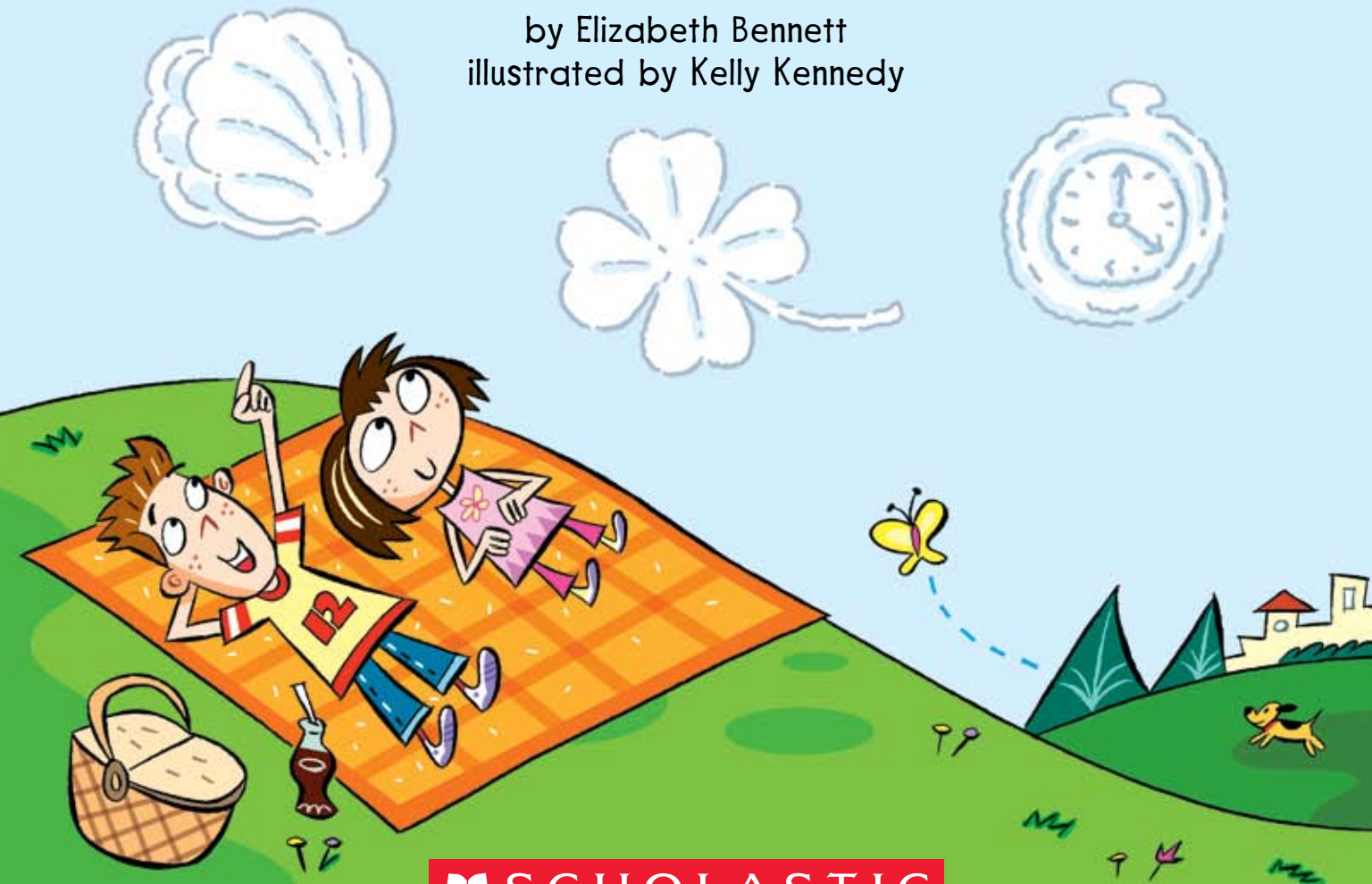


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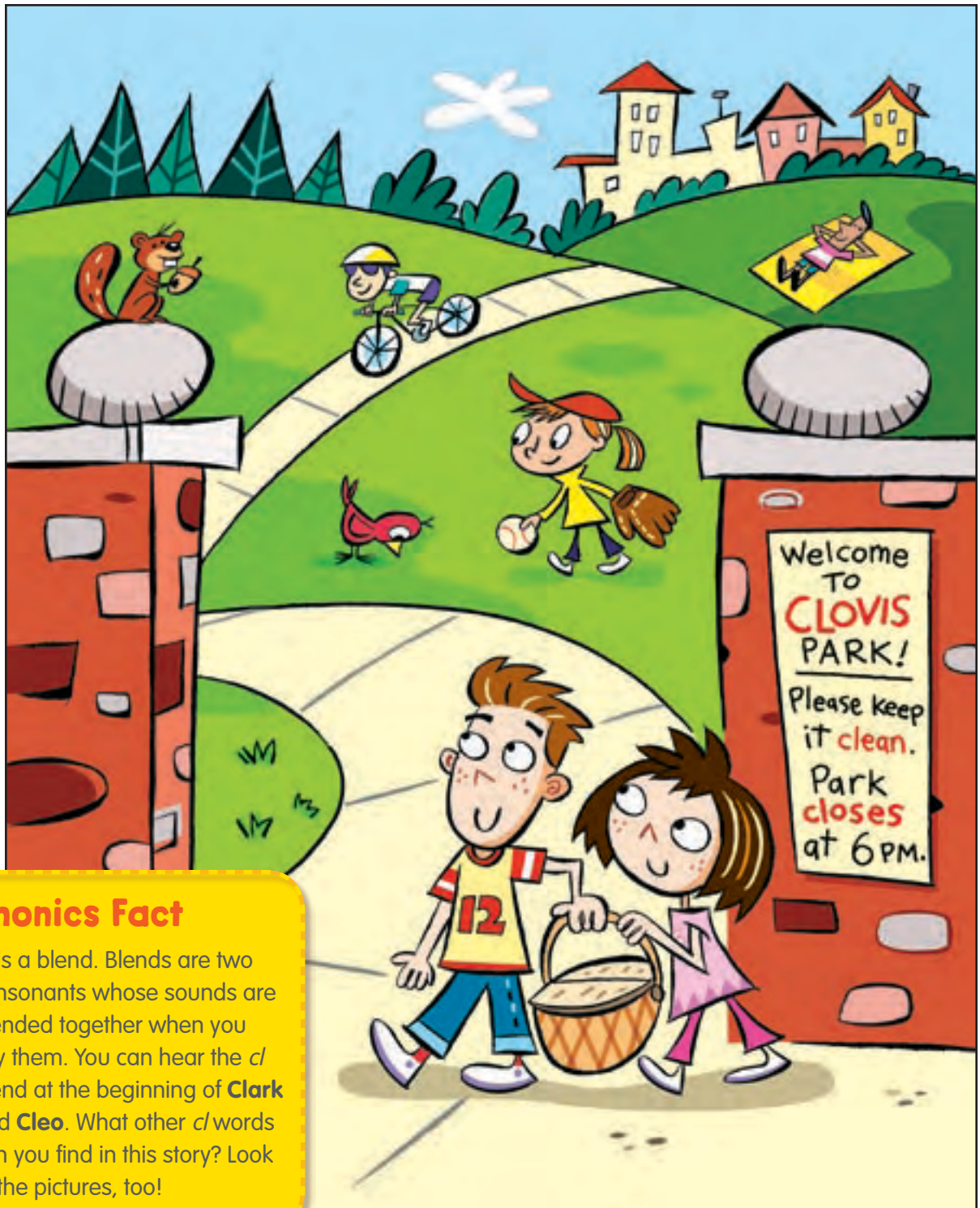
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### Phonics Fact

*Cl* is a blend. Blends are two consonants whose sounds are blended together when you say them. You can hear the *cl* blend at the beginning of **Clark** and **Cleo**. What other *cl* words can you find in this story? Look at the pictures, too!

One day, **Clark** and his sister, **Cleo**, went to **Clovis** Park.



They **climbed** a hill and had a picnic **close** to a pretty lake.



**Clark** and **Cleo** thought the **clam** chowder was especially delicious!



After a while, a **cluster** of **clouds** **clattered** the **clear** sky.



"Guess what I see?" said **Clark**, staring up at the **clouds**. "Here is a **clue**: He has a round nose and **clomps** around in huge shoes."





### Phonics Fact

Sometimes the *cl* can come in the middle of a word, as in **exclaimed**.

“You see a **clown!**” said **Cleo**.  
“Very **clever!**” **exclaimed Clark**.



Another **cluster** of **clouds** appeared.  
“Guess what I see?” said **Cleo**. “Here is a **clue**:  
You hang them up in a **closet**.”



"You see **clothes!**" said **Clark**.  
"Very **clever!**" exclaimed **Cleo**."



Another **cluster** of **clouds** appeared.  
"Guess what I see?" said **Clark**. "Here is  
a **clue**: If you find one in a **clump** of grass,  
you will have good luck."



“You see a four-leaf **clover!**” said **Cleo**.  
“Very **clever!**” **exclaimed Clark**.



Another **cluster** of **clouds** appeared.  
“Guess what I see?” said **Cleo**. “Here is a **clue**:  
She **claps** when we **clean** our rooms.”



"You see Mom!" said **Clark** with a giggle.  
"Very **clever!**" **exclaimed Cleo.**



“Hey, Mom is pointing to a **cloud clock**. I think she wants us to **close** up our picnic basket and come home,” **Cleo** told **Clark**. So they did!



# CL Riddles

Listen to the riddles. Then match each riddle with the right **c/** word from the box.

## Word Box

clam      clown      clap      clover      close  
clean      clue      climb      clock      clothes

- 1 You do this with your hands at the end of a play.
- 2 This sea creature lives in a shell.
- 3 It is the opposite of *dirty*.
- 4 It is the opposite of *open*.
- 5 You wear them every day.
- 6 You look at this to find out the time.
- 7 At the circus, he makes you laugh.
- 8 You do this to get to the top of the stairs.
- 9 You use this to solve a mystery.
- 10 If you find one with four-leaves, it will bring you luck.



# CL Cheer

Hooray for c-l, the best sound around!

Let's holler c-l words all over town!

There's **cliff** and **clash** to name a few,

**Clown** and **clog** and **cloud** and **clue**.

There's **clock** and **club** to shout out loud,

**Clean** and **clang** and **clothes** and **cloud**!

C-l, c-l, **clap** and cheer,

For the **classiest** sound you ever will hear!



**Make a list of  
other c/ words.  
Then use them  
in your cheer.**