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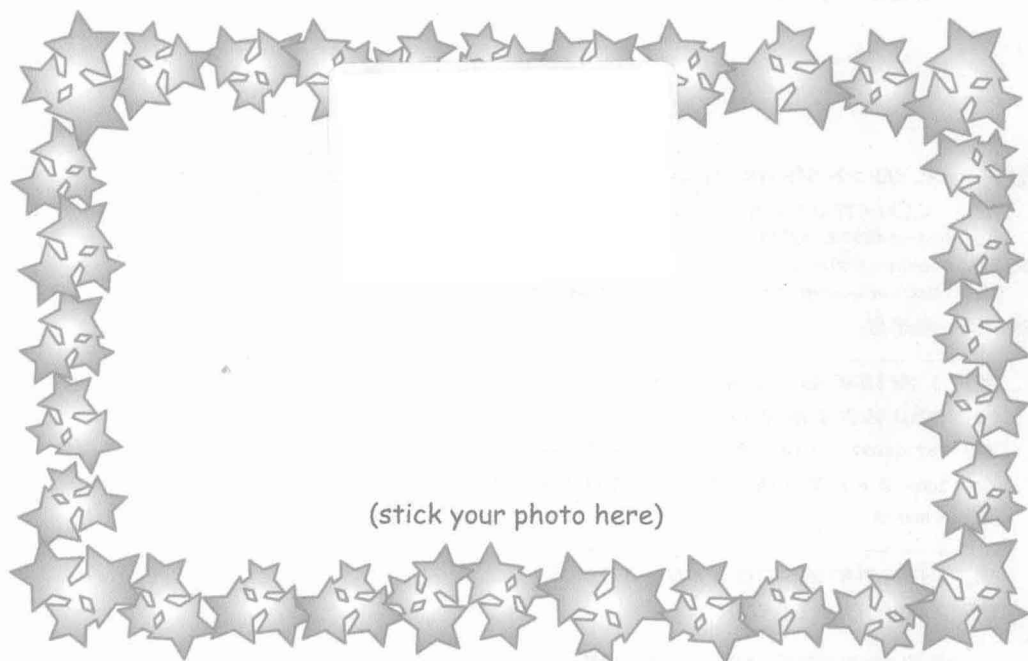
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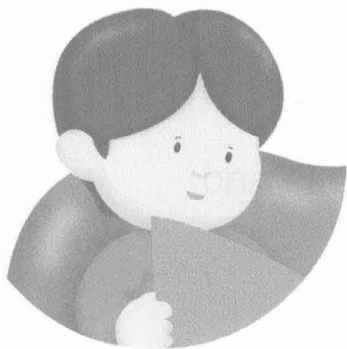
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出版前言



新世纪伊始，随着教育部的推动，《英语课程标准》的颁布，更是为顺应我国大步迈向世界的形势，小学英语教育在全国蓬勃地发展了起来。外教社在积极出版优质小学英语教材的同时，与朗文公司合作，采取中外专家联合编写的方式，精心策划制作，向全国小学生朋友们奉献阅读精品图书——《小学英语分级阅读》。

《小学英语分级阅读》从零起点开始，学生学完全套12册，阅读水平将达到《英语课程标准》三级的要求（小学6年级结束的要求为二级）。这套阅读教材遵循外语教学和儿童身心发展的双重规律，提供充满童趣的生活场景，全彩色设计，充分激发学生对英语学习的兴趣。课文是一个个文字简单易懂而情节精彩生动的小故事，每课配有形式多样的练习，书后提供课文译文与练习参考答案。

本套书以《英语课程标准》为指导，注重阅读能力培养，可作为独立的阅读教材，也可配合各主干教材使用，另外还可用作学生课堂表演的剧本。

本套书配有录音CD。



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PATCH PLAYS FOOTBALL





Bob, Steve, Frank and Jamie were best friends. They played together after school every day.

Bob was fast. He could run faster than everyone else. Steve was the strongest. He could carry the other boys on his back. Frank was the smartest. He could solve problems. He was the best at puzzles. Jamie was funny. He made people laugh. He was not fast, strong, or clever but, everybody liked him.

The boys hated girls.
The boys played tricks on girls every day. They stuck frogs down the backs of the girls' shirts. They pulled the girls' hair. They put the heads of the girls' dolls on backwards. They put the heads of the girls' dolls on backwards. They said to each other, 'Girls are the worst people in the whole world.'





The boys liked ice cream. Every day, the ice cream van came. When the boys saw the ice cream van, they quickly looked for money in their pockets and their bags and chased the van down the street. Their favourite flavour was lemon-strawberry-banana. They said to each other, 'Ice cream is the best food in the whole world.'



The boys loved football. They played football every day in the park on the banks of the Jade River. The whole park was their football pitch. The gates were the goals.

The park was the best place for a football game. They could run around trees and people. They could jump over benches and animals. The boys said to each other, 'Football is the best sport in the whole world.'





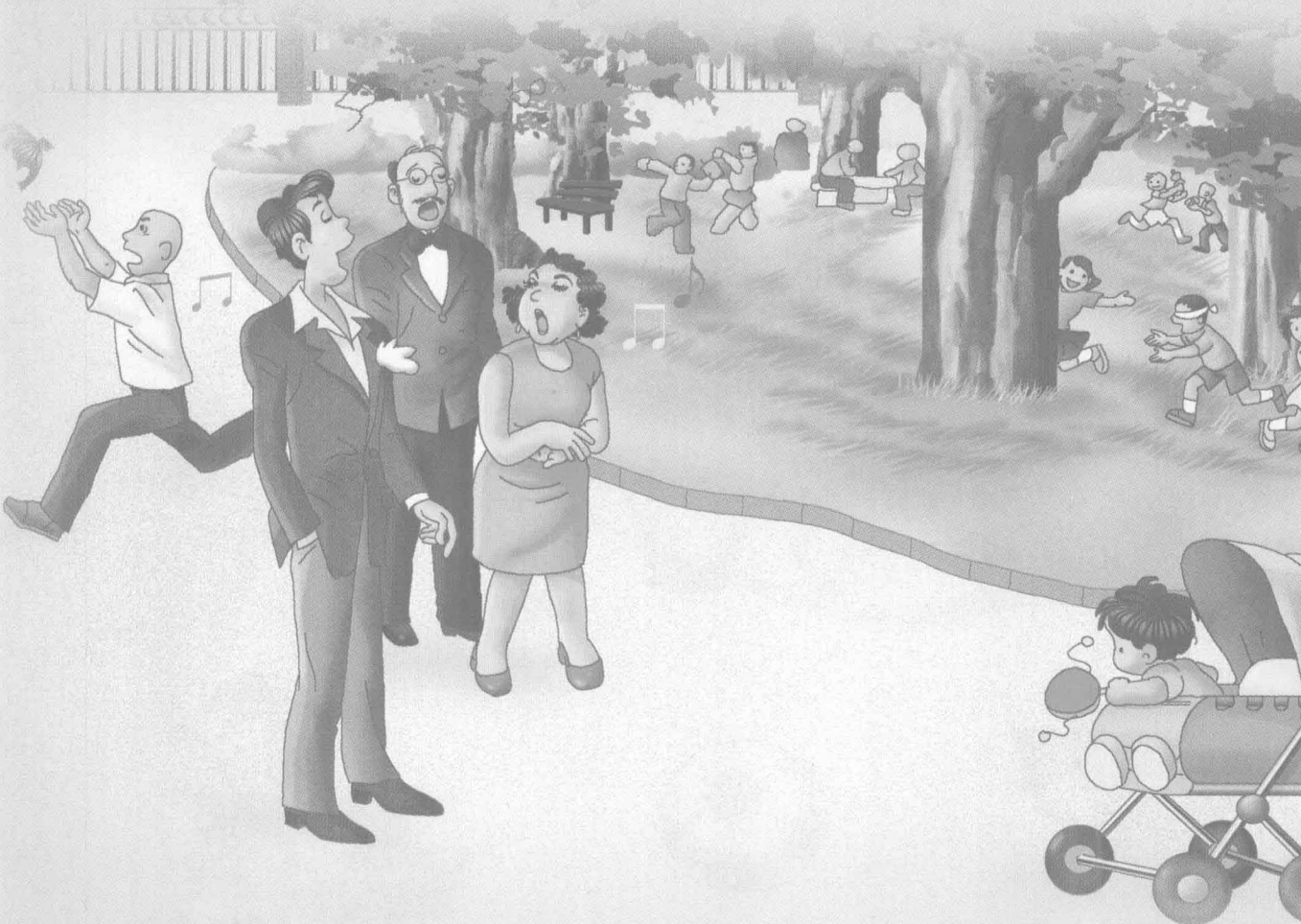
There were lots of animals in the park. There were squirrels, birds and cats. There were lots of dogs too. People brought their dogs to the park and let them run around.

Most people walked their dogs to the park on leashes. In the park, they untied the leashes so the dogs could run around. All the dogs liked the park. They chased each other. They chased the cats and the squirrels too.



Patch was the biggest dog in the park. His paws were bigger than the boys' hands. His eyes were brown. His ears were floppy. His fur was brown and white. He was a Saint Bernard.

Patch followed the boys everywhere. He licked ice cream off their fingers. He helped the boys play tricks on the girls. He chased things. He loved to chase the football.



The boys liked all the people in the park. Mothers and fathers pushed their babies in prams. Little boys and girls played tag. Old men played chess.

The boys' favourite people were the opera singers. The tallest singer was a very skinny man. He was the skinniest man in the town. The shortest singer was a fat lady. She was the loudest singer in the city.



The youngest singer was a bald man. He always wore a wig. The boys laughed at him because his wig always blew off.

The oldest singer was a postman. He was the saddest person in the park. He was never happy because the dogs always chased him.

The boys' favourite singer was a pretty lady. She was the prettiest lady in the town. Everybody loved her voice. When she sang, everybody stopped to listen.

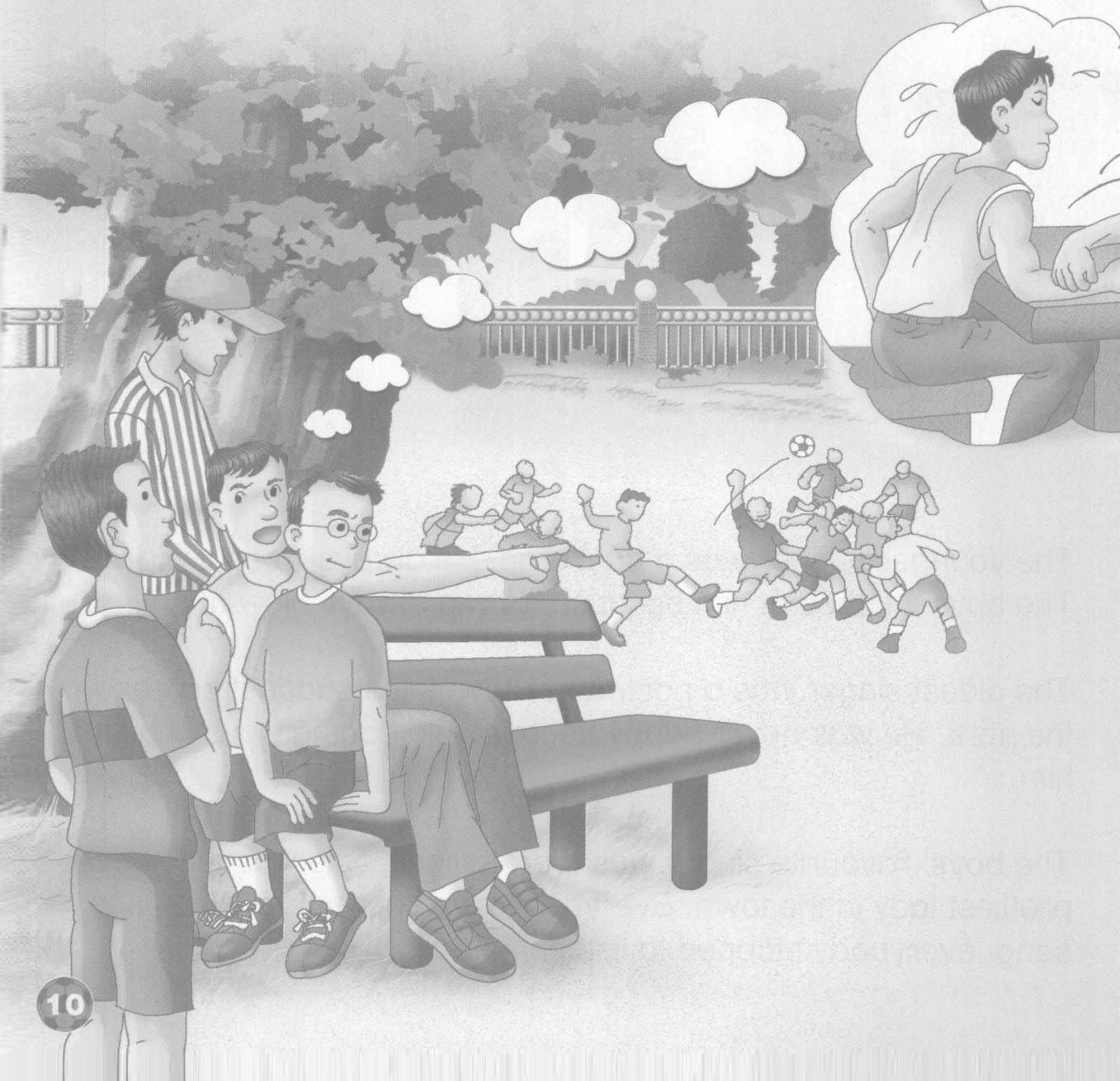
One day, the boys could not play football because some other boys were already playing in the park.

‘Let’s ask them for a match,’ Frank said.

‘Great idea,’ Bob said. ‘I’m faster than all of them.’

‘And I’m stronger than all of them,’ Steve said.

‘Oh, no,’ Jamie said. ‘We’ll never win. There are only four of us. There are ten of them!’





‘Let me think,’ Frank said. ‘Hmmm. Let’s ask the girls. They can play on our team, too.’

‘NO!!!!’ the other boys said.

‘Why not?’ Frank said. ‘Then we can win. Look, Susie likes make-up but she’s faster than Bob. Jenny brushes her hair too often but she’s stronger than Steve. Mary smells like perfume but she’s a lot smarter than me. And then there’s Jill. She loves dolls but she’s a great football player.’

‘OK!’ the boys said. ‘Let’s ask the girls.’