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A friend for all seasons

Pre-reading questions

Can you name these seasons?

1. It is icy cold and you must wear warm clothes.
2. It is hot. You can swim and play outside.
3. The trees have new green leaves. Some have blossoms and flowers.
4. Leaves change to orange and fall from trees.

New words

slip slops – I wore slip slops on my feet.

heat – I thought I would melt in the heat.

crown of leaves – The woman wore a crown of leaves on her head.

treasure – Friends treasure their time together.

fragrance – The fragrance of the flowers scented the air.

season – My favourite season is spring because of all the blossoms.

fear – Sindi felt safe at home with no fear.

Summer



Autumn



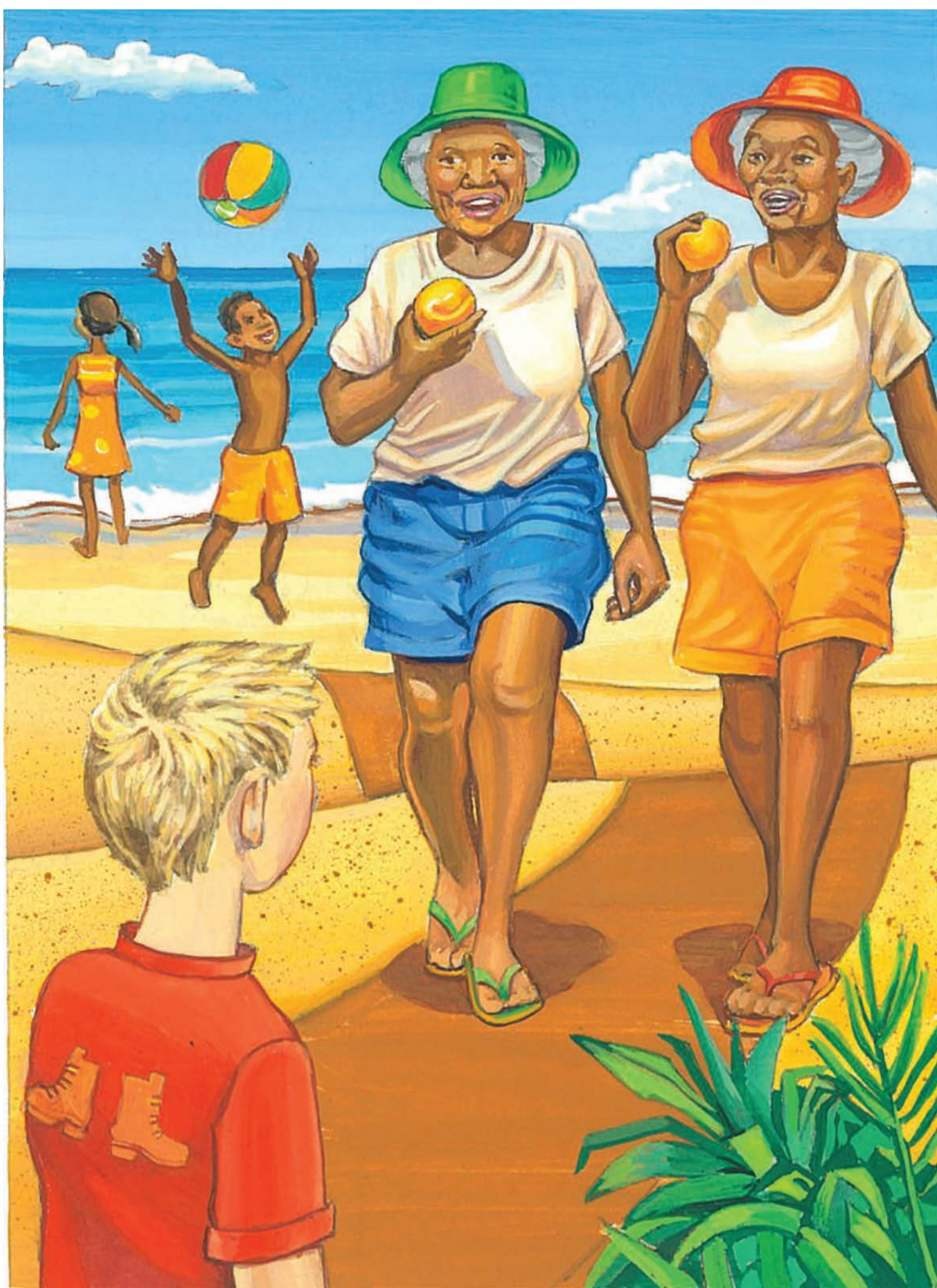
Winter



Spring



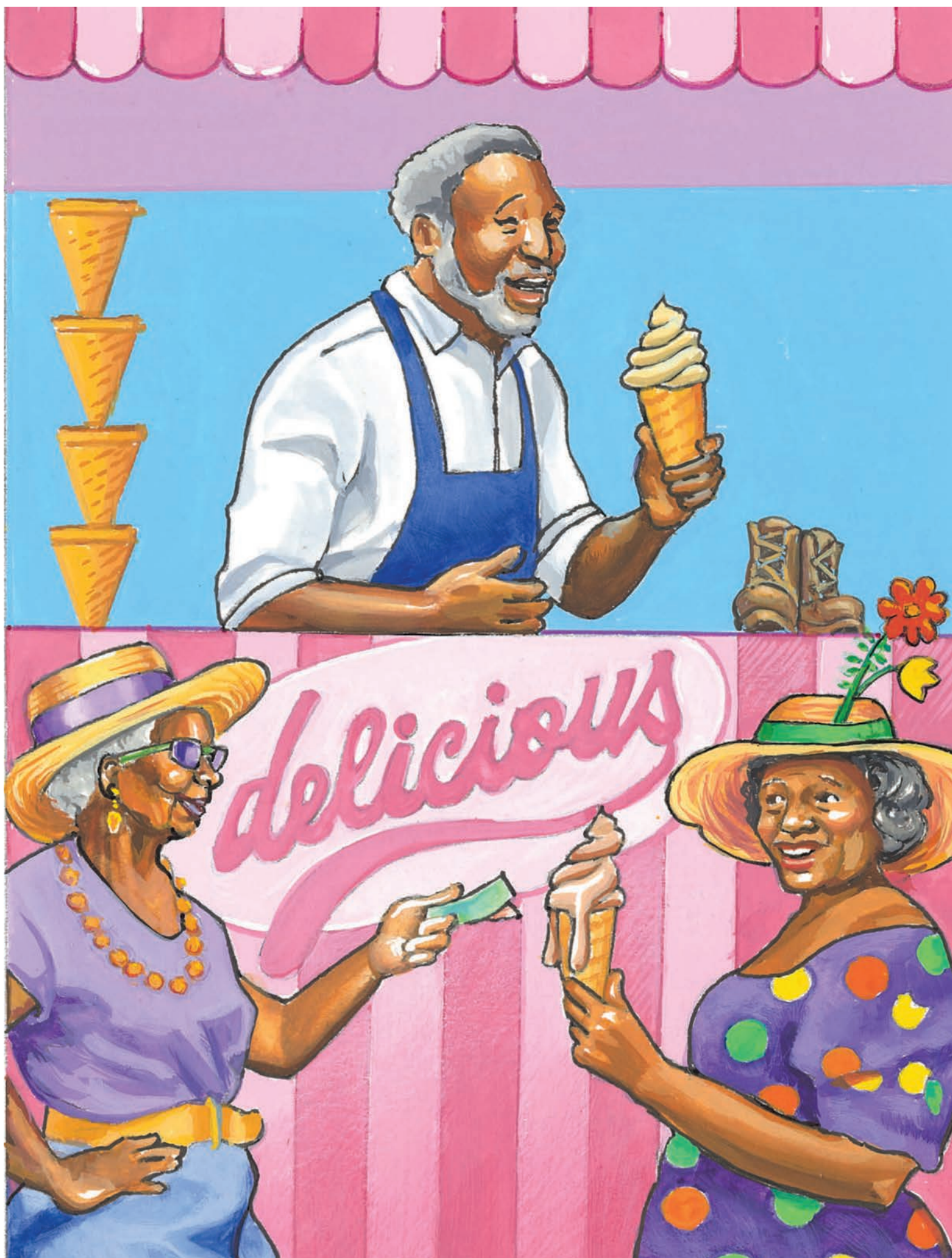
It was a sunny day in summer.
I was walking to the beach.
I met two new friends along the way.
Both wore shorts and ate a peach.



They smiled and said “Good morning.”
I said, “Good morning to you, too!”
They told me they’d been friends forever
and now they were seventy-two!



Each wore a brightly coloured hat and slip slops on their feet.
They were going to buy an ice cream to enjoy outside in the heat.



It was autumn on a windy day when my two friends came again. They were dressed in orange, brown and green with crowns of leaves, like a queen.



They came once more in winter when it was icy cold.

They were dressed in many clothes and coats with scarves around their throats.



They said they didn't like the cold but it wouldn't last forever.

They were looking forward to warmer weather.

Spring they would treasure.



The last time I saw them was in spring.
They wore flowers on their dresses and
in their hair.

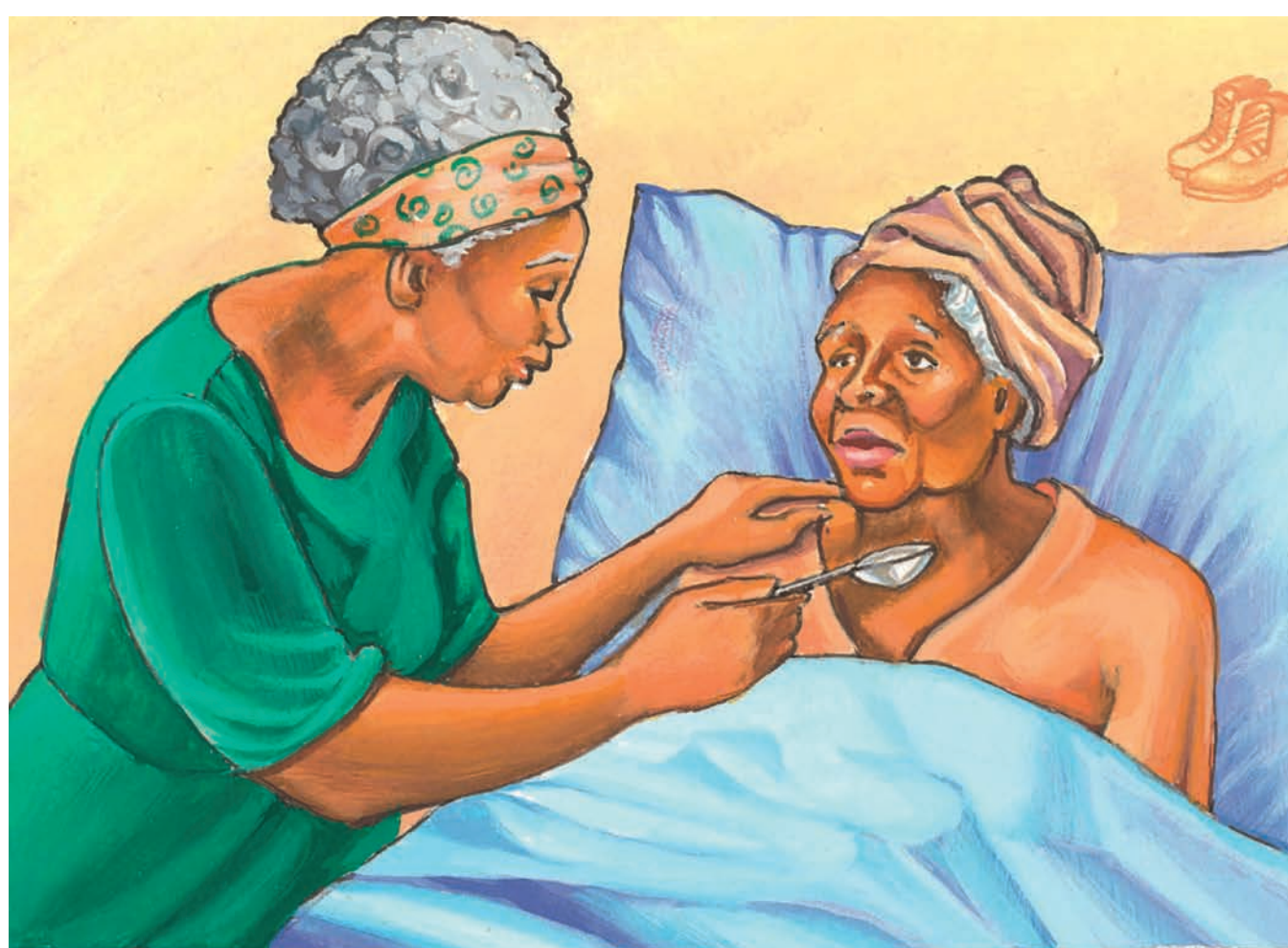
The sweet flower fragrance filled their
noses and they themselves smelled like
the scent of many roses!



They told me they were friends for every season of the year.



They looked after each other from winter to summer and never had to fear being lonely or sad – they had each other in good times and in bad.



When dear friends are always near they are very good friends – that is clear.



Post-reading questions

1. Who are the two friends?
2. What do they enjoy doing?
3. What season do you think the two friends liked most? Why?
4. Are you surprised that the boy enjoys being with the two older women? Explain your answer.