GO! ELL EVERYDAY MATH



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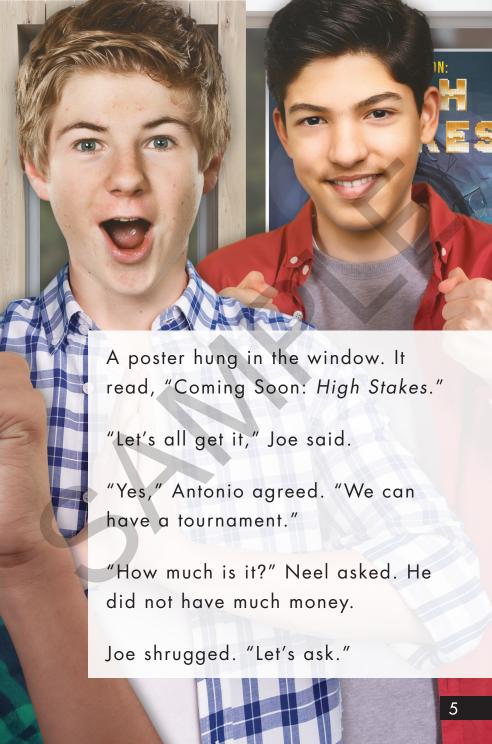


It was Sunday afternoon. Neel
Patel was hanging out with Joe and
Antonio. They were his best friends.
He met them soon after his family
moved from India to the U.S. That
was six months ago.



store.

"Look!" Neel said. "There's a new game."

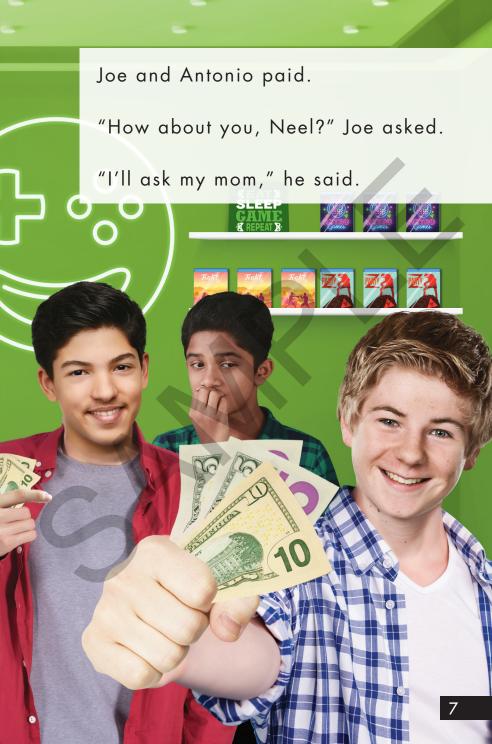


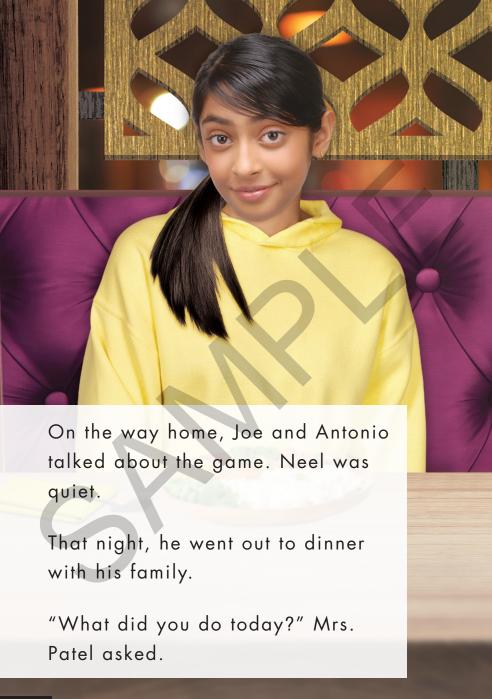


The boys went inside.

"How much is the new game?" Neel asked the clerk.

"High Stakes is \$65 plus tax," she said. "It will probably sell out. But you can reserve a copy with a \$20 deposit."







"Hung out with the guys," Neel answered. "Guess what. The coolest game is coming out. We're all getting it."

"Great," Mrs. Patel said.

GLOSSARY

CREDIT

an amount added to an account to be spent at a store

DEPOSIT

part of the total price that is paid in advance to reserve an item

LOAN

to give someone money for a period of time with the agreement that it will be paid back

TAX

money that goes to the government to pay for services; an added cost on many goods

TIP

extra money given to a server for their work in addition to the bill

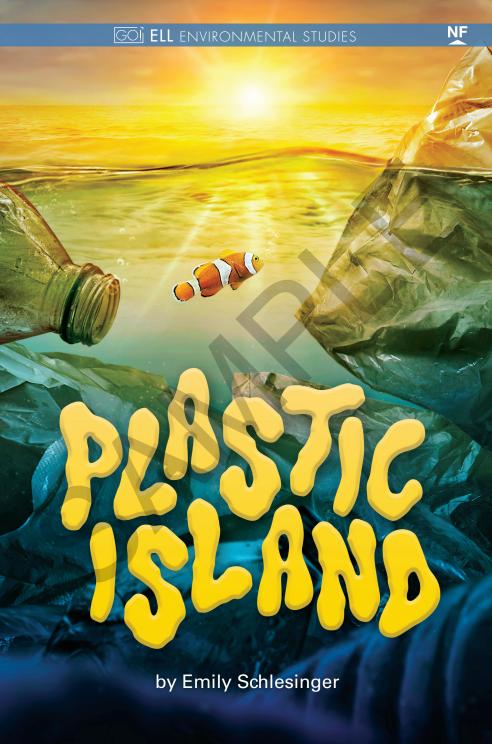




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For years, people have talked about an island. It lies far off the coast of California. Few have been there. Many worry about it though. The island should not exist.











Others say the area looks more like a soup. The water is cloudy. Bright objects float in it. Fish swim through people's junk.



GLOSSARY

FOOD CHAIN

living things that are linked together because each feeds on the one next to it in line

GYRE

a place where ocean currents move in a circular pattern

MICROPLASTICS

tiny pieces that remain when plastic breaks down over time

POLLUTANT

a harmful substance that leaks into the environment

RECYCLE

to reuse trash by making it into new things