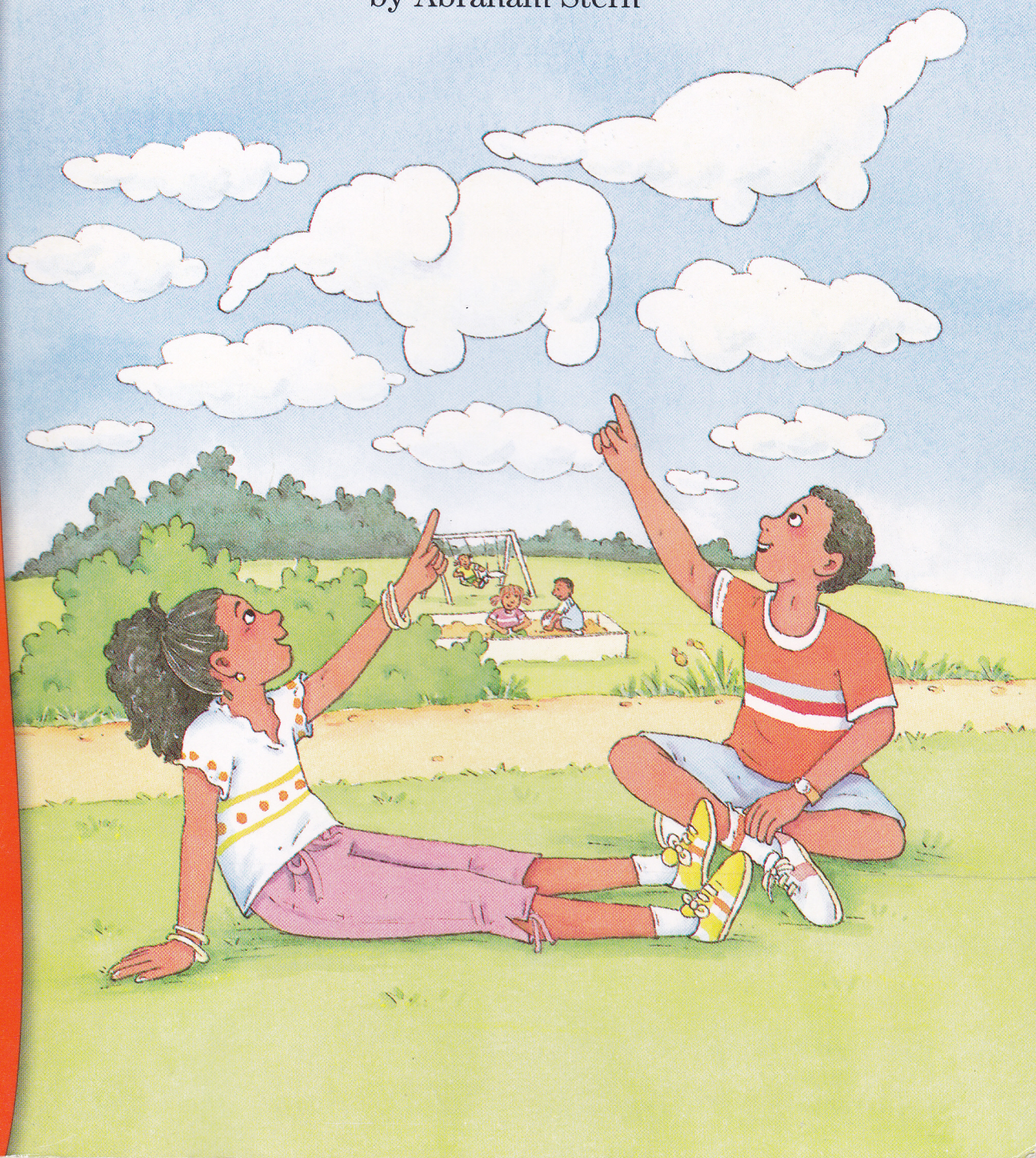


# The Clouds

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The summer sky was filled with clouds. Some were round. Others were flat.

Patty and Sam were playing in the park.

"Let's play clouds," Patty said.

"How do you play?" Sam asked.

"First you look at a cloud," Patty said. "Then you tell what it looks like."

"That cloud looks like an elephant," Sam said. "See the long nose?"

"That one has a big tail," Patty said. "It looks like a dinosaur."

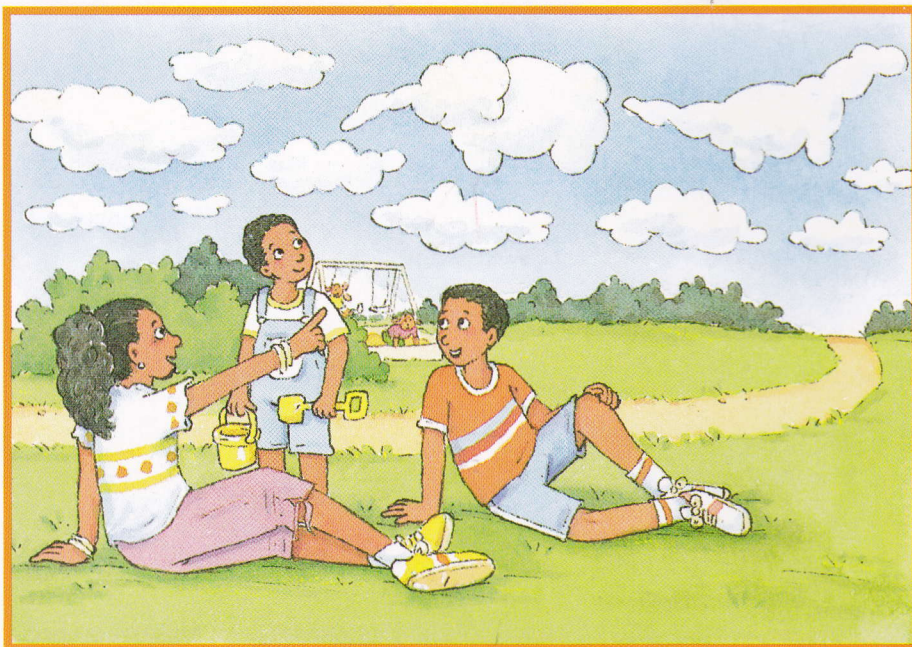
Patty's little brother came from the sandbox.

"Do you see that big, round cloud, Michael?" Patty asked.

"Yes," Michael said.

"What does it look like?" Patty asked.

"It looks like just a cloud," Michael said.



## COMPREHENSION

**A** Read each question. Write *a* or *b*.

- 1 What is another good name for this story?
  - a What Clouds Are Made Of
  - b What Does It Look Like to You?
- 2 Why did Sam say one cloud looked like an elephant?
  - a Because part of that cloud looked like a long nose
  - b Because part of that cloud looked like a long tail
- 3 How was the first cloud like the second cloud?
  - a Both clouds looked like animals.
  - b Both clouds were big and round.
- 4 How was the first cloud *not* like the second cloud?
  - a The first cloud looked just like a cloud, and the second cloud looked flat.
  - b The first cloud looked like it had a long nose, and the second cloud looked like it had a tail.
- 5 What is the joke in this story?
  - a Sometimes a cloud looks like just a cloud.
  - b Sometimes children play a game called clouds.

## LEARN ABOUT WORDS

- B** Words with *ay* sound as in *lay*.
- Look at the words in the box. Decide which word has the 'ay' sound as in *lay*. Then write the word below.

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| 1. stay / steer |
| clue / clay     |
| 2. one / way    |
| 3. say / sow    |
| 4. drip / day   |

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## LEARN ABOUT WORDS (continued)

**C** Read the words you wrote. Which one best fits in each sentence? Write the word.

6 Patty and Sam knew the \_\_\_\_\_ to the park.

7 Patty and Sam were there on a summer \_\_\_\_\_.

8 Sam made a dinosaur out of \_\_\_\_\_.

9 Sam had to \_\_\_\_\_ what the clouds looked like.

10 The clouds did not \_\_\_\_\_ in one place.

## THINK ABOUT IT

**D** Word pictures help you see things more clearly. They tell you more about a story. Choose the sentence that gives a better picture. Write *a* or *b*.

1 **a** The big clouds have different shapes.

**b** The big clouds are round and flat.

2 **a** Patty told Sam how to play clouds.

**b** Patty told Sam how to play a game.

3 **a** The cloud looked like an elephant.

**b** The cloud looked like some kind of animal.

4 **a** One cloud was very round.

**b** One cloud was as round as a ball.

5 **a** Patty pointed to something in the sky.

**b** Patty pointed to a flat cloud in the sky.