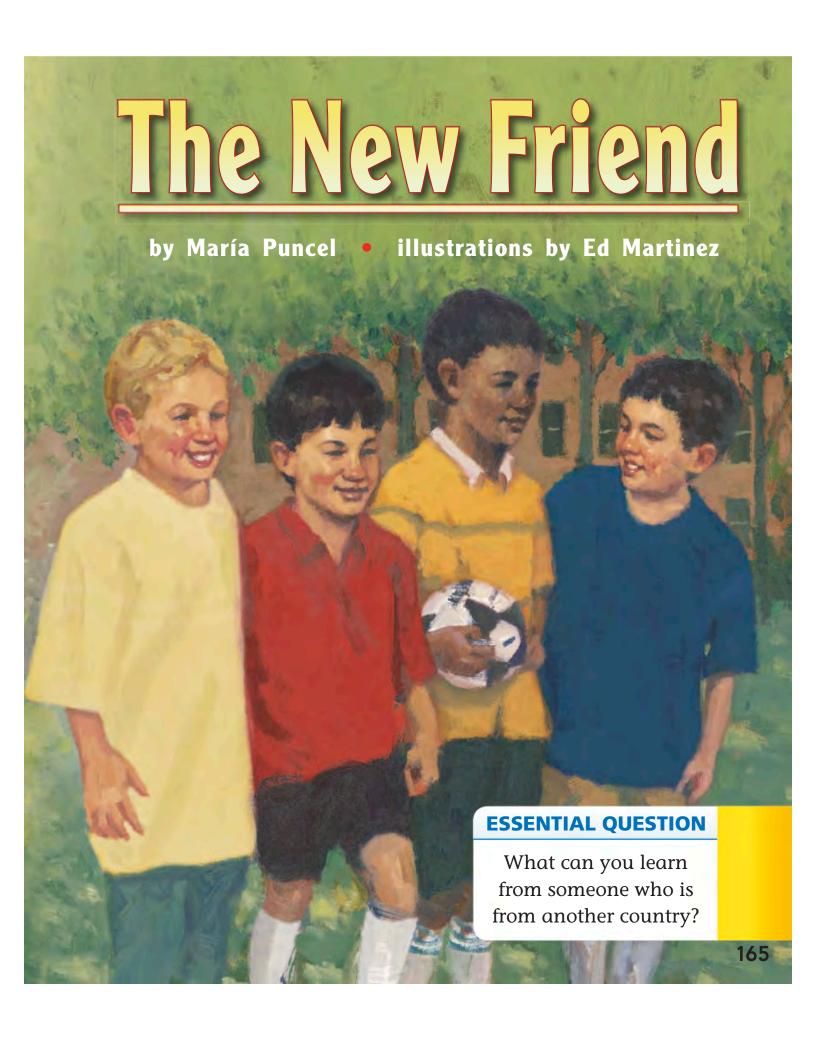
She writes her books in Spanish.

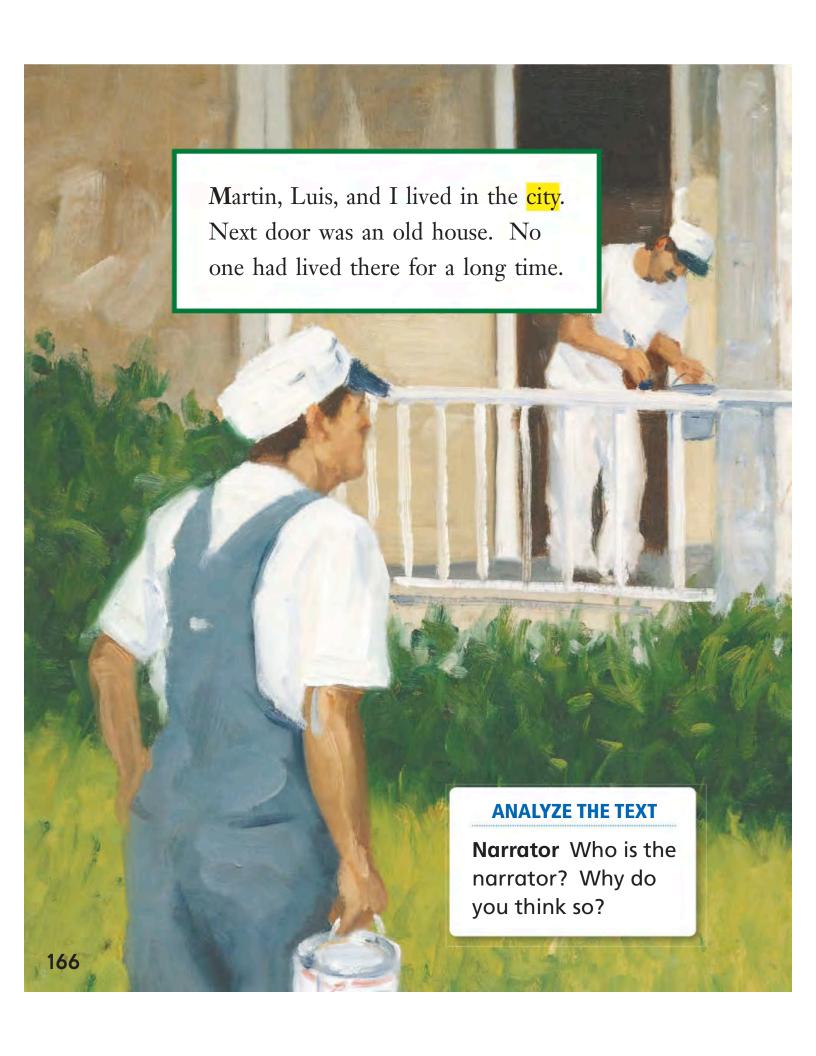
Many of them have been translated into English, including El Amigo Nuevo.

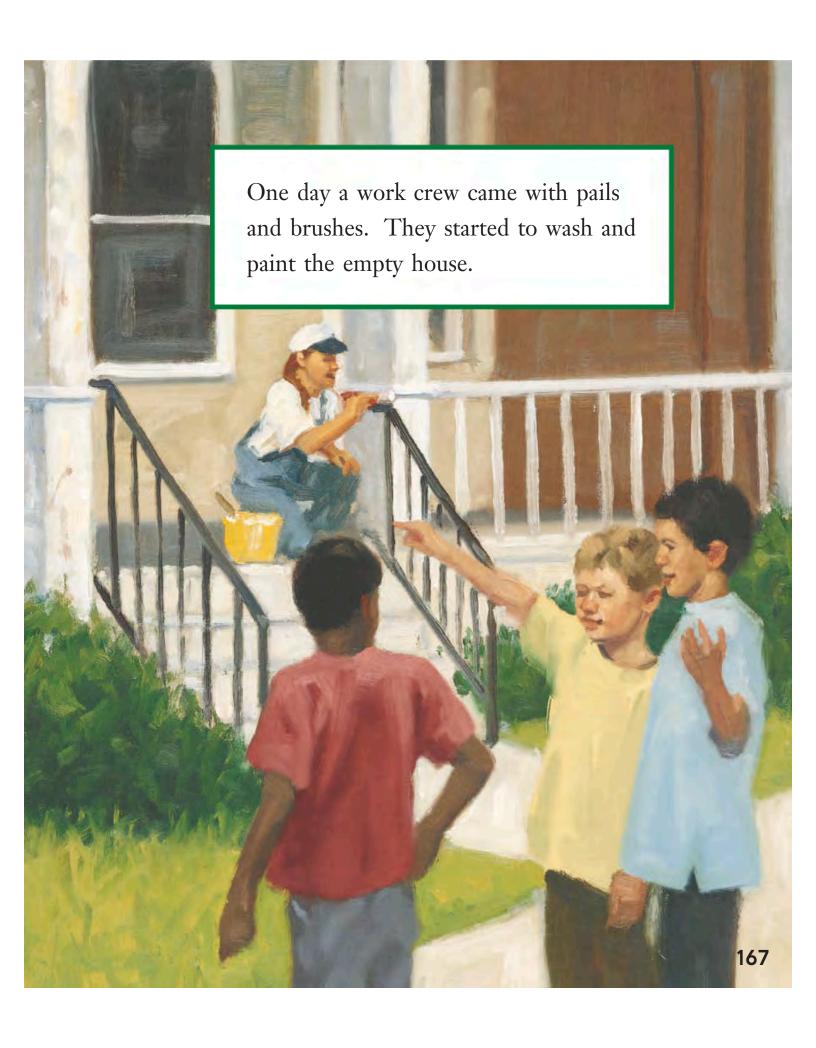
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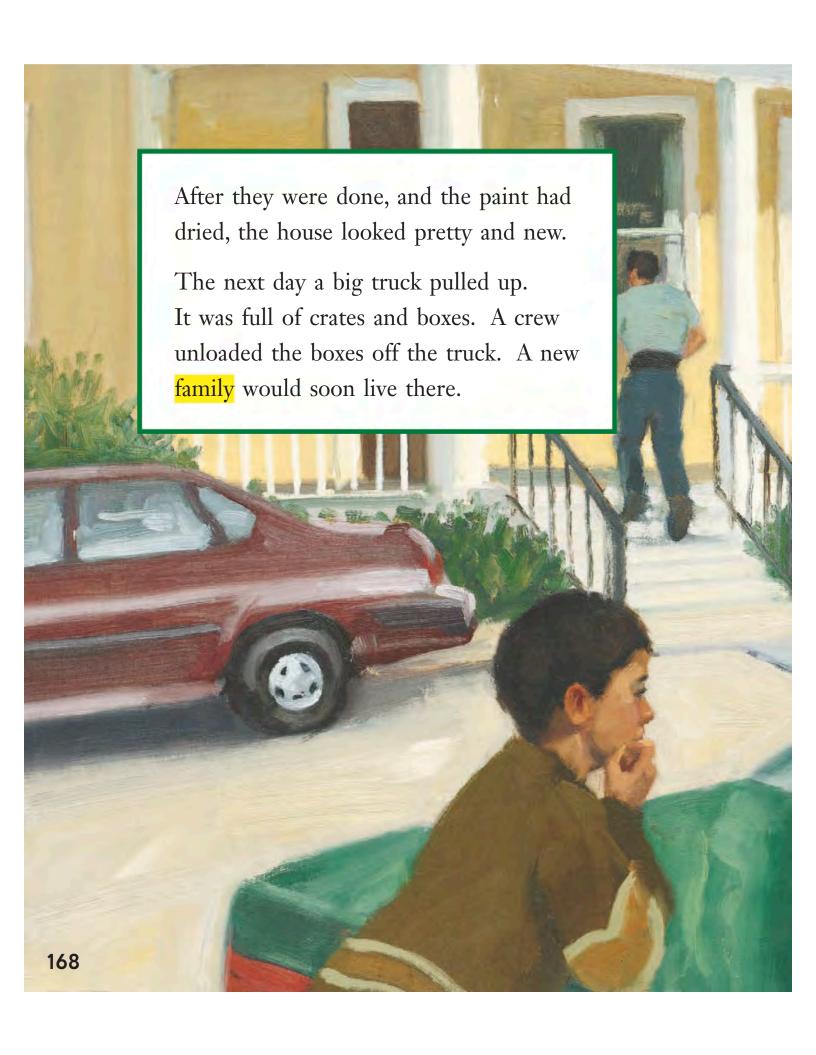
Ed Martinez

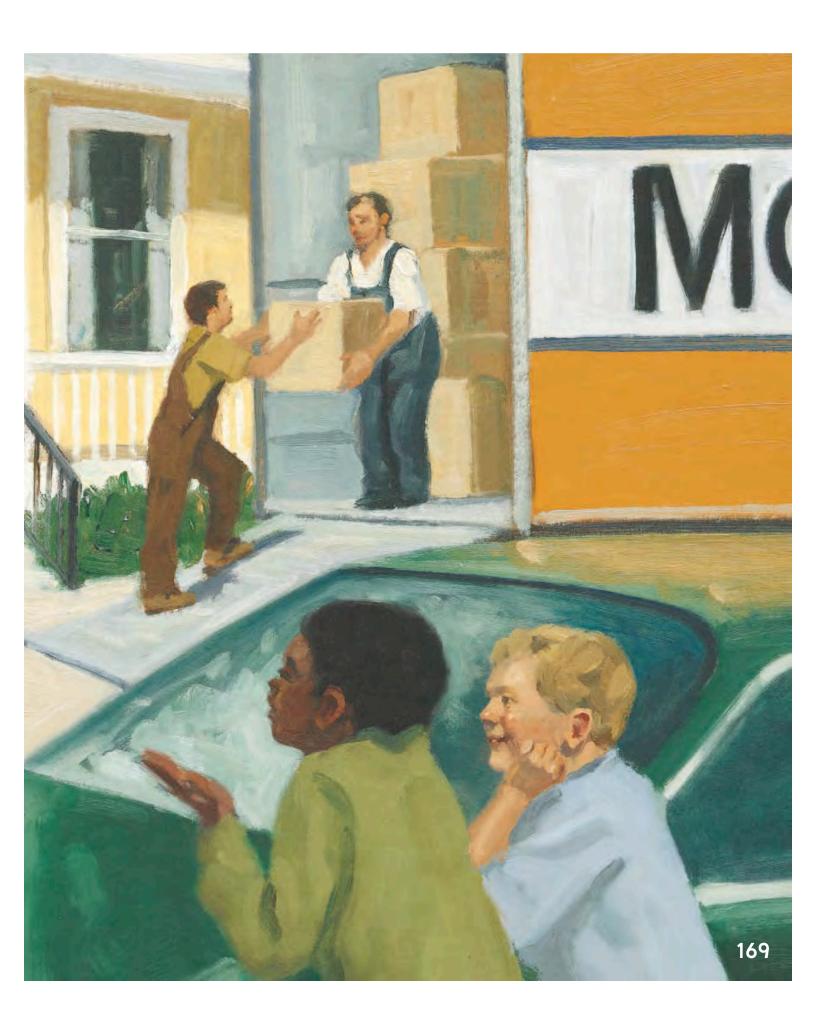
Ed Martinez grew up with a painter in the family. His father was an artist! As a boy, Mr. Martinez got started by drawing horses. Now he draws pictures for magazines and books.



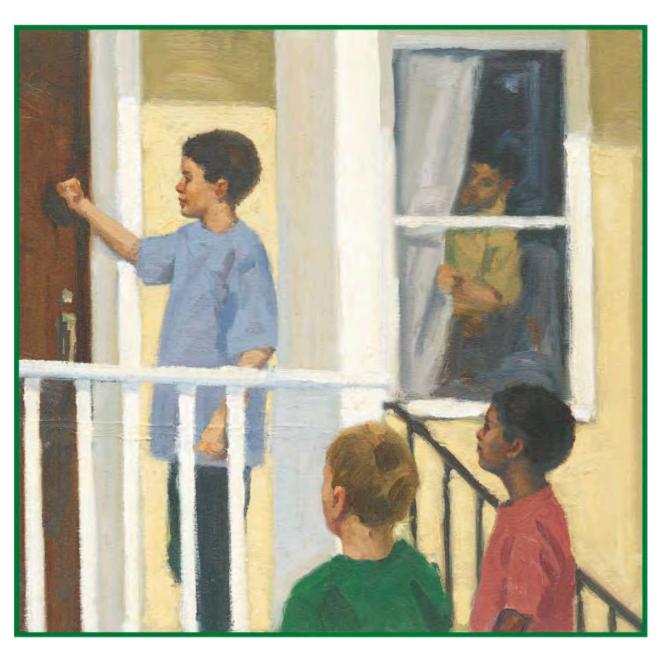




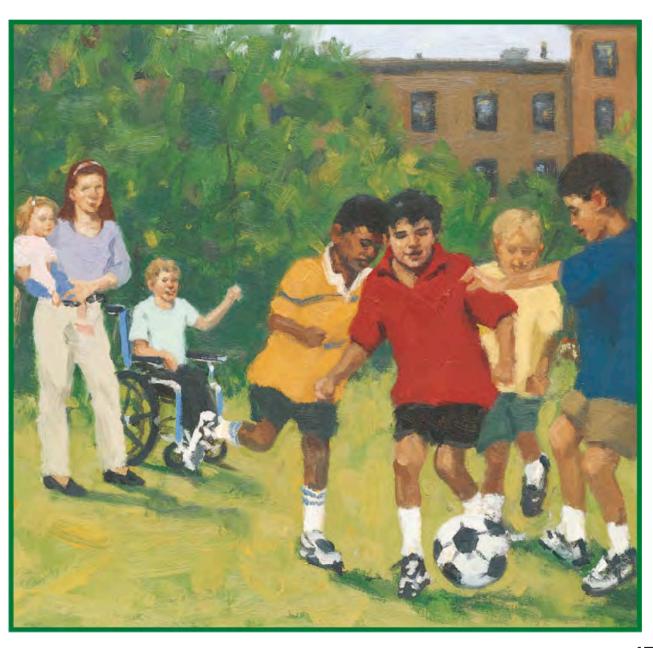


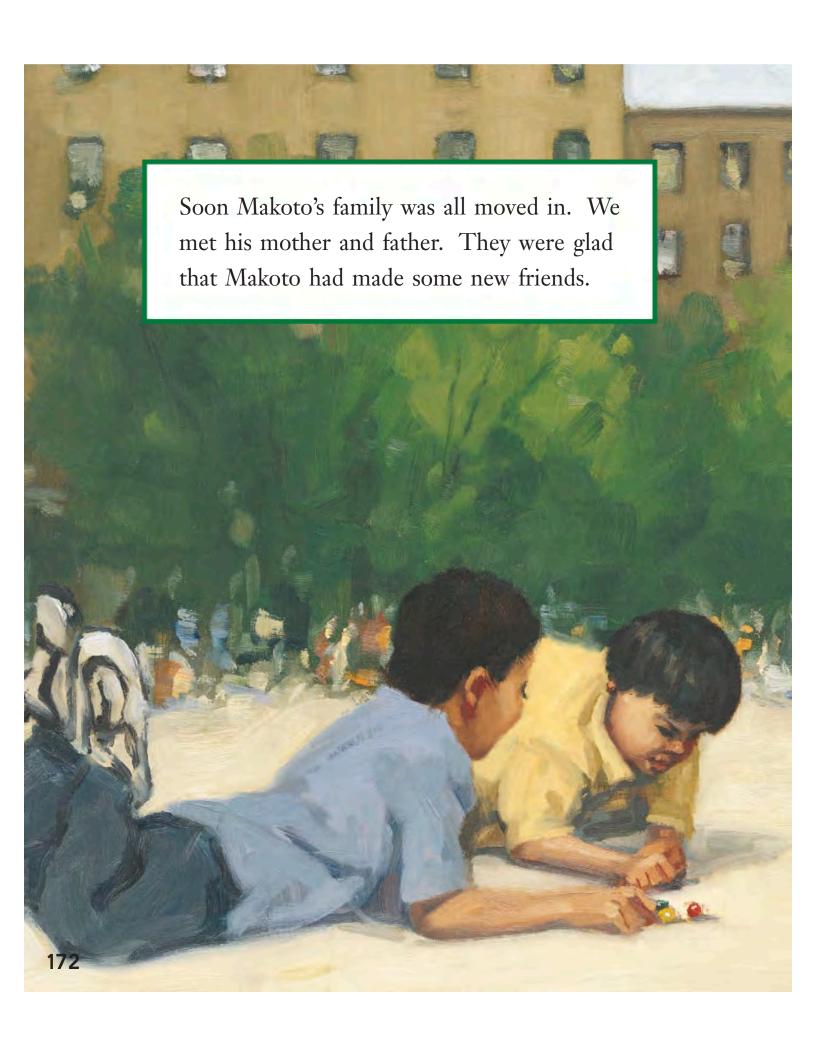


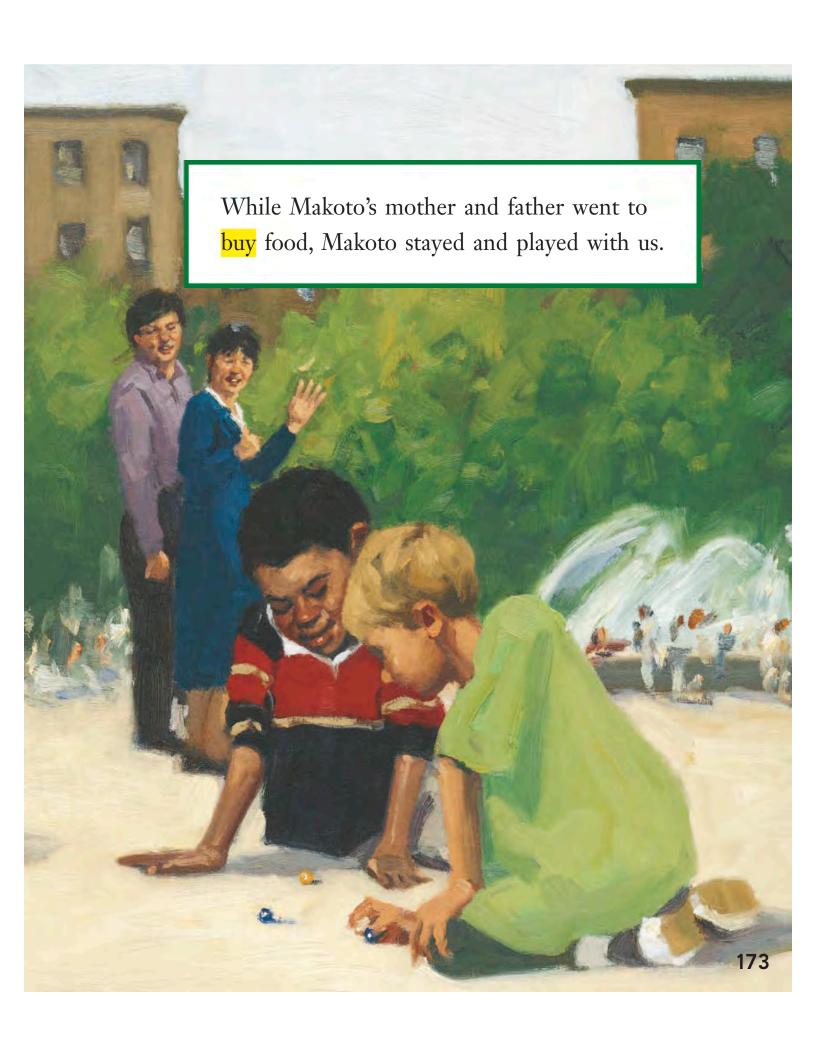
Today Luis went over to the house next door. He met a boy called Makoto. Then we all met Makoto. Makoto was seven years old—just like us.



Before long, we found out that Makoto played soccer. He could keep running and running. He was good at learning things, too. He learned all of our names by the end of the game.

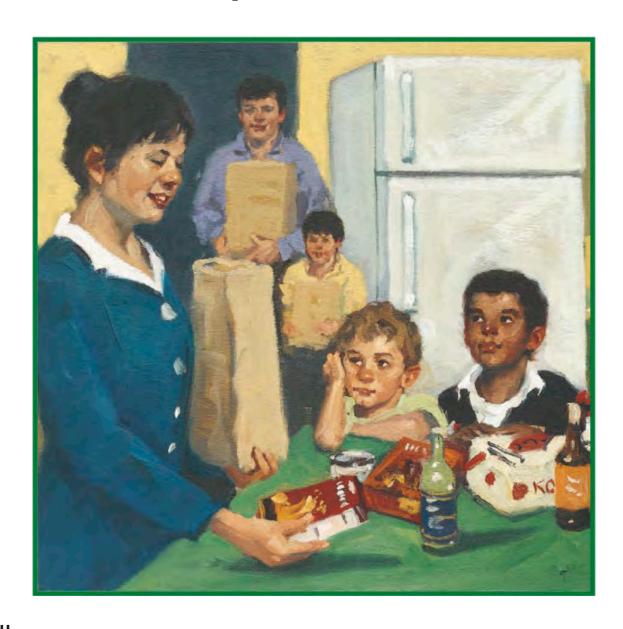




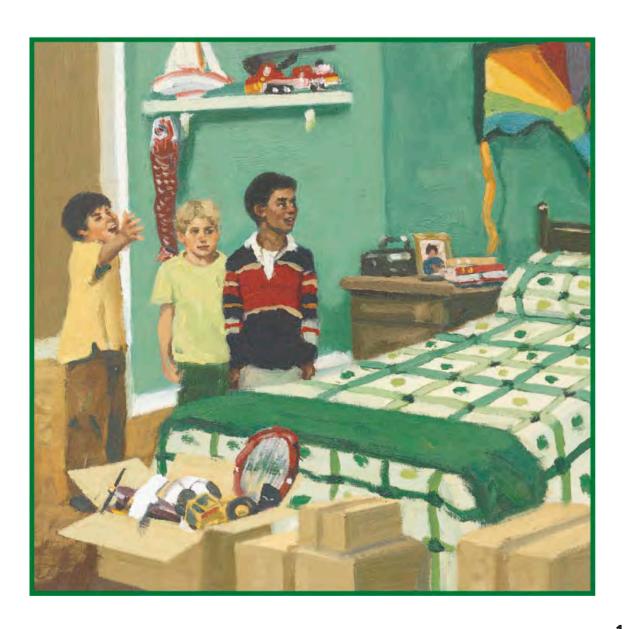


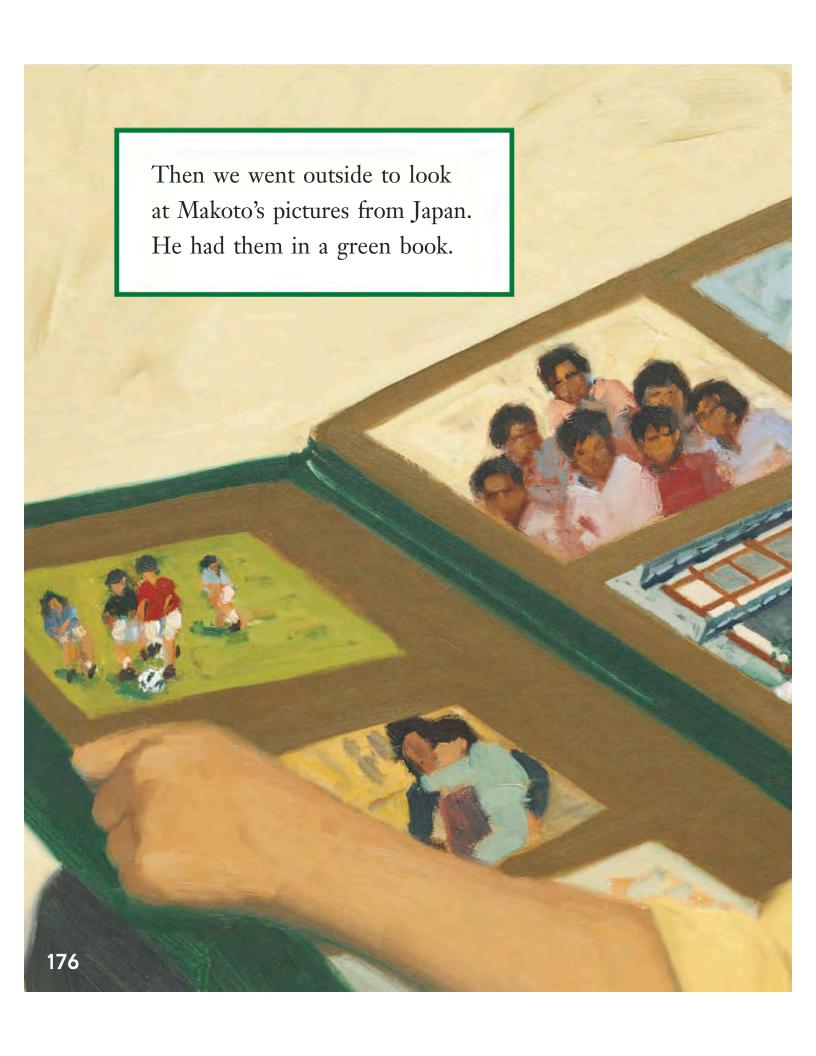
When Makoto's mother and father rejoined us, Martin, Makoto, and I helped them carry the bags into the house.

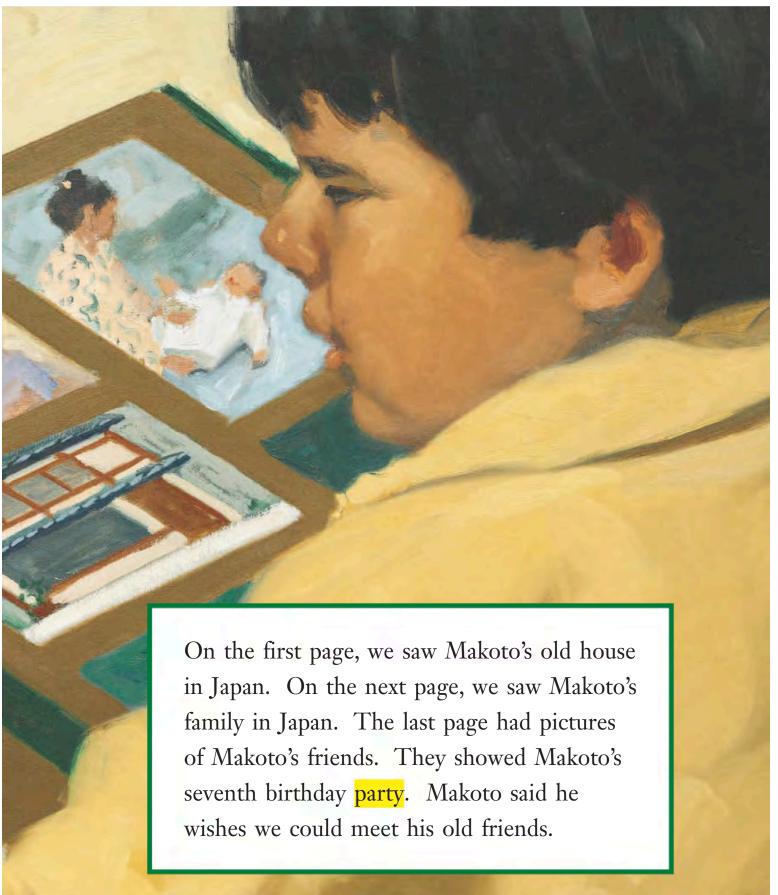
Makoto said he would show us around his house. Then we went up to look at Makoto's room.



Makoto still had a lot of boxes to unpack. He had some nice toys and kites. He said that on the next windy day, we could bring his kites outside and fly them. He said I could fly a kite by myself.







At the end of the day, Makoto's mother and father repaid us for helping—with cookies!

We said "please" and "thank you" and ate up.



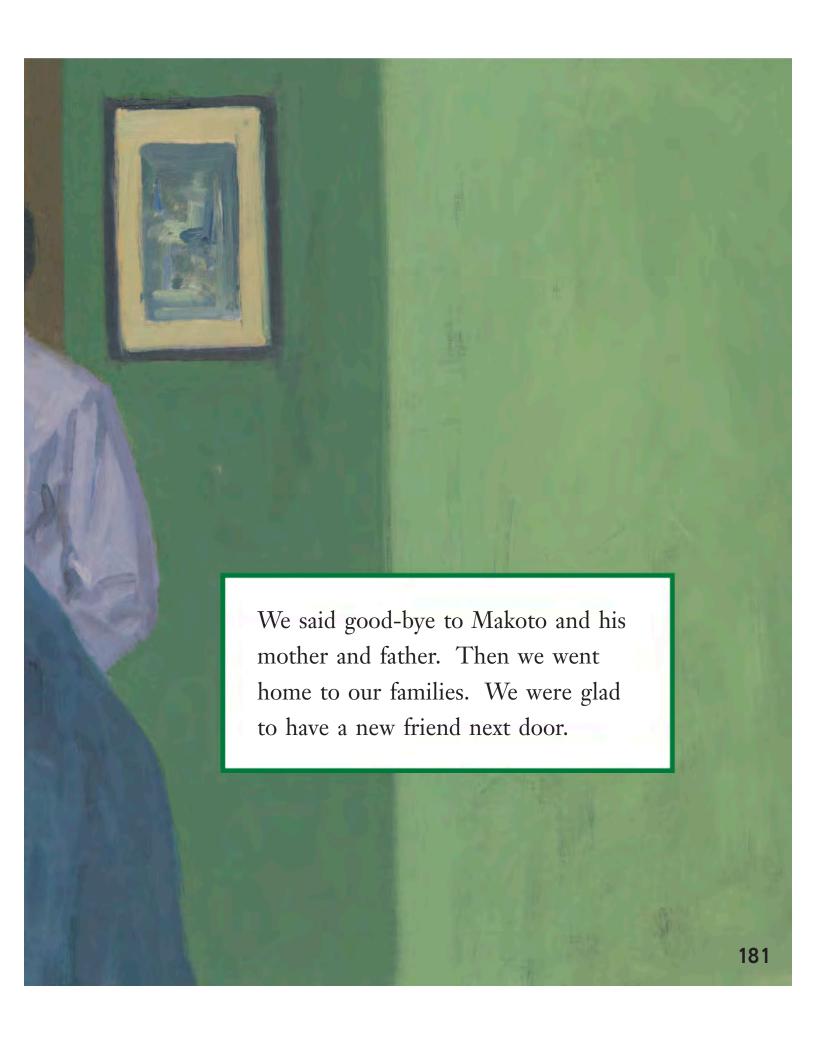
Makoto's father said he had a new job in the city. Makoto would be going to our school. We were all glad about that!

ANALYZE THE TEXT

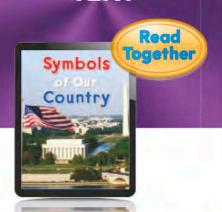
Understanding Characters
What are Makoto's parents
like? Use text evidence and
the pictures.







Lesson 25 INFORMATIONAL TEXT



Symbols of Our Country

by Agatha Jane

GENRE

Informational text gives facts about a topic. It can be a newspaper, magazine, or textbook. Read

to find facts about symbols of our country.

TEXT FOCUS

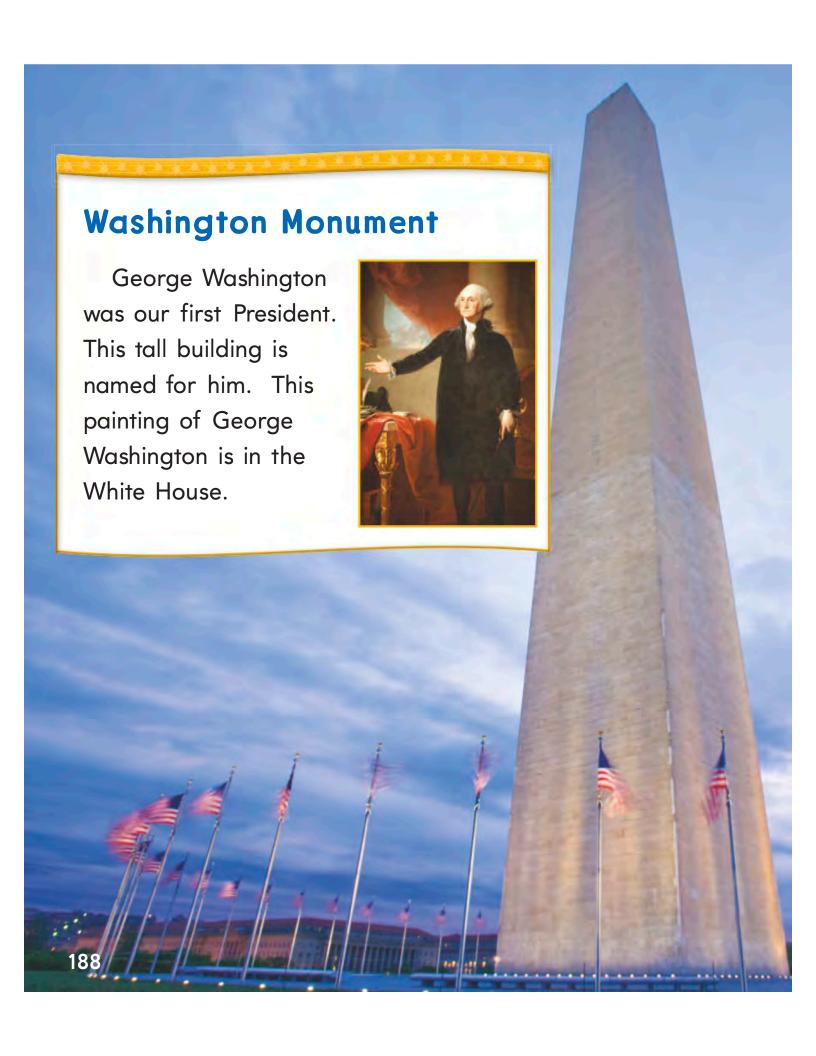
Headings are titles for different parts of a selection. They tell what the section is about. What headings do you see in this selection? What information do they give?

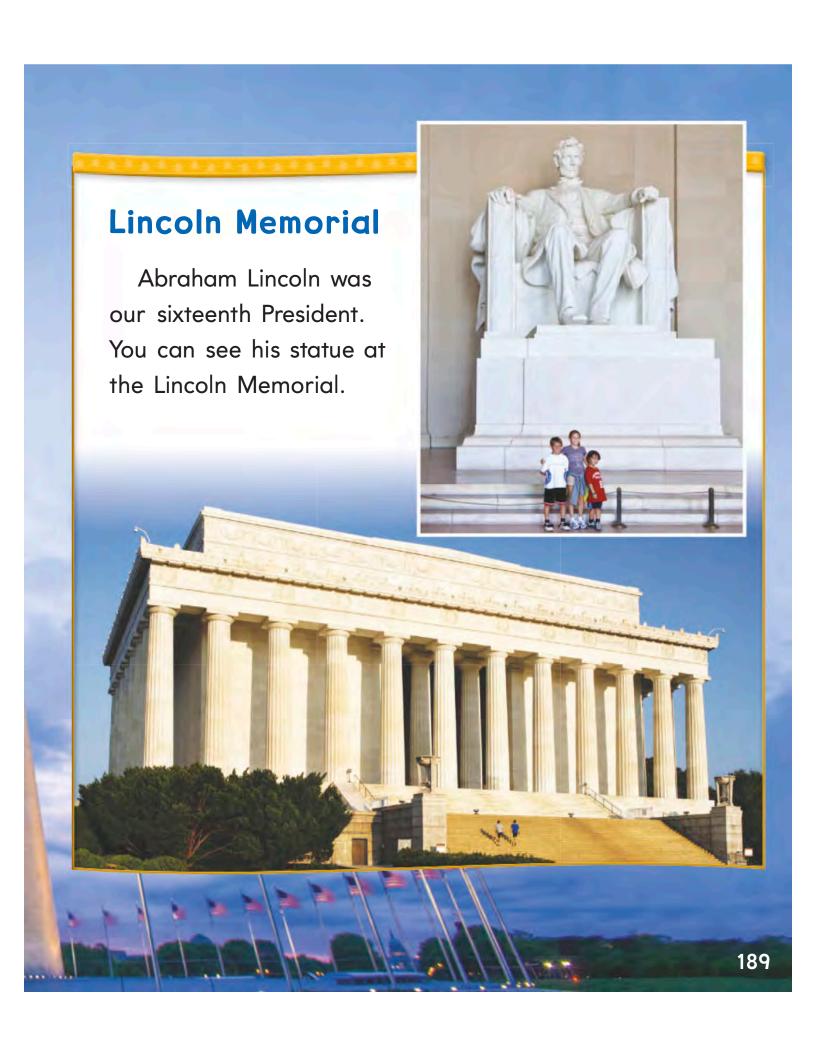


RI.1.5 know and use text features to locate facts or information; RI.1.10 read informational texts

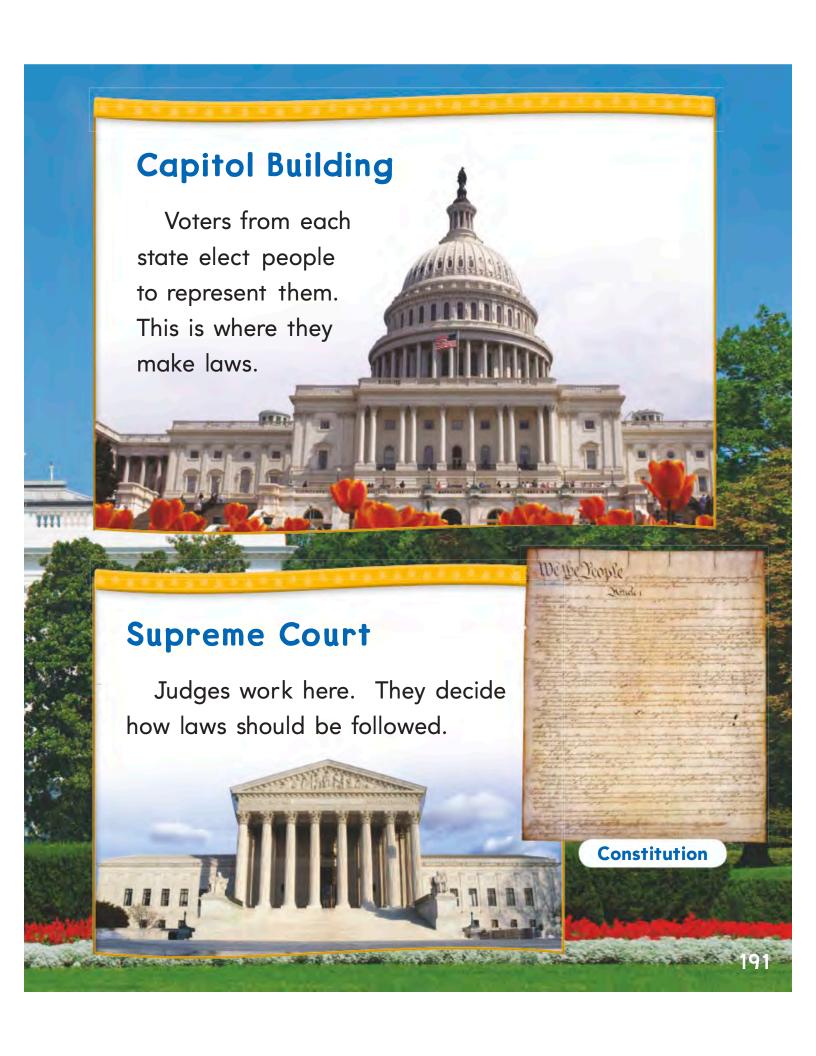
Go Digital We live in the United
States of America. This
city is Washington, D.C. It
is the capital of the United
States. You can see and
learn a lot here. Let's go!

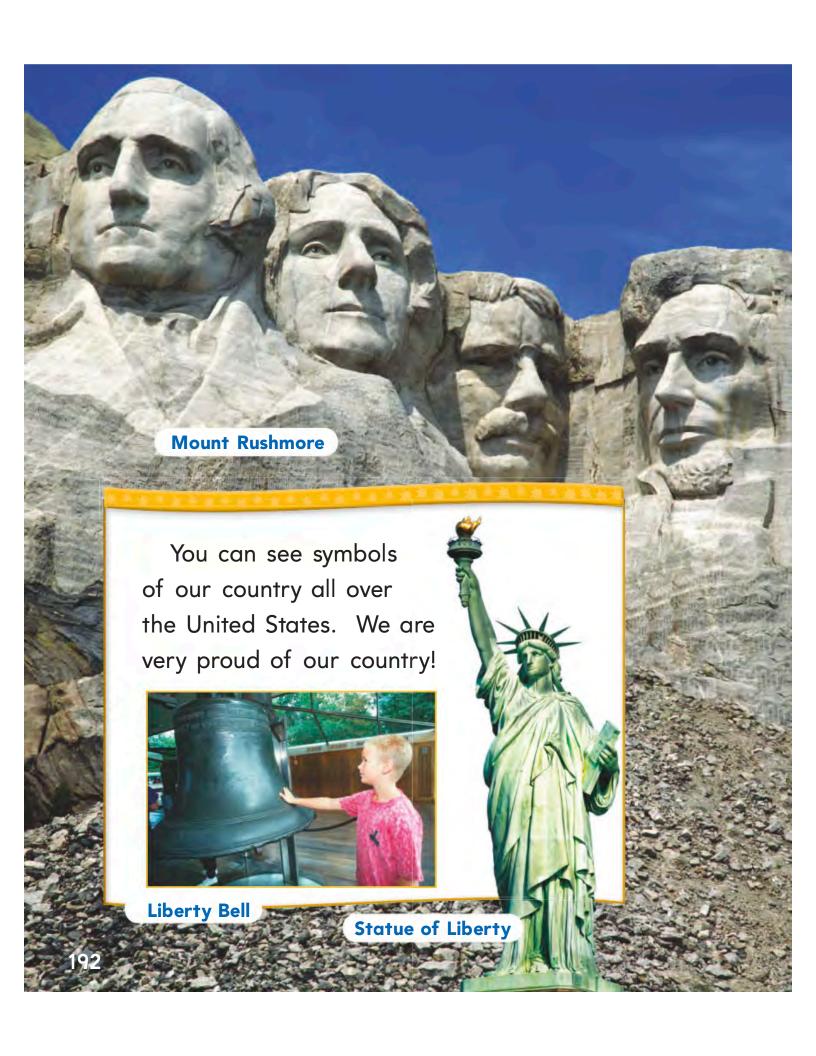














Grammar





Contractions A contraction is a short way of writing two words. This mark (') takes the place of missing letters. It is called an apostrophe.



It is a very big truck!
It's a very big truck!

He is helping his dad. **He's** helping his dad.

This box **is not** too heavy. This box **isn't** too heavy.

I **do not** know what is in it.

I **don't** know what is in it.



Read each sentence. Write the contraction for the underlined words. Use another sheet of paper.



- 1. I am happy to meet a new friend.
- 2. Today he is moving next door.
- 3. Jamal is not finished unpacking.
- 4. I do not know what games he likes.
- 5. His toys are not on the shelves yet.



Grammar in Writing

When you proofread your writing, be sure you have written contractions correctly.