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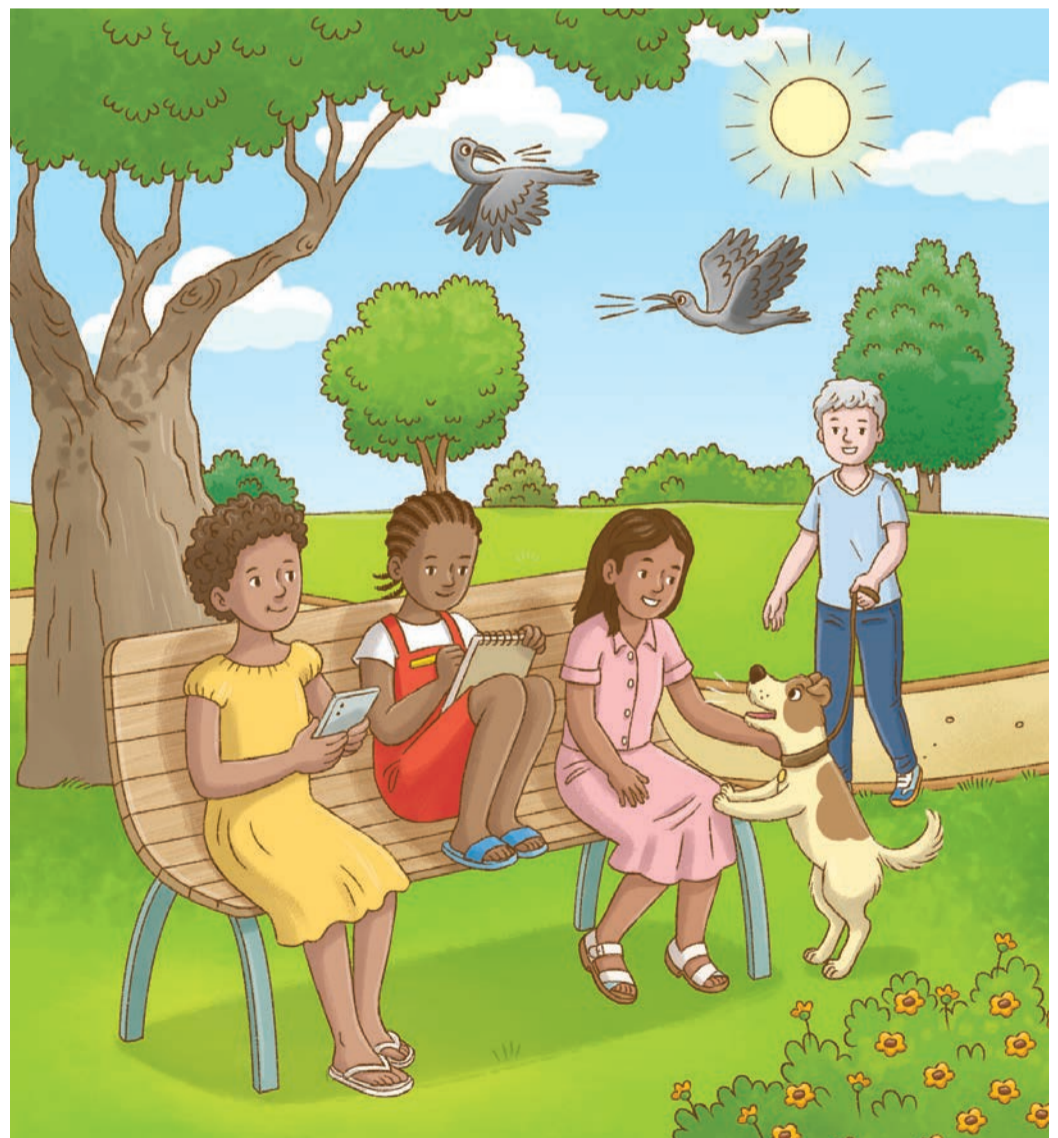
Pre-reading questions

1. What is communication?
2. In what ways can we communicate?
3. How do you like to share information?

People share information.
We use words, actions and pictures.

Talking

We speak to friends, family and even pets. Words help us share our thoughts, ideas and feelings.



Listening

We must also listen. We listen so that we can understand others. When we listen, it shows that we care.



Reading, writing and drawing

We read and write letters, notes and messages.

Writing helps us share news and ideas. We can draw pictures to show how we feel.

Pictures can tell stories. They give us information too.



How do you show someone you are happy to see them?

Actions

Actions also give us information.

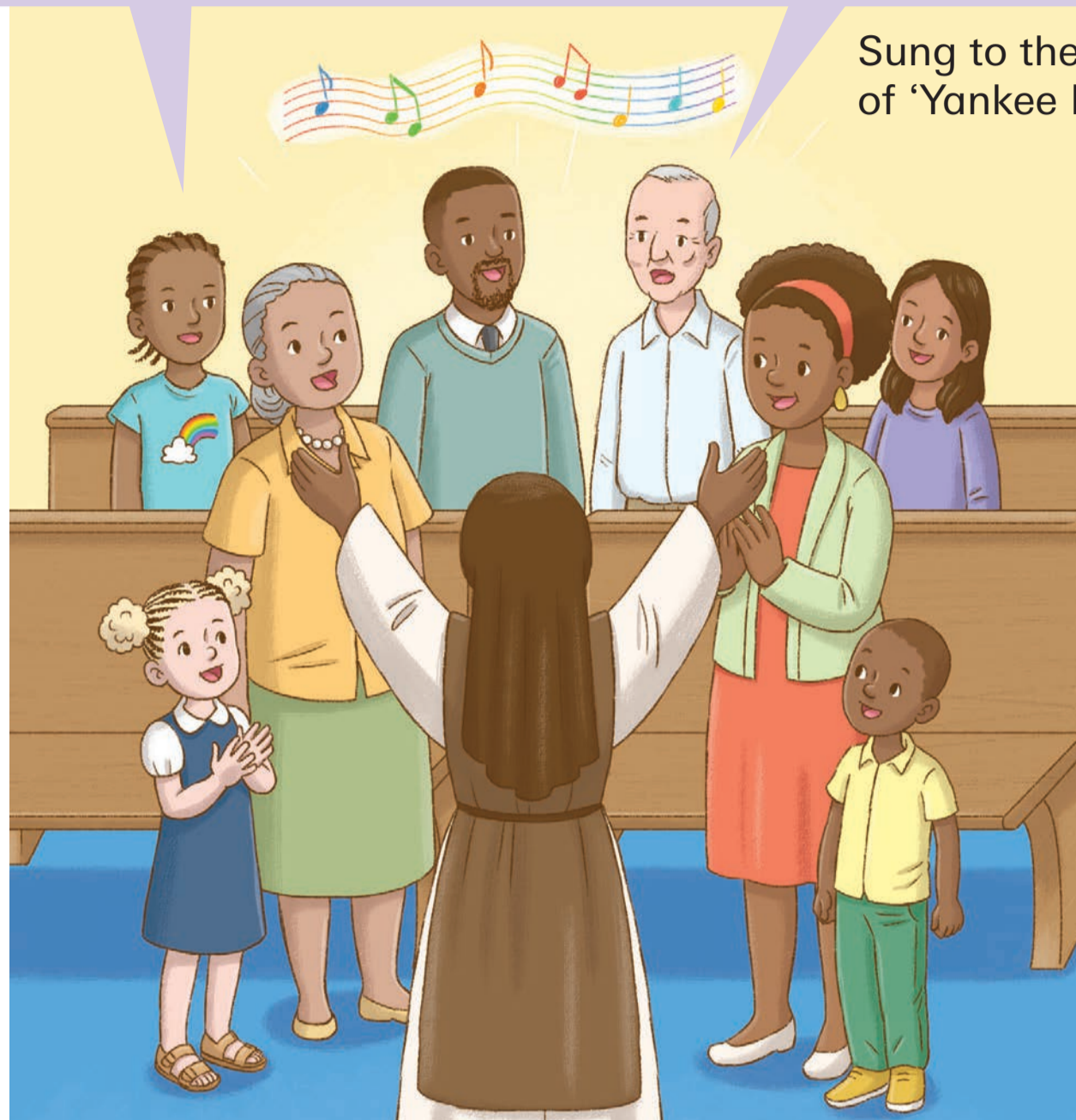
You can wave, nod your head or shake your head.

You can show happiness with a smile, or sadness with a frown.

When you use your body to give information, it is called body language.

Crossed arms might mean that you are angry. Open arms show people that they can come to you.

We're thankful for the love we share,
Grateful every day.
Joyful hearts and happy songs,
Brighten up our way.



Sung to the tune
of 'Yankee Doodle'.

Singing and dancing

Songs and music give us information and bring people together.

We sing songs at celebrations, birthdays and funerals.

We can also dance to show joy and happiness.

Some dances tell stories.

Some dances have special meanings.

Other ways to share information



We use computers, laptops and tablets to share information.

We can send emails to each other all over the world.

We use phones to speak to people even if they are far away.

We take photographs and videos and share them with friends and family.

Braille and sign language



People who are deaf use hand signs for words.

Everyone can learn sign language.

People who are blind read Braille.

Braille uses raised dots for letters.

People who are blind feel the dots to get information.

Languages in South Africa



In South Africa, we have many languages. We can say hello in many ways. It is important that we listen and understand each other. We must respect different ways of sharing information.

Post-reading questions

1. What is body language? Give an example.
2. Describe three ways you can communicate without speaking.
3. How can you share information with people overseas?

Talking and sharing

Pre-reading questions

1. How can we find out information?
2. How can we share information without talking?
3. Do you have family or friends that live far away? How do you share information with them?

People share information.
We share information in different ways.
We can use words and actions.



Long ago, people could not write.
They told stories about their lives.
People shared these stories.
This is how we learnt about the past.