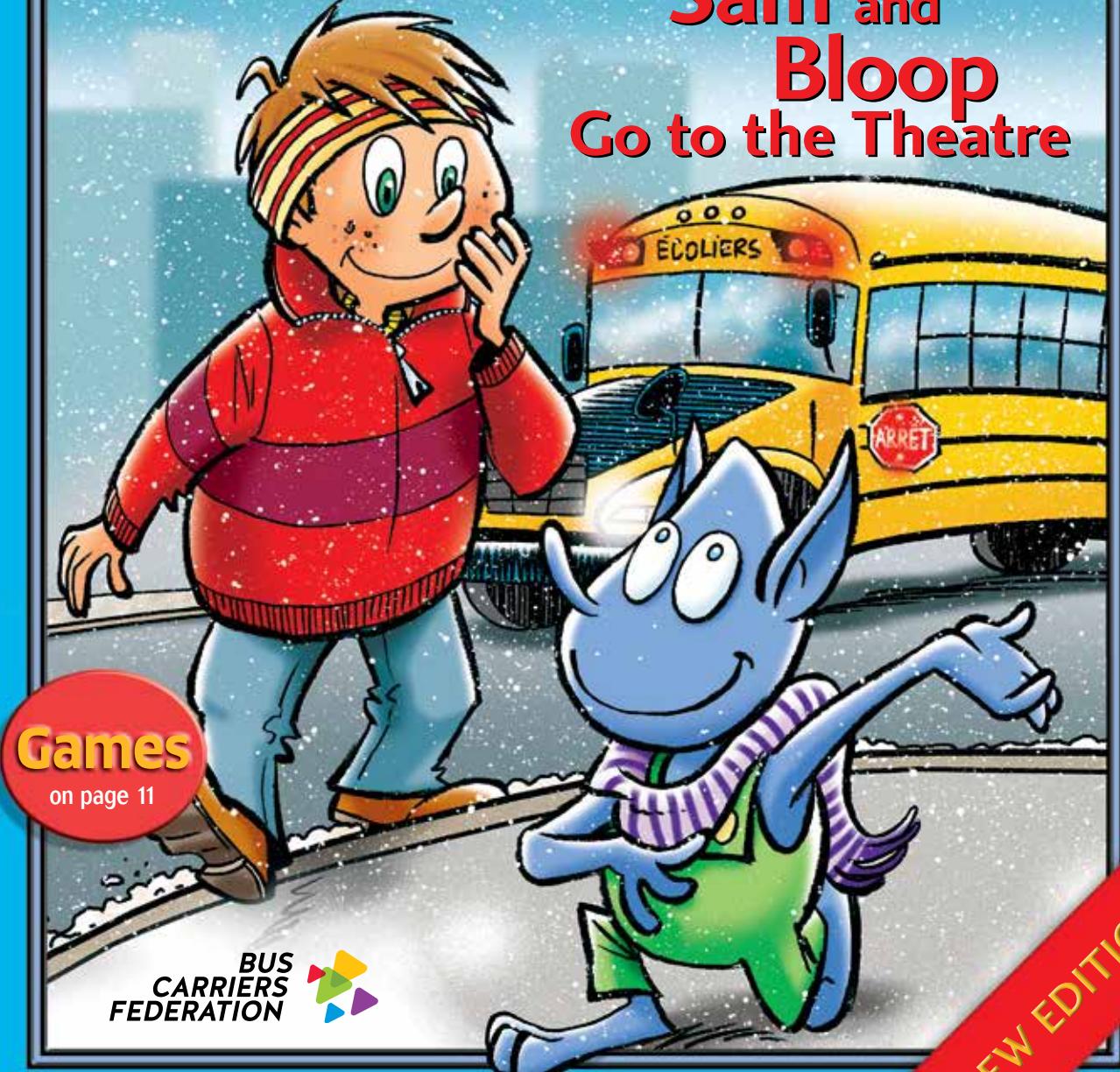




Sam and Bloop Go to the Theatre



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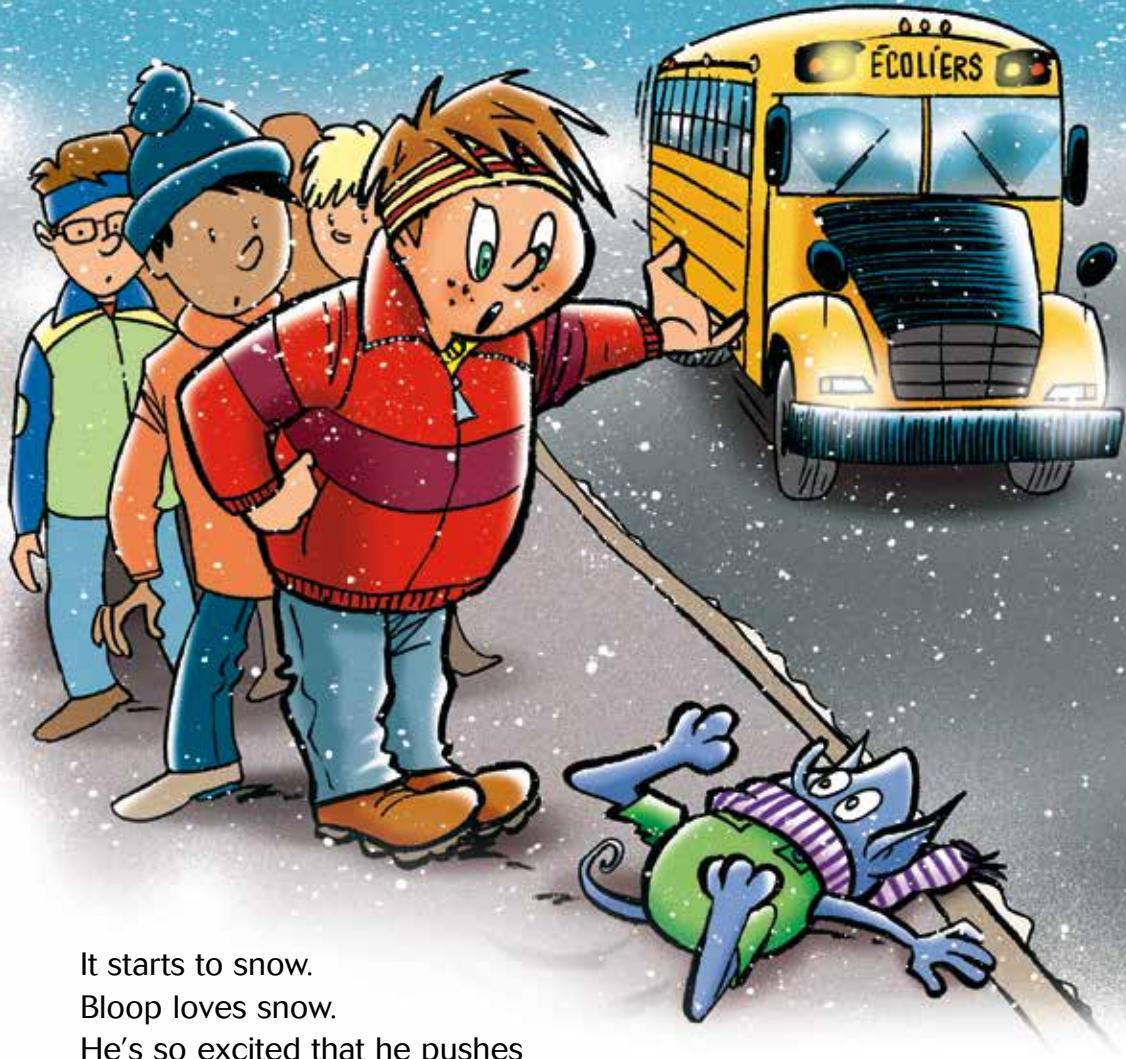
NEW EDITION



Sam, his friend Bloop, and the rest of the class have a fun morning in store. They're going to the theatre!

"It's the story of a magician who rescues a prince and princess from a pirate ship," Mrs. Feather, the teacher, has told them.

Bloop is giddy with excitement. He wraps his scarf around his neck and heads out of the school, dragging Sam by the sleeve.



It starts to snow.

Bloop loves snow.

He's so excited that he pushes

and shoves past the other kids to get in line for the school bus.

Bloop slips on the ice and falls on his back just as the school bus pulls up.

"Careful, Bloop! Don't fool around when you're waiting for the bus," scolds Sam. "You could have hurt yourself!"



*Bloop is not thinking.
Which rule did he break?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.

Catherine almost missed the bus. She arrived just in time from her dentist's appointment early this morning.

Her parent's car speeds into the bus zone, brakes, and skids across the thin layer of snow covering the ground. It manages to stop just in front of the school bus.

Catherine jumps out and gets on the bus to join her friends.



Parents: When you drive your kids to school, be extra careful in school bus zones. Kids love to horse around and are often distracted.

They can jump in front of you without warning. Keep your eyes open!

Catherine is being careless. Which rule did she break?

Turn to page 12 for the answer.





Sam, Bloop, and their friends are all sitting on the bus.

"I can't wait to get to the theatre," Sam says to Bloop. "I'd like to be an actor one day and play all kinds of cool characters and wear all kinds of costumes and makeup."

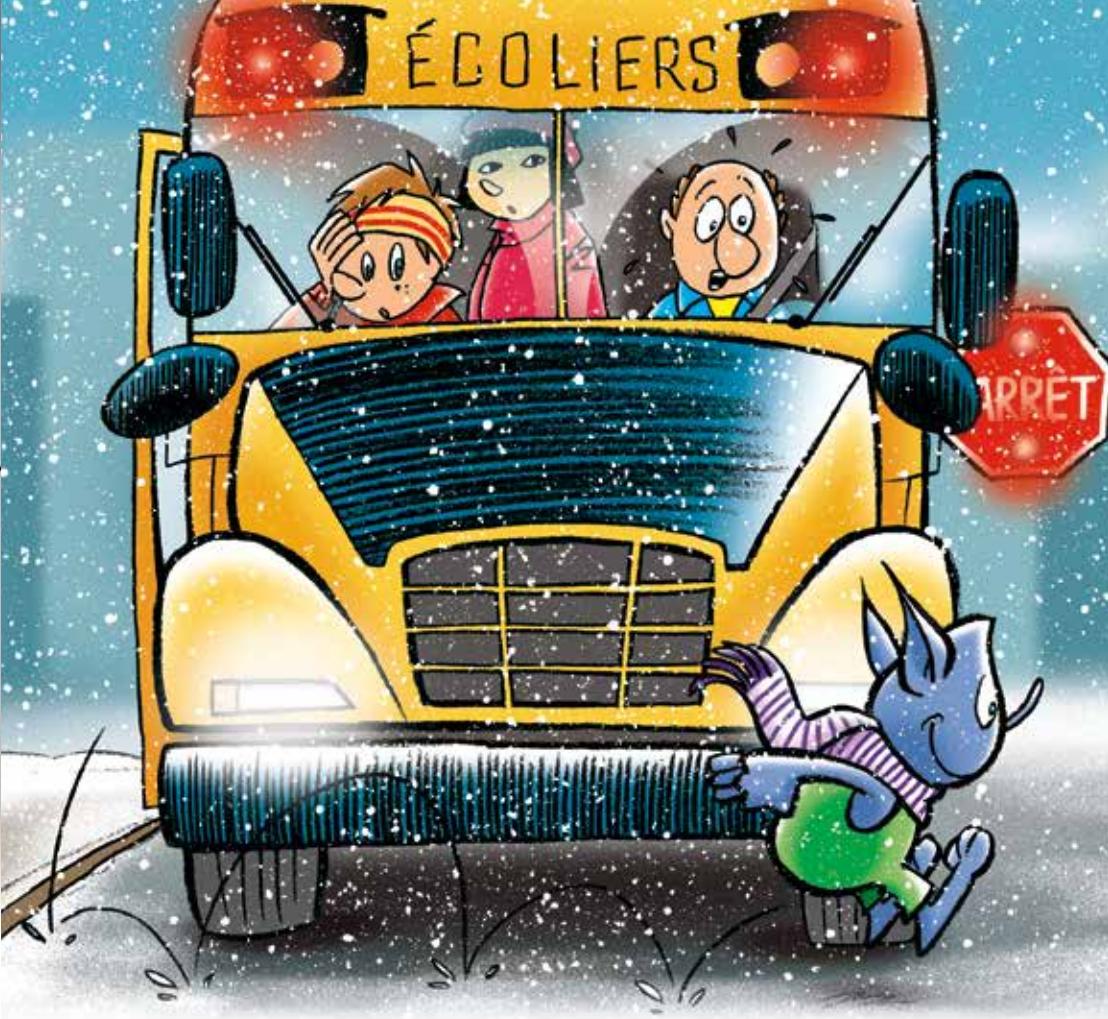
Bloop jumps up and down in the aisle, making faces and goofing around.

"Calm down, Bloop," warns Sam. "Can't you ever stick to the rules? The school bus is not a theatre!"



*Bloop is acting up again.
Which rule did he break?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.



Bloop, Sam, and the rest of the class finally arrive at their destination. On the front of the building the word THEATRE is spelled out in bright red lights.

Bloop can hardly contain himself. He wants to get the best seat. He dashes out of the bus, crosses the road without looking, and runs toward the theatre.

"Oh no!" thinks Sam. "If Bloop doesn't calm down, he's going to get hurt."



*Bloop is reckless. He just broke two rules.
Do you know which ones?*

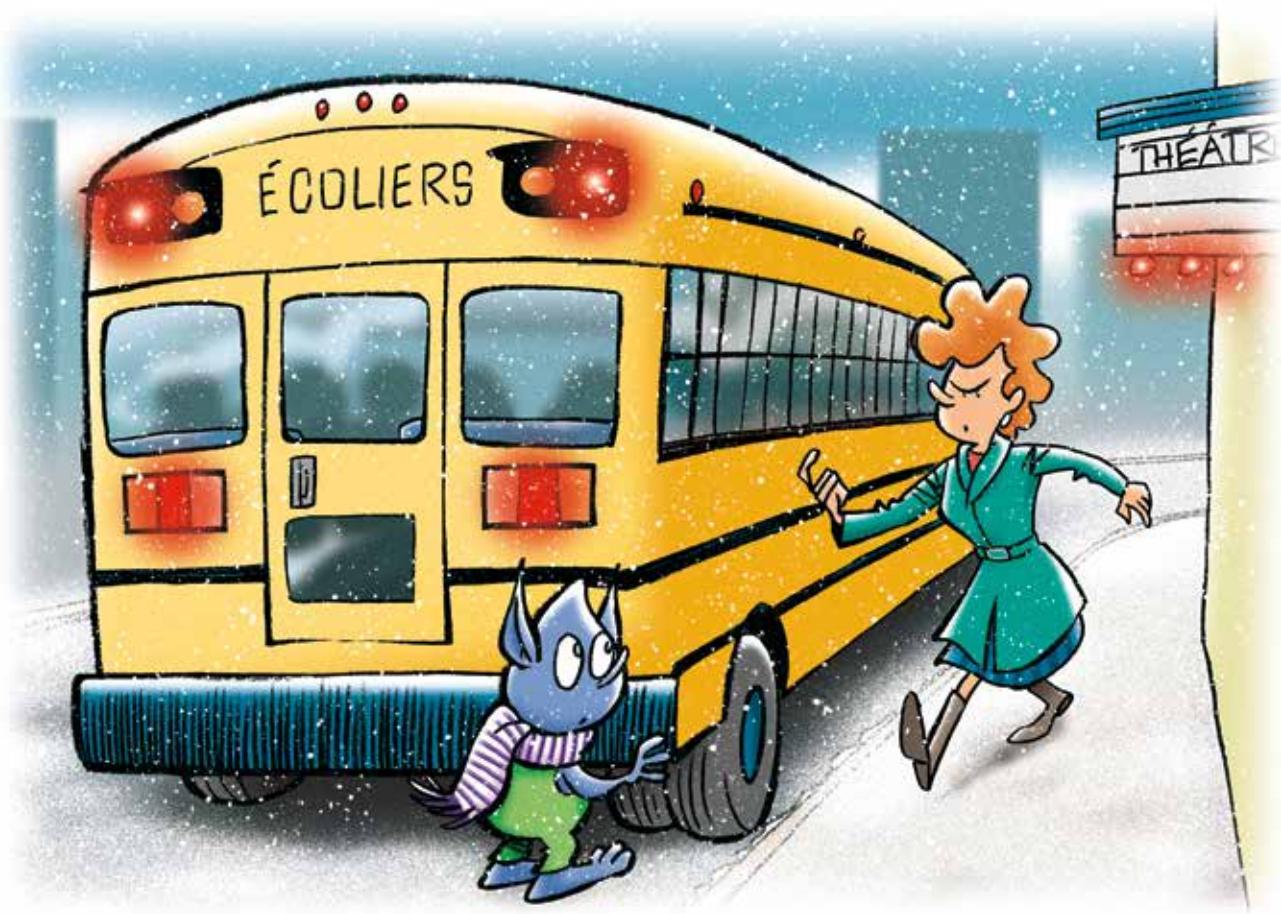
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The curtain rises. The actors are on stage. They speak loudly and make exaggerated gestures.

All the kids laugh and have a great time, but Bloop can't sit still. He climbs up on his seat and starts clowning around.

"You're disturbing everyone. Stop jumping around or I'll ask the magician to make you disappear," orders Mrs. Rose, one of the parents accompanying the class.





The show is over. There's a buzz of excitement in the air. Sam is glad the prince and princess were rescued from the pirates.

The bus is ready to go. But... where's Bloop? The little rascal! He's hiding behind the bus!

"That's enough, Bloop! Come here right now!" scolds Mrs. Feather angrily.
"That's it. You're not coming on any more trips with us this year!"



*Bloop is very foolish.
Which rule did he break?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.

As soon as the bus starts moving, Bloop jumps into the aisle and pretends he's Prince Charming, hoping he can make up for his dangerous prank.

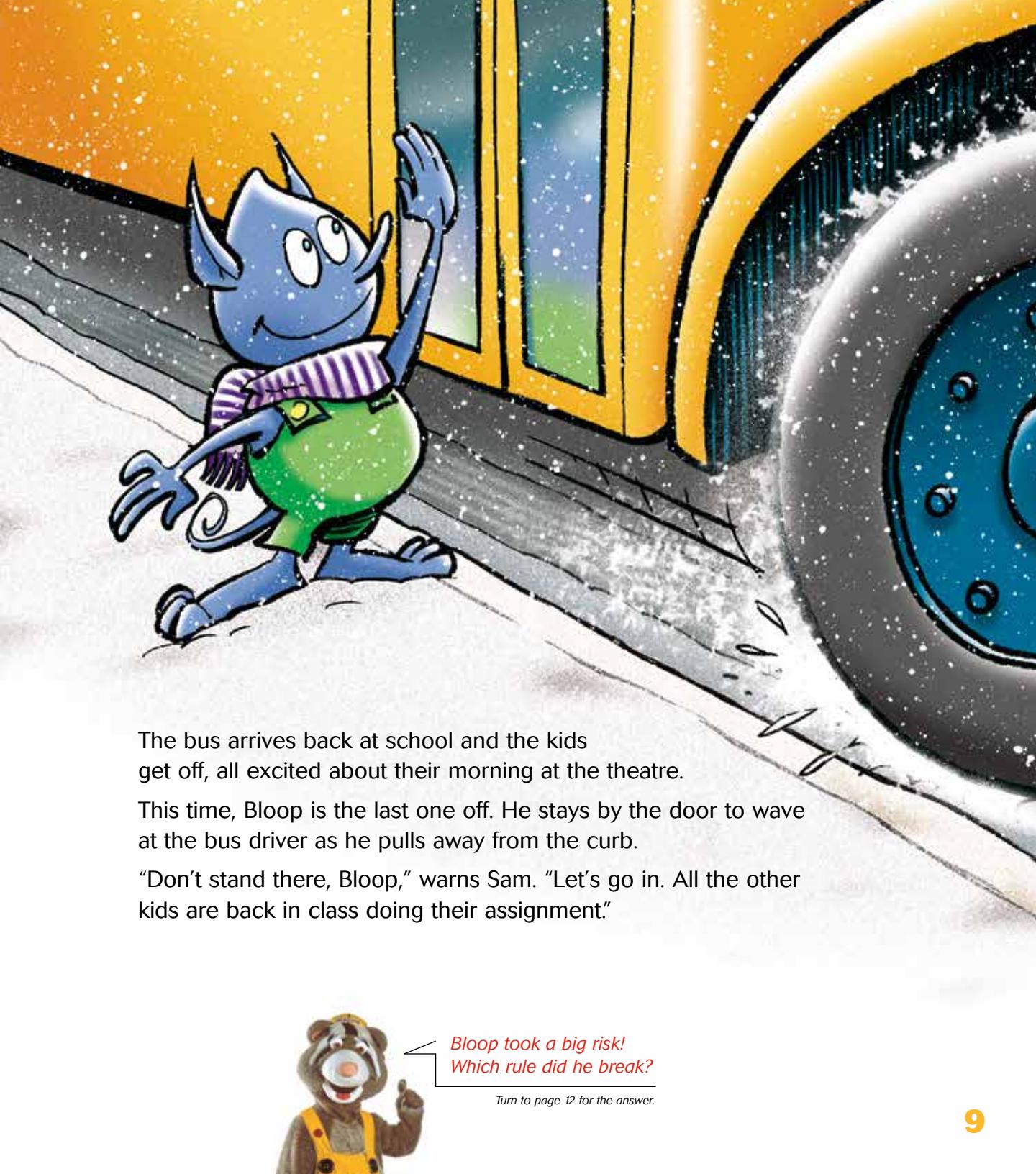
"Stop being so disobedient," says the bus driver. "Sit down and save your acting talents for school."

As an assignment, the kids have to write a short play and stage it for the rest of the class next week.



*Bloop is so fidgety!
Which rules did he break?*

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The bus arrives back at school and the kids get off, all excited about their morning at the theatre.

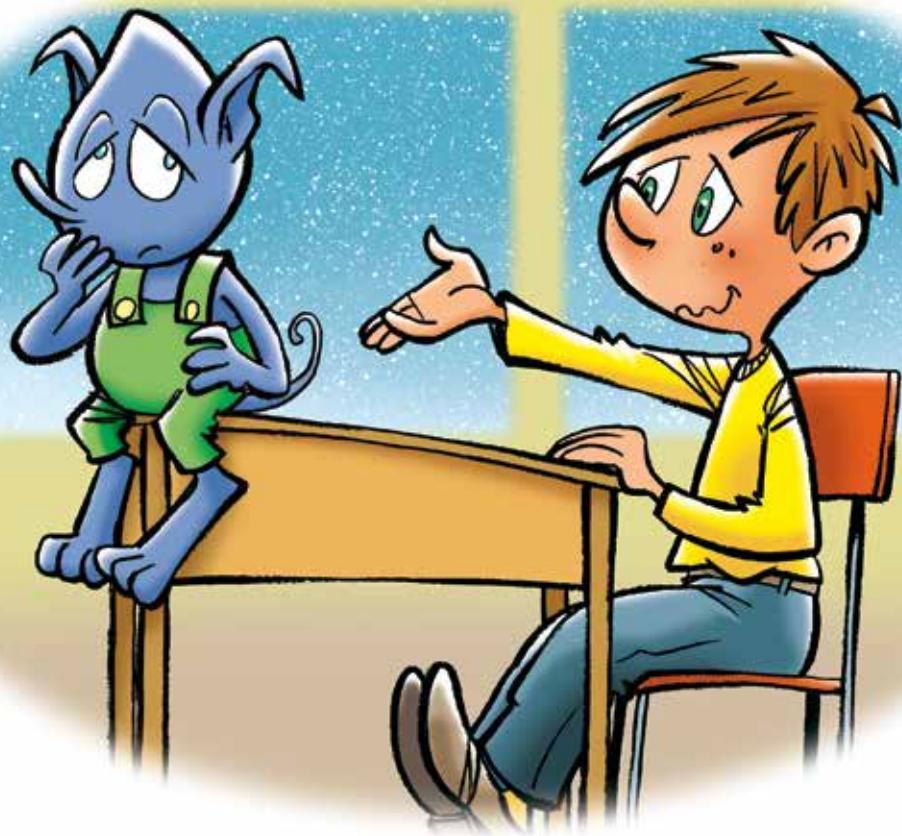
This time, Bloop is the last one off. He stays by the door to wave at the bus driver as he pulls away from the curb.

"Don't stand there, Bloop," warns Sam. "Let's go in. All the other kids are back in class doing their assignment."

*Bloop took a big risk!
Which rule did he break?*

Turn to page 12 for the answer.





"Did you enjoy the play, kids?"

"Oh yes," exclaims Sam. "And I got to see the most reckless actor of all."

"Really? Who was that?" asks Mrs. Feather.

"The Great Bloop, master of dangerous pranks and foolishness!"

Games

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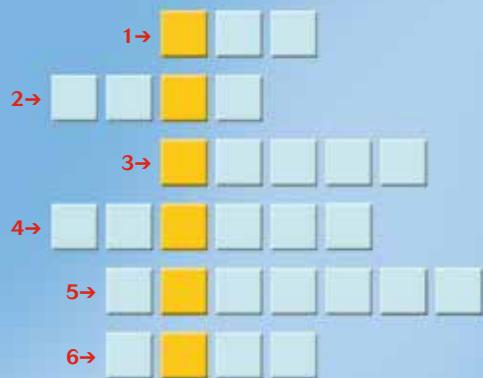
1 The Mystery Maze

The bus driver has to go and pick up Sam, Bloop, and the other kids to take them to school. Find the right route by following these rules: once the bus enters a square to pick up one of the kids, it can't go into this square again. And the bus cannot move diagonally or move outside the maze, either. Can you help the bus driver find the way?

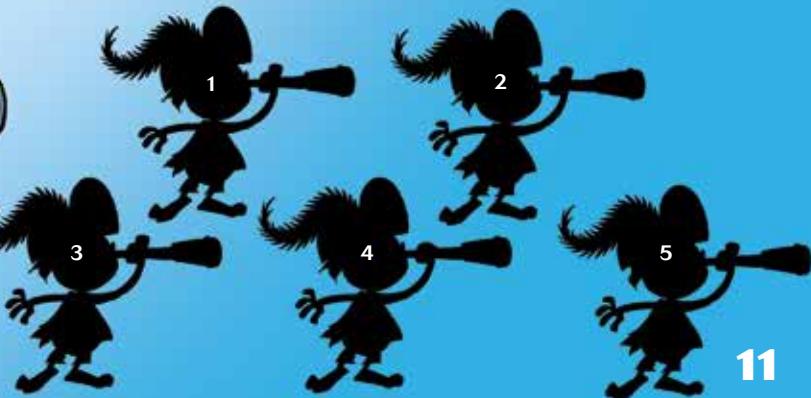


2 Find the mystery word

Find the word that matches each definition and write it in the appropriate space. The mystery word is related to the message of this story.



- 1 One of the story's main characters.
- 2 I always remain here when on the bus.
- 3 I count ten steps after leaving the bus before crossing here.
- 4 I move away from the bus as soon as I step down and I stay away from these.
- 5 Someone who goes to school.
- 6 Always keep them open!



**Teachers,
enter your class to win!**

"Did you see me?" CONTEST

**Check out the over \$3,200 in prizes
you and your students could win from the
Bus Carriers Federation.**

Two grand prizes:

The two winning classes will enjoy a visit by Dany le Magicien, who will perform a 50-minute magic show. Approximate value of \$1,400 per show.

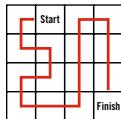
One second prize:

Each student in the winning class will receive the entire Collection Bubusse, which includes all ten Sam and Bloop books, as well as a miniature Bubusse plush toy. Approximate total value: \$410.

The contest entry form and rules are available on the website of the school bus safety campaign at www.mastuvu.info.

Answers to the games on page 11.

1 There are several possible solutions. Here is one.



2 1- Sam, 2- seat, 3- front, 4- wheels, 5- student, 6- eyes
The word is **safety**.

3 Number 2 is the matching shadow.



Read the following safety rules

I go to the bus stop early to avoid running.

I stay in line to wait for the bus without shoving others. (Answer to page 2)

I wait until the bus has come to a full stop before approaching it.

I get on the bus in single file and hold onto the handrail. (Answer to page 3)

I go straight to my seat and sit down.

I leave nothing in the aisle.

I avoid distracting the driver. (Answer to page 8)

I keep my things in my bag.

I keep my head and my arms inside the bus at all times. (Answer to page 5)

I do not throw food or other things out the window or onto the floor of the bus.

I remain seated at all times until the bus has come to a full stop.
(Answer to page 4 and to page 8)

I move away from the bus as soon as I get off and I stay away from the wheels.
(Answer to page 9)

I count ten steps after getting off the bus before crossing in front.
(Answer to page 5)

I make sure the driver has seen me before I cross in front of the bus.

I walk in front of the bus, then I check for traffic to the left, to the right and to the left again before crossing the street. (Answer to page 5)

I wait for the driver's okay before trying to recover something I dropped that has rolled under the bus. If I cannot speak to the driver, I wait until the bus has left before picking up the object.

I never go behind a school bus. (Answer to page 7)

Discuss with the teacher the importance of obeying the rules.



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