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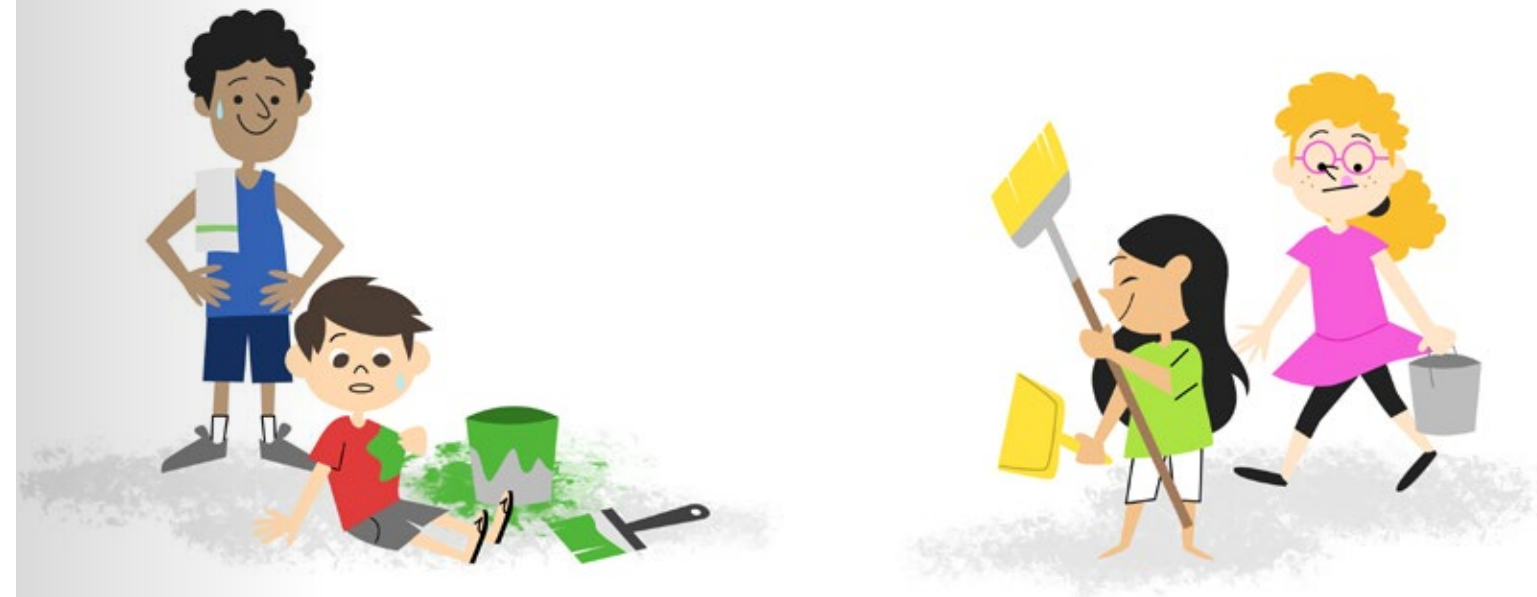


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On a sunny Saturday morning,

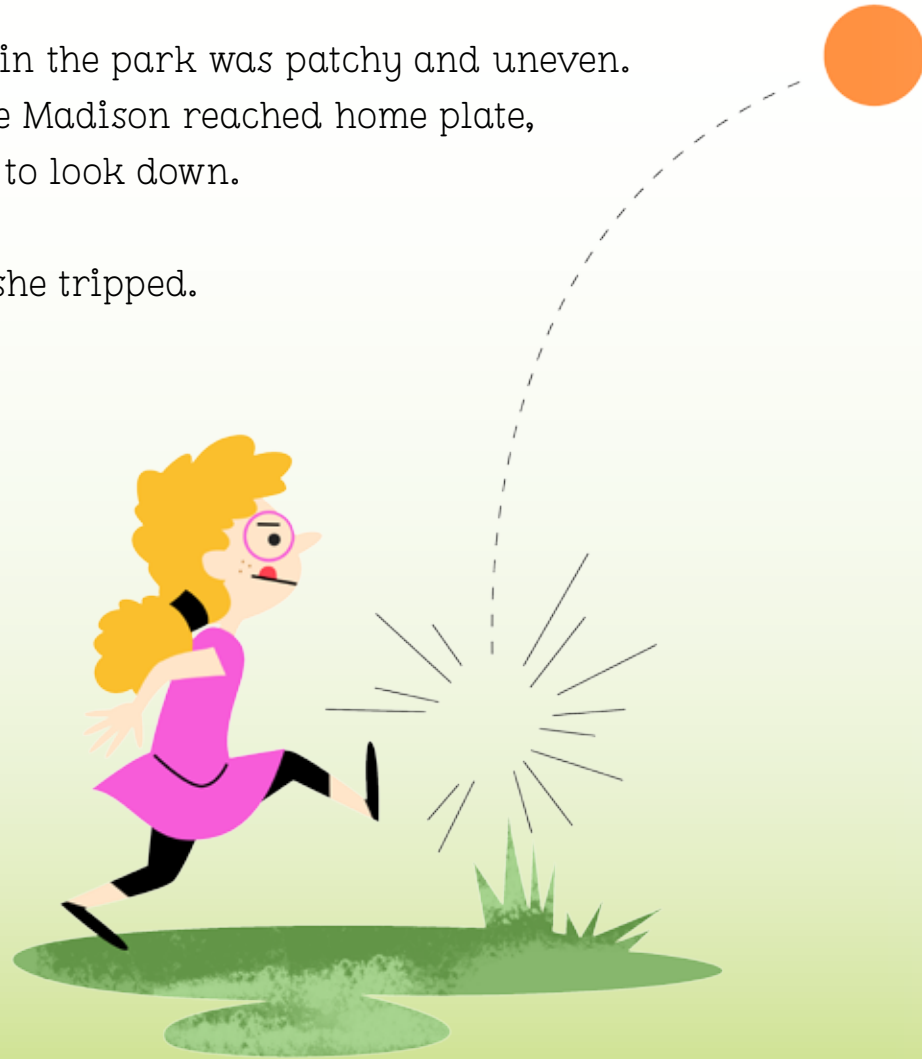
Madison, Aiden, Nick and Noelle met at their park to play some kickball. Madison is a great kicker and she got ready to go first.



Madison kicked the ball as hard as she could. Aiden was quick and caught the ball just before it rolled into the street.

The grass in the park was patchy and uneven. Just before Madison reached home plate, she forgot to look down.

And then she tripped.



“You’re out!” Nick called. Madison just shook her head and sat up.

**“Hey, you
hurt your knee,”**

Noelle said, kneeling next to her.

“Let’s go to the bathroom and clean you up.”



“These bathrooms are so yucky,”

said Madison. She crinkled her nose
looking at the graffiti on the wall.



“Yeah, I know.” said Noelle
as she tried to turn off a leaky sink faucet.



Their game of kickball continued until the sun was high up in the sky. Hot and worn out, they took a break under the last plumeria tree left in their park.

“This shade feels great.” said Nick

“Yeah,” Aiden agreed, “I just wish there was a little more of it.”

Suddenly, Nick’s stomach interrupted with a loud

rumble, rumble, rumble

Nick felt very hungry.

Aiden’s tummy was feeling empty, too.

“Hey, maybe my mom’s done making lunch now,” he said. “Are you guys ready to go?”

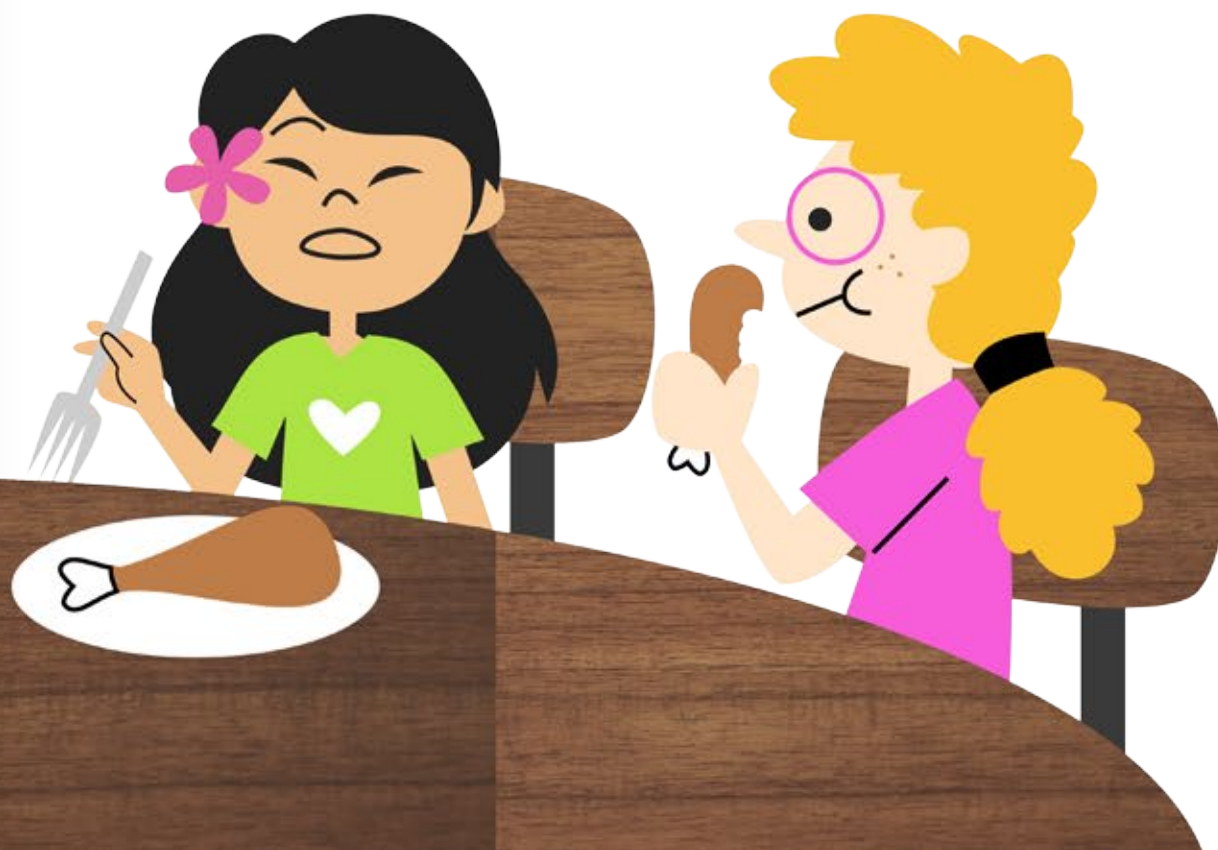
“Yeah!” the kids yelled and they all raced off to Aiden’s house.



As all four friends enjoyed slurping saimin and munching on fried chicken, Aiden's mom asked if they had fun at the park.

"Uh, huh," said Madison with her mouth full, "except when I tripped on the grass and hurt my knee."

"And, the bathrooms aren't very nice," Noelle added. "The paint is peeling and the faucets are leaky."



Aiden's dad looked up from his newspaper and said,
"Sounds like the park needs some fixing up."

Noelle's eyes got big and she stopped eating. Then, she stood up
and shouted, *"I've got an idea!"*



"My mom likes to paint!"

Maybe we can help paint the bathrooms at the park."





*"That's a great idea!"
said Aiden's dad.
"I'm a plumber, I can
fix a leaky faucet."*

*Then, Nick got excited.
"My dad put up a
fence at our house.
Maybe we can put
one around the park
so our ball doesn't
roll into the street."*



*"Oh!" added Madison,
"My mom owns a
gardening store. Maybe
we can plant some new
trees and grass!"*



*"Let's all pitch in to make our park nice again!" Noelle said and her
three friends nodded in agreement.*

*"I'll invite everyone's parents over and we can talk about it," said
Aiden's dad. The gang let out a loud cheer!*



When all the parents and kids had gathered in his garage, Aiden's dad welcomed everyone and then turned to Noelle.

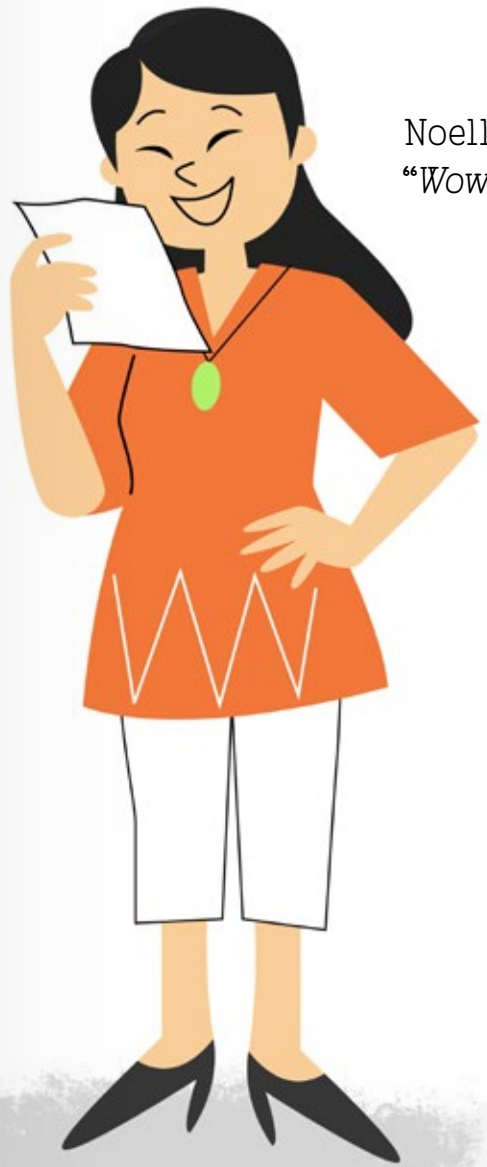
"Would you like to talk about your plan, now?"



"Sure," said Noelle.

"We made a list of all the things that need to be done at our park."

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- A cartoon illustration of a hand holding a piece of paper with a list of tasks. The list is written in a casual, handwritten style. The background is a soft, grey, cloud-like shape.
- 1) FIX LEAKY FAUCETS IN THE BATHROOMS
 - 2) PAINT THE BATHROOM WALLS
 - 3) BUILD A FENCE AROUND OUR PARK
 - 4) FIX THE UNEVEN PATCHES OF GRASS
 - 5) PLANT MORE TREES SO WE CAN SIT IN THE SHADE



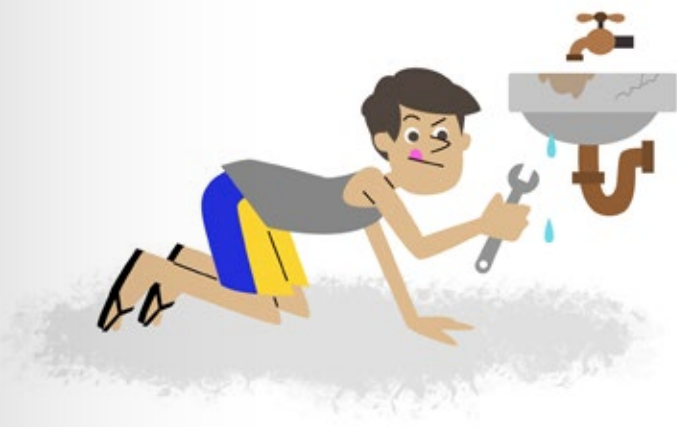
Noelle's mom looked over the list and said,
"Wow, there's a lot we'll need to do."

"Don't worry," Noelle said, "we can do
a lot if we all work together."



The garage filled with chatter as kids and parents
worked together on their plan. Everyone was
excited and at the end of the night, they all left
with a good feeling.



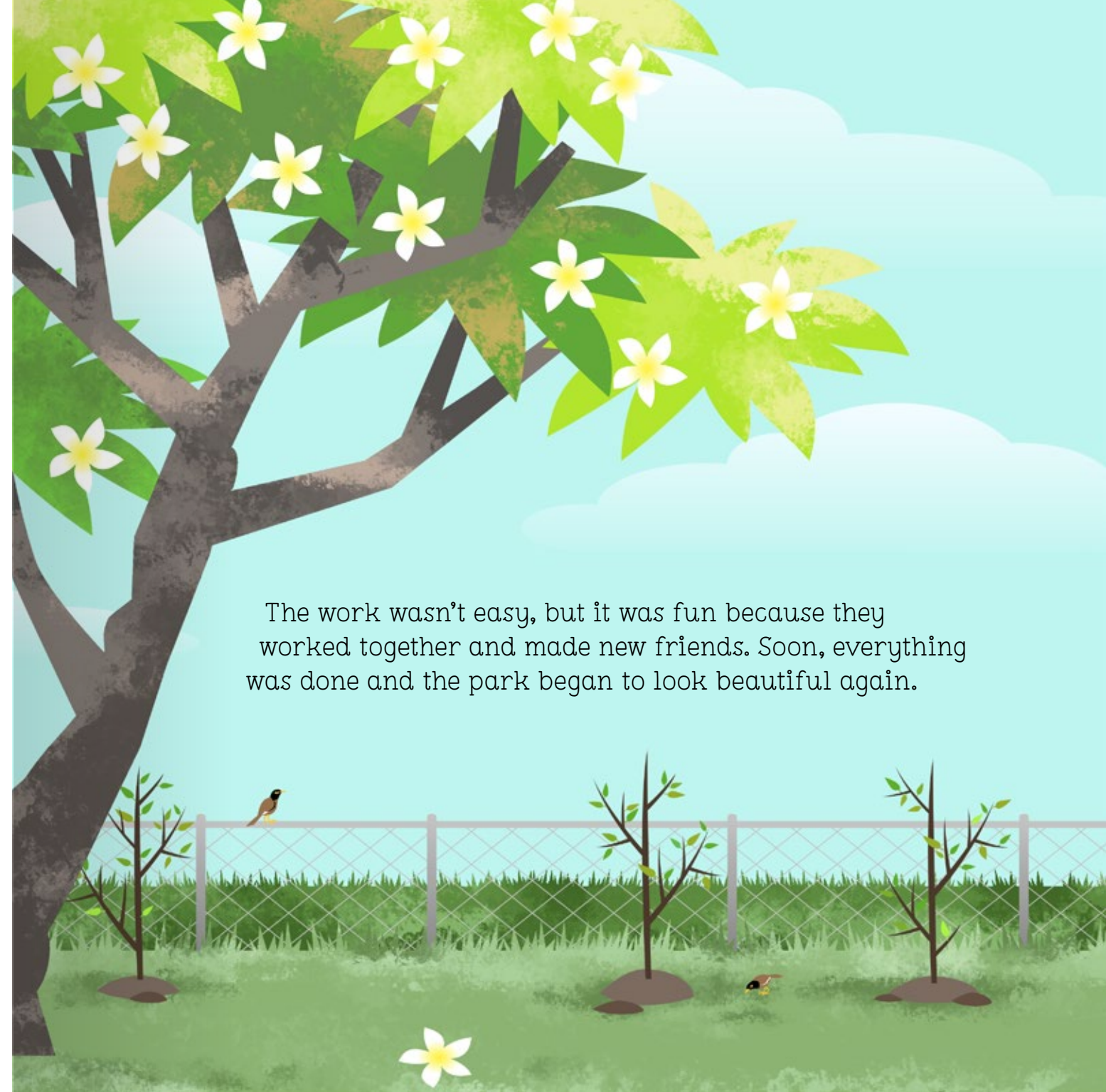


The families worked hard every weekend to fix up their park.

They fixed faucets and they painted walls.



They planted trees and grass, and they even built a fence around their park!



The work wasn't easy, but it was fun because they worked together and made new friends. Soon, everything was done and the park began to look beautiful again.

Then, on a sunny Saturday morning,
all the families met at their new park to have a picnic.



Nick's dad grilled some yummy
burgers and Noelle's mom passed
out her famous homemade butter
mochi. The kids quickly grabbed
some mochi and their kickball.
They were ready to play!



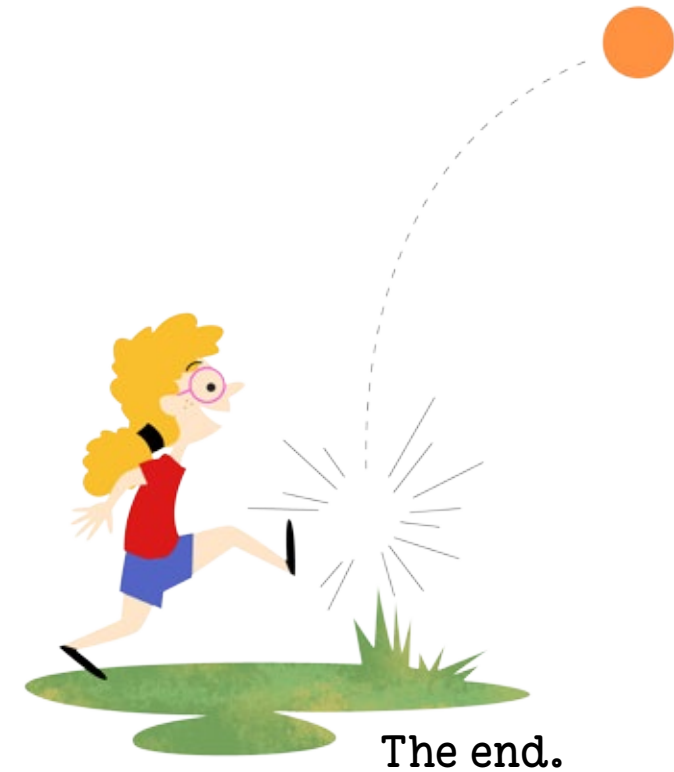
“I’m so proud of our kids.” said Madison’s mom.

Noelle’s mom nodded and answered, “Me, too. And our families got closer, working together to do the right thing for the community.”



“It’s all about people helping people.” said Nick’s dad. “That’s how good things happen.”

Suddenly, Madison’s dad got very excited and pointed to the field. Everyone looked and began to cheer. Madison made the first home run of the day!



Word Search

A	J	S	O	I	A	T	O	R	V	T	Y	P	F	I
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- Borrow Neighbors
- Contribute Save
- Help Share
- Family Support
- Loan Talk Story
- Members Together
- Money Tradition

Fill in the Blanks



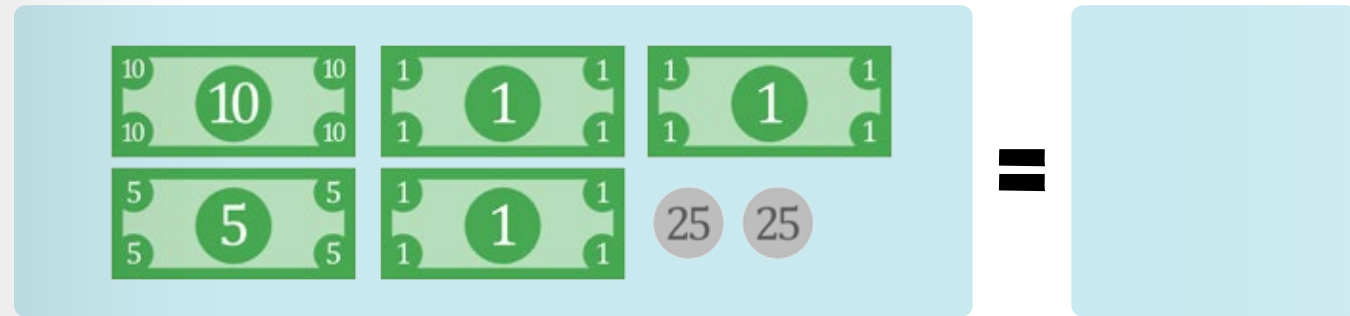
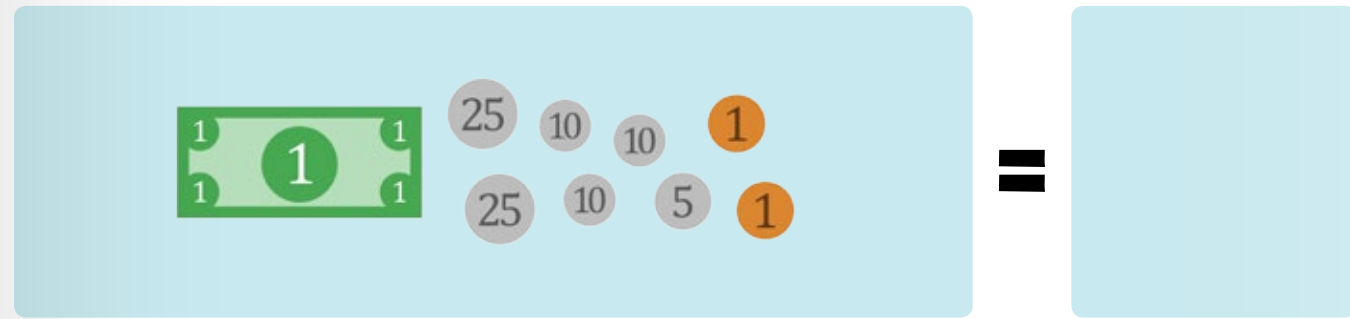
The neighborhood kids, Aiden, Nick, Madison, and Noelle were so happy with their new park. They wanted to have a BBQ with all the neighbors to celebrate!

Nick and his dad grilled _____ hot dogs, _____ hamburgers, and _____ corn on the cob. Madison and her mom made an ice cream bar with _____ flavored ice cream, _____ flavored syrup, and _____ sprinkles.

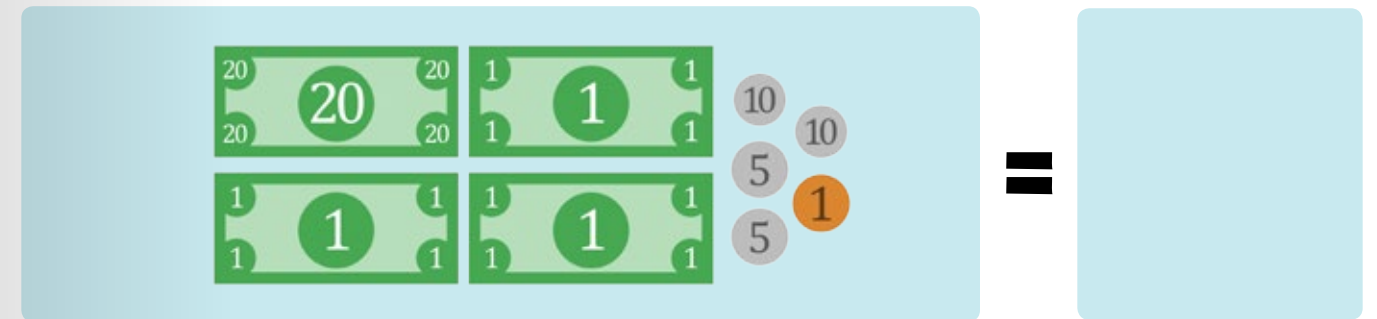
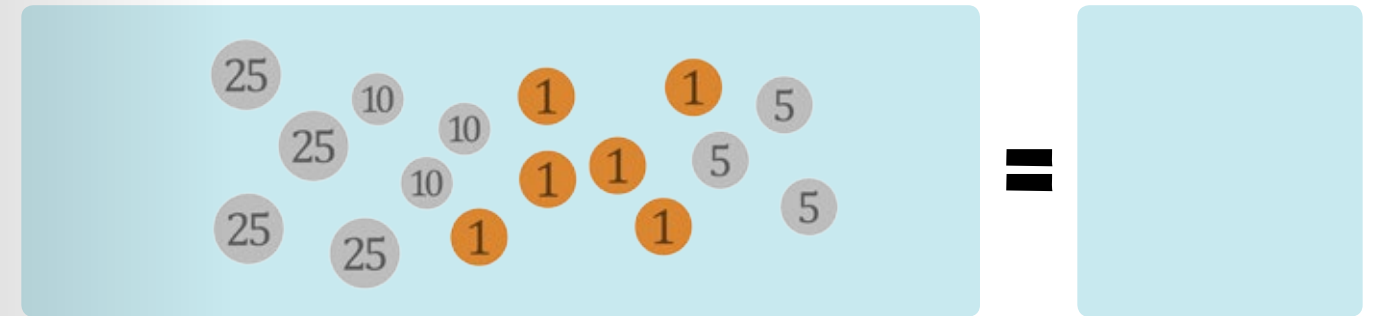
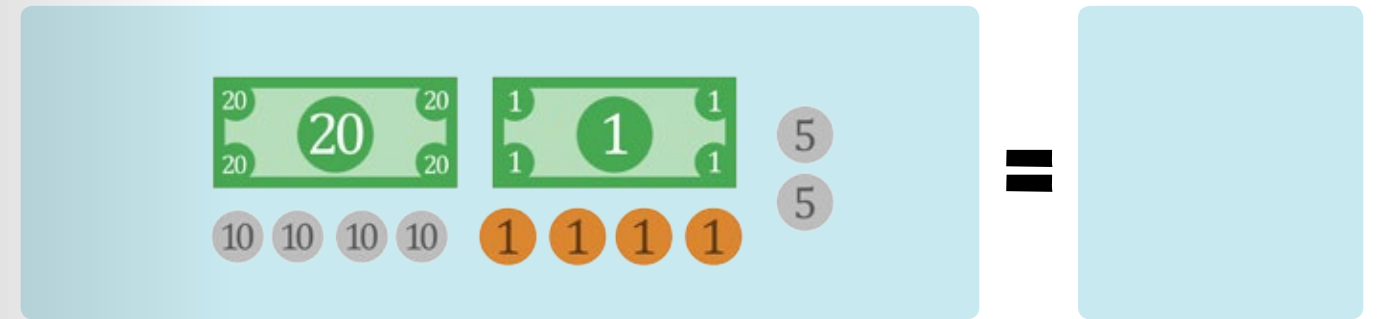
Nick and Noelle planned games of basketball and football. It was kids against parents, and the kids won _____ to _____.

Everyone was sweaty and tired from all the games. Nick and Aiden made up their own special lemonade, which included: 2 cups of water, 5 large _____ s, 3 cups of _____, a sprinkling of _____, and lots and lots of ice! When everyone took a big sip of Nick and Aiden’s special lemonade, their face looked like a crazy _____.

It was a fun and memorable day for everyone. They realized how lucky they were to have made new friendships in the spirit of people helping people.




How Much is There?




Activity Answers:

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 = 1.87

 = 18.50

 = 21.54

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 = 23.31



