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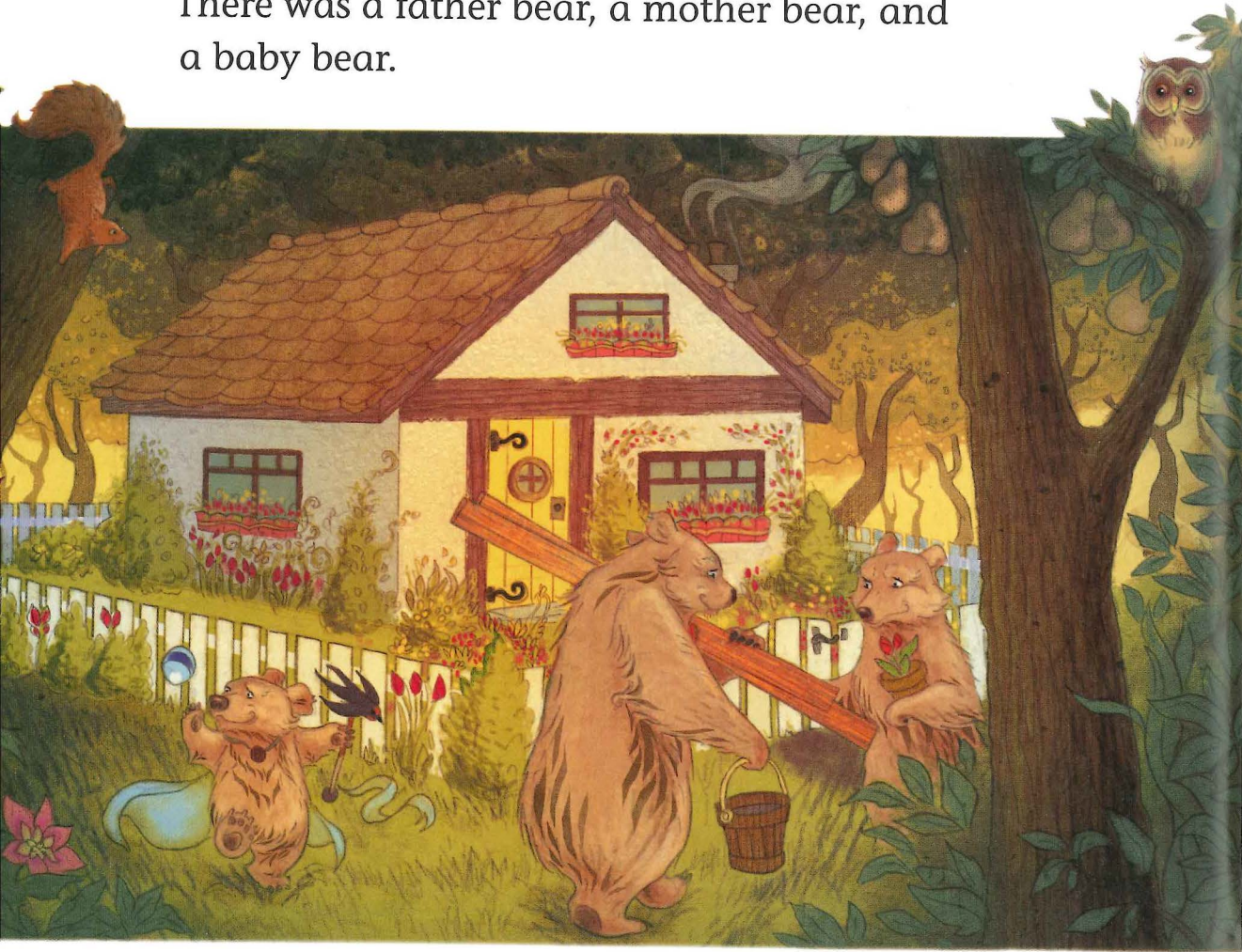
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This is the story of three bears and a little girl called Goldilocks.

The three bears lived in a house in the forest. There was a father bear, a mother bear, and a baby bear.



Father Bear was the biggest bear. He was very big. Mother Bear was smaller than Father Bear. And the smallest bear was Baby Bear. He was a very little bear.

In the bears' house there were three chairs: a very big chair for Father Bear, a smaller chair for Mother Bear, and a little chair for Baby Bear.

There were three bowls on the table: a very big bowl for Father Bear, a smaller bowl for Mother Bear, and a little bowl for Baby Bear.



And upstairs in the bedroom there were three beds: a very big bed for Father Bear, a smaller bed for Mother Bear, and a little bed for Baby Bear.

One day Mother Bear made some porridge for breakfast. Then she put the three bowls on the table.

'We can't eat it now,' she said. 'It's very hot. Let's go for a walk in the forest.'

So they went for a nice walk in the forest.



A little girl called Goldilocks lived near the bears' house. She liked walking in the forest too.

Today she came through the forest and she saw the bears' house.

'Oh!' she said. 'That's a nice little house! Who lives there? I want to go and see.'





Then Goldilocks did a bad thing.
She went into the bears' garden.

'Oh, they are nice flowers!' she said.

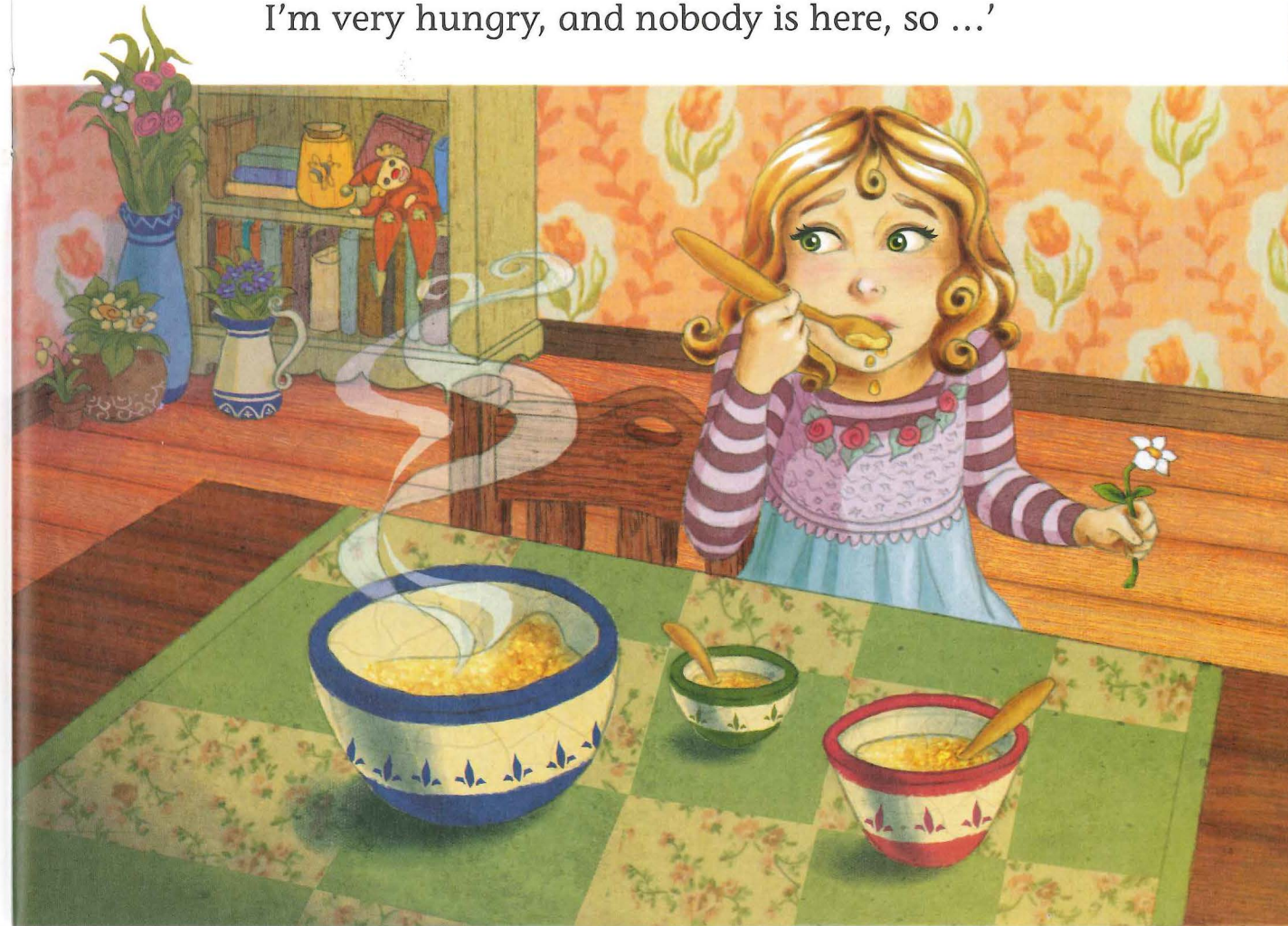
Then she went to the house.

'Hello!' she called.

But there was no answer.

Then Goldilocks did another bad thing.
She pushed open the door and went in.

'Oh!' said Goldilocks. 'This is a nice little room!'
Then she saw the bowls of porridge on the table.
'Mmm! Porridge!' she said. 'I like porridge. Well,
I'm very hungry, and nobody is here, so ...'



Yes, then Goldilocks did another very bad
thing! She ate some porridge from Father
Bear's big bowl.

'Ooh!' she said. 'I don't like this. It's hot.'

Then Goldilocks ate some porridge from Mother Bear's bowl.

'Ooh!' she said. 'I don't like this! It's cold!'

Then she ate some porridge from Baby Bear's bowl.

'Mmm!' she said. 'I like this. It's not hot and it's not cold. It's just right.'

And she ate all of Baby Bear's porridge.



Then Goldilocks wanted to sit down. She saw the three chairs.

First she sat on Father Bear's chair, but it was high.

'I don't like this,' she said. 'It's very high.'

Then she sat on Mother Bear's chair, but it was low.

'And I don't like this. It's very low.'



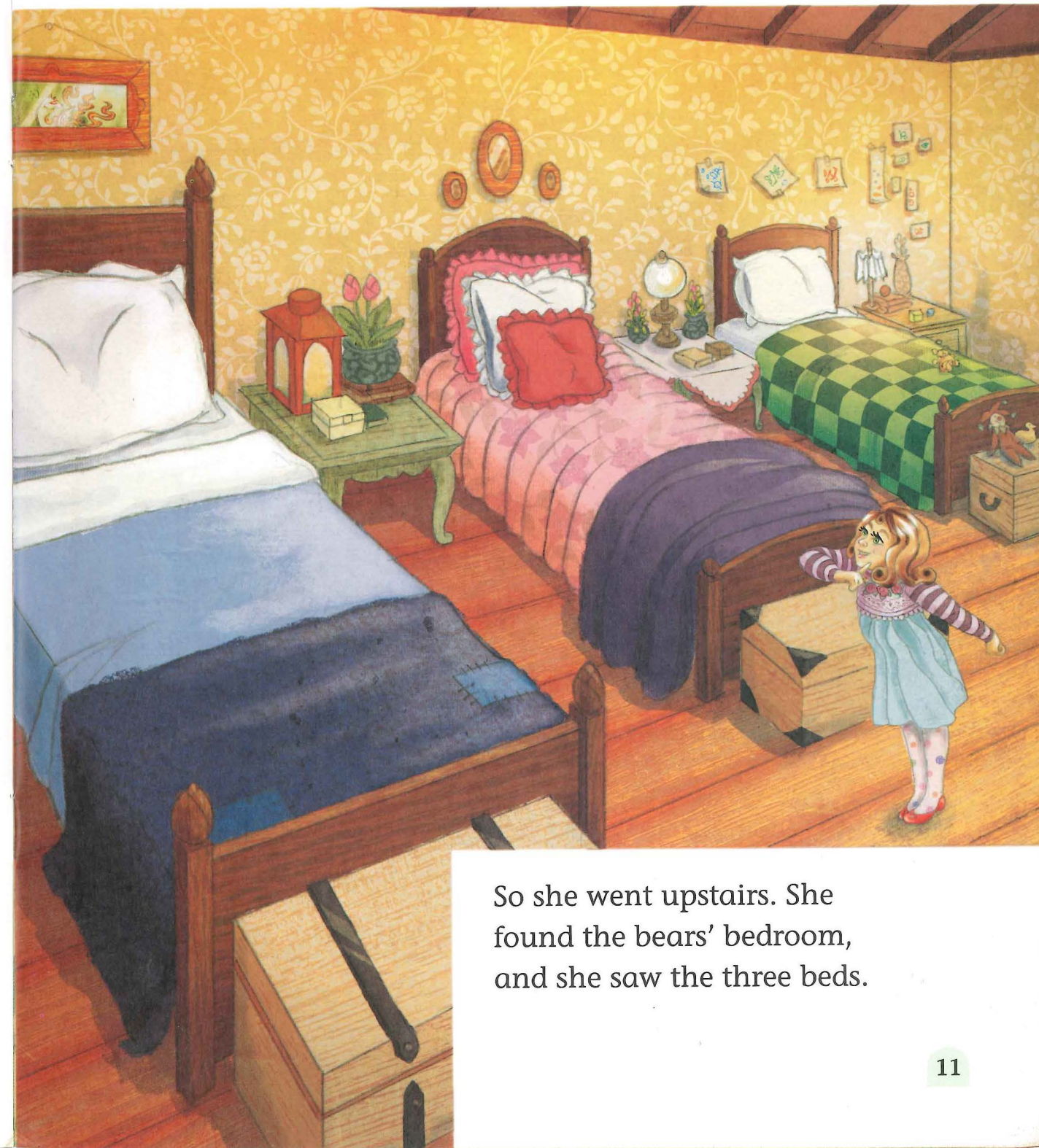
Then she sat on Baby Bear's chair.

'I like this,' she said. 'It's not high and it's not low. It's just right.'

But Goldilocks was bigger than Baby Bear, so she broke his little chair.



Goldilocks sat on the floor for a few minutes. Then she said, 'I'm tired. I want to go to sleep.'



So she went upstairs. She found the bears' bedroom, and she saw the three beds.



First she got on Father Bear's bed, but it was hard.
'Oh, I don't like this!' she said. 'It's very hard.'
Then she got on Mother Bear's bed, but it was soft.
'And I don't like this. It's very soft.'

Then Goldilocks got on Baby Bear's little bed.
'Ooh, I like this!' she said. 'It's not hard and it's not soft. It's just right.'
Goldilocks smiled. She got into the bed, closed her eyes, and went to sleep.

Now the three bears came back from their walk in the forest. They were hungry and they wanted their breakfast.

'Look at my porridge!' said Father Bear.

'Look at my porridge!' said Mother Bear.

Then Baby Bear looked at his bowl. And he was angry.

'I haven't got my porridge!' he said. 'Look!'





Then the three bears looked at their chairs.
 'Look at my chair!' said Father Bear.
 'Look at my chair!' said Mother Bear.
 'And look at my chair!' said Baby Bear. 'Look!
 It's broken!'
 And he began to cry.

Now the three angry bears went upstairs. Father Bear looked at his big bed.
 'Look at my bed!' he said.
 Mother Bear looked at her bed.
 'Look at my bed!' she said.
 Then Baby Bear looked at his little bed.
 'And look at my bed!' he said. 'Look! Somebody is sleeping in it!'



So the three bears went to Baby Bear's bed and saw Goldilocks.

'It's a little girl!' said Father Bear. He wasn't angry now.

'Well, well,' said Mother Bear. 'It's a little girl. A naughty little girl!'

And she began to laugh.

Just then Goldilocks opened her eyes and saw the bears. She was afraid.

'Oh!' she said. 'Is this your house? I'm sorry.'

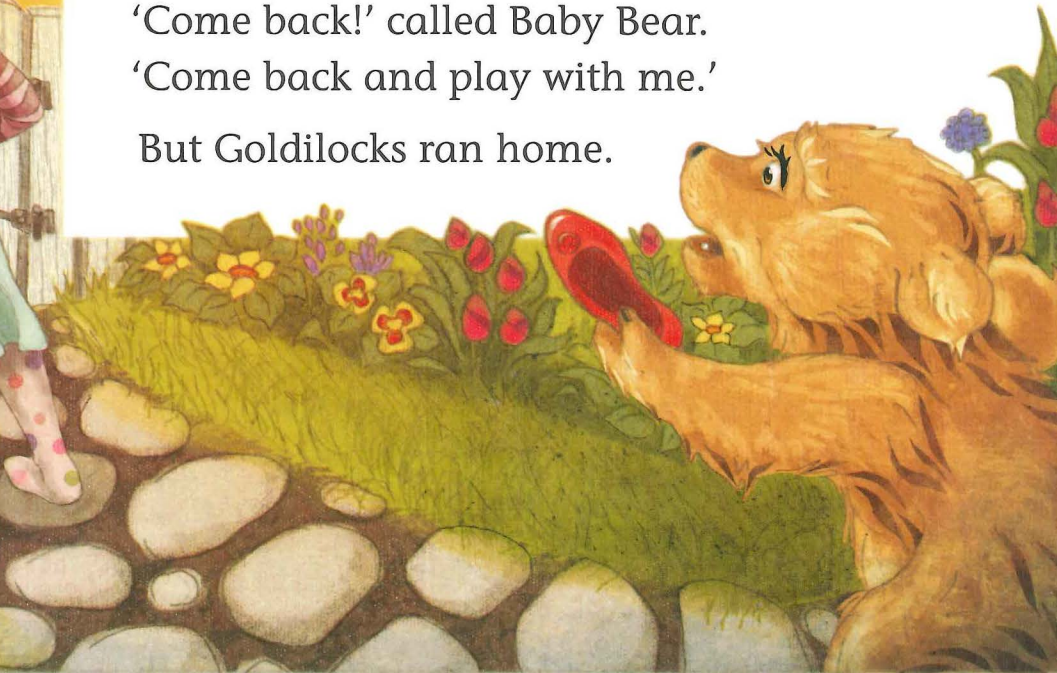


'Don't be afraid,' said Father Bear.
'We don't want to eat you!'

But Goldilocks got out of bed and ran out of the room. Then she ran down the stairs and out of the house.

'Come back!' called Baby Bear.
'Come back and play with me.'

But Goldilocks ran home.



So Mother Bear made some more porridge for breakfast. And Father Bear made a new chair for Baby Bear.

Goldilocks never came back and the three bears never saw her again.



Exercises

1 Who is speaking? Write the names.



1 'We can't eat it now. It's very hot.'

Mother Bear

2 'That's a nice little house! Who lives there?'

3 'I haven't got my porridge! Look!'

4 'Don't be afraid. We don't want to eat you!'

2 Write the words.

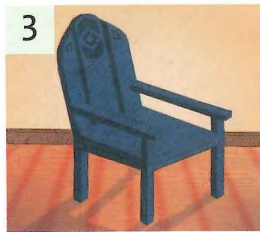
high soft hot low ~~cold~~ hard



It's cold.



It's _____.



It's _____.



It's _____.



It's _____.



It's _____.

3 Match, and complete the sentences with the past tense. Then number the sentences 1–7.

be get eat run make see go

ate saw was ran went got made

- ☐ She ran out of the room, down the stairs, and out of the house.
- ☐ She _____ all of Baby Bear's porridge.
- ☐ She pushed open the door and _____ in.
- ☐ She _____ into bed, closed her eyes, and went to sleep.
- ☐ The three bears went to Baby Bear's bed and _____ Goldilocks.
- ☒ 1 Mother Bear _____ some porridge for breakfast, but it was too hot.
- ☐ When Goldilocks went to the Bears' house there _____ no answer.

4 Find the page and answer the questions.

1 Why didn't Goldilocks like Father Bear's porridge?

page 7 Because it was hot.

2 What did Goldilocks do to Baby Bear's chair?

3 Why didn't she like Mother Bear's bed?

4 What did Baby Bear do when he saw his chair?

5 What did Mother Bear do after Goldilocks ran home?

Glossary

afraid *She's afraid.*



angry *He's angry.*



bear



bedroom a room where people sleep

biggest *It's the biggest.*



bowl



breakfast the first meal of the day; what you eat in the morning

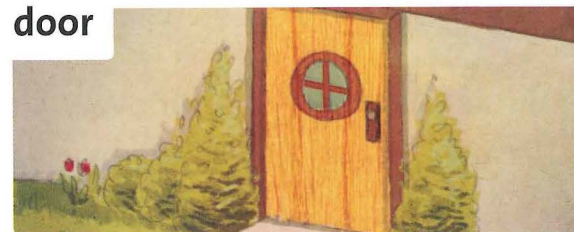
broke past tense of break



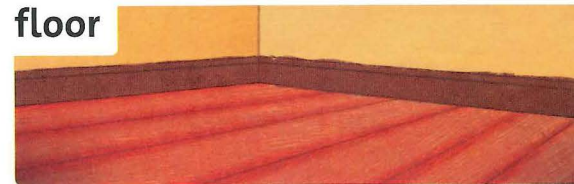
chair



door



floor



forest



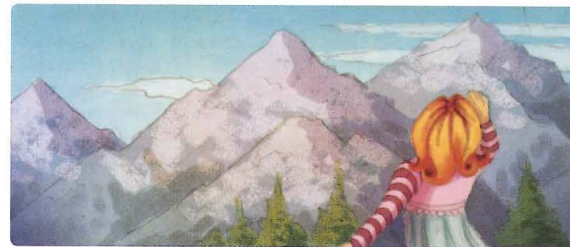
garden



hard *It's hard.*



high *It's high.*

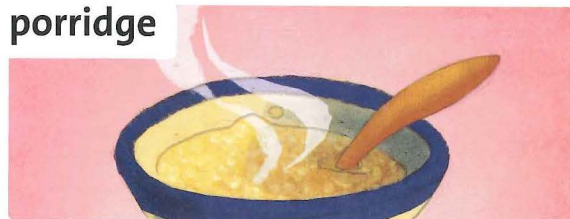


laugh



low not high

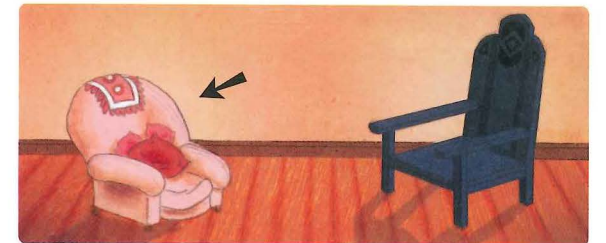
porridge



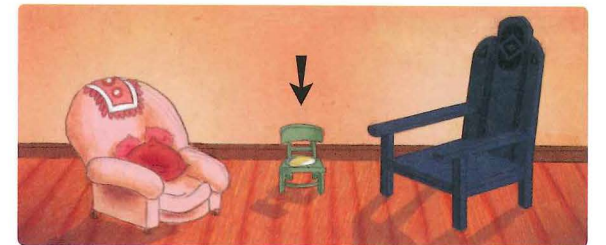
pushed past tense of push



smaller *It's smaller.*



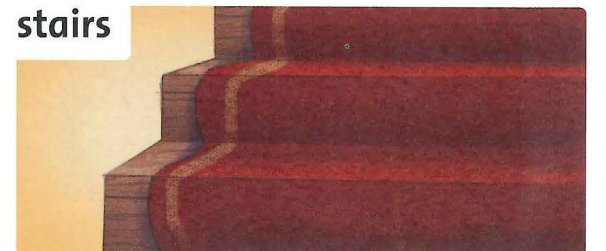
smallest *It's the smallest.*



soft *It's soft.*



stairs





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