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Stage of reader: Transitional

Text level: 13

Word count: 259

Text type: Narrative

Theme: Values

***Oxford Wordlist*[®] high frequency words:**

the, and, to, a, was, my, on, it, then, he, had, of, got, she, said, is, were, day, when, you, at, for, dad, but, saw, time, go, up, his, after, two, very, him, little, can, big, birthday, them, too, next, friends, park, do, didn't, see, over, want, happy, if, again, this, ran, has, wanted, bike, old, new, it's, best, just, yes, help, ride, tried, I'm, started, much, red, only, bit, asked

Key visual communicator: illustrations

Purpose of the visuals: to enrich and support the narrative structure

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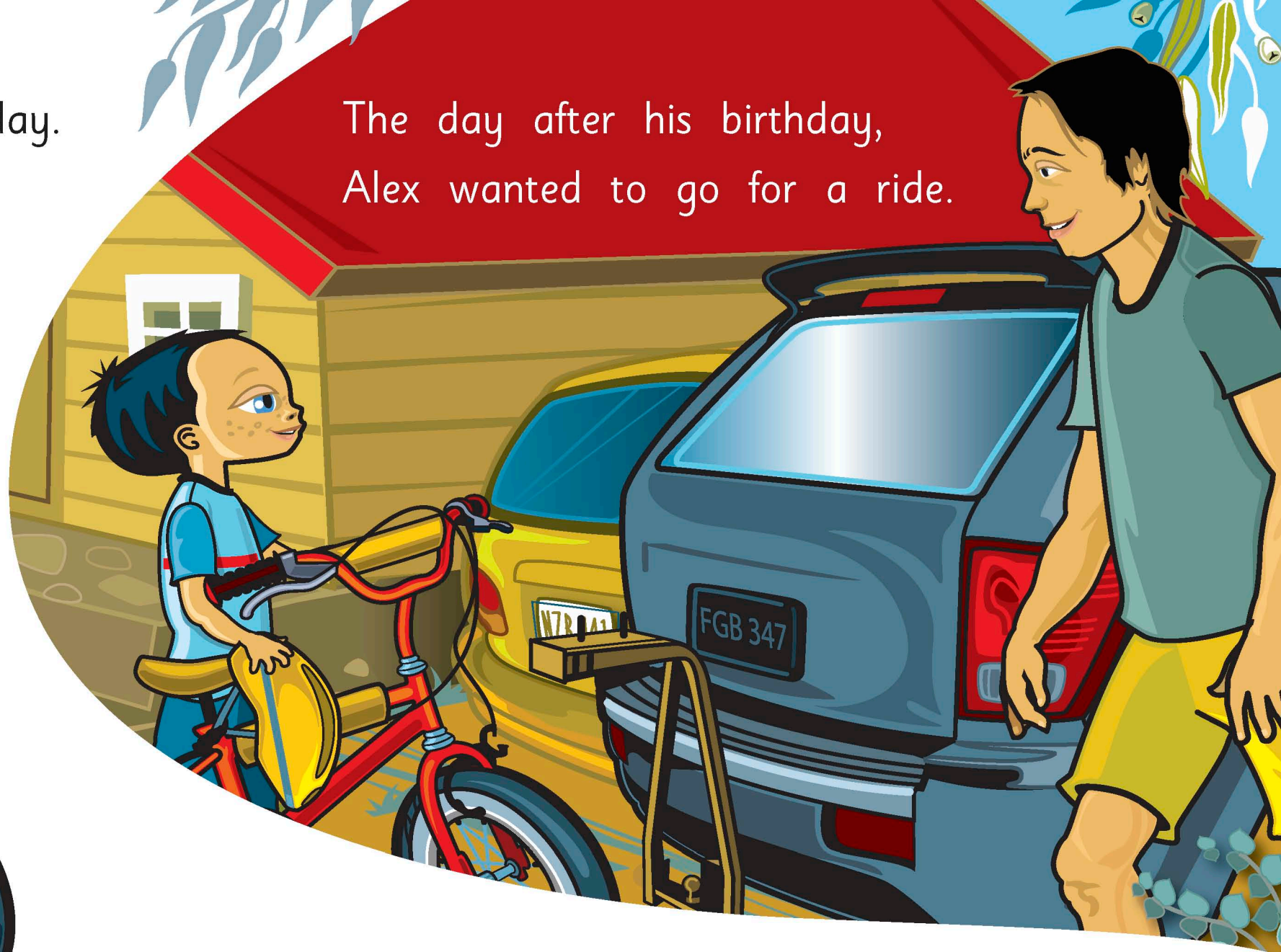


Alex got a new bike for his birthday. The bike was red and shiny, and it had two big wheels.



Alex was very proud of his new bike.

The day after his birthday, Alex wanted to go for a ride.



“We’ll go to the park,” said Dad. “It has a bike track.”



Alex got on his bike and tried to pedal. He wobbled along for a bit, then stopped.

At the park, Alex saw Tess. Tess and Alex were best friends.

“Your new bike is bigger than your old bike,” said Tess. “It’s bigger than my bike, too.”



“This bike is harder to ride than my old bike,” said Alex. He was scared.

“You must keep trying,” said Dad. “I’ll help you.”

“You can do it, Alex,” said Tess.



Alex tried again to ride his bike.
He wobbled when he started,
but his dad helped him.

Alex rode a little way along the bike track.



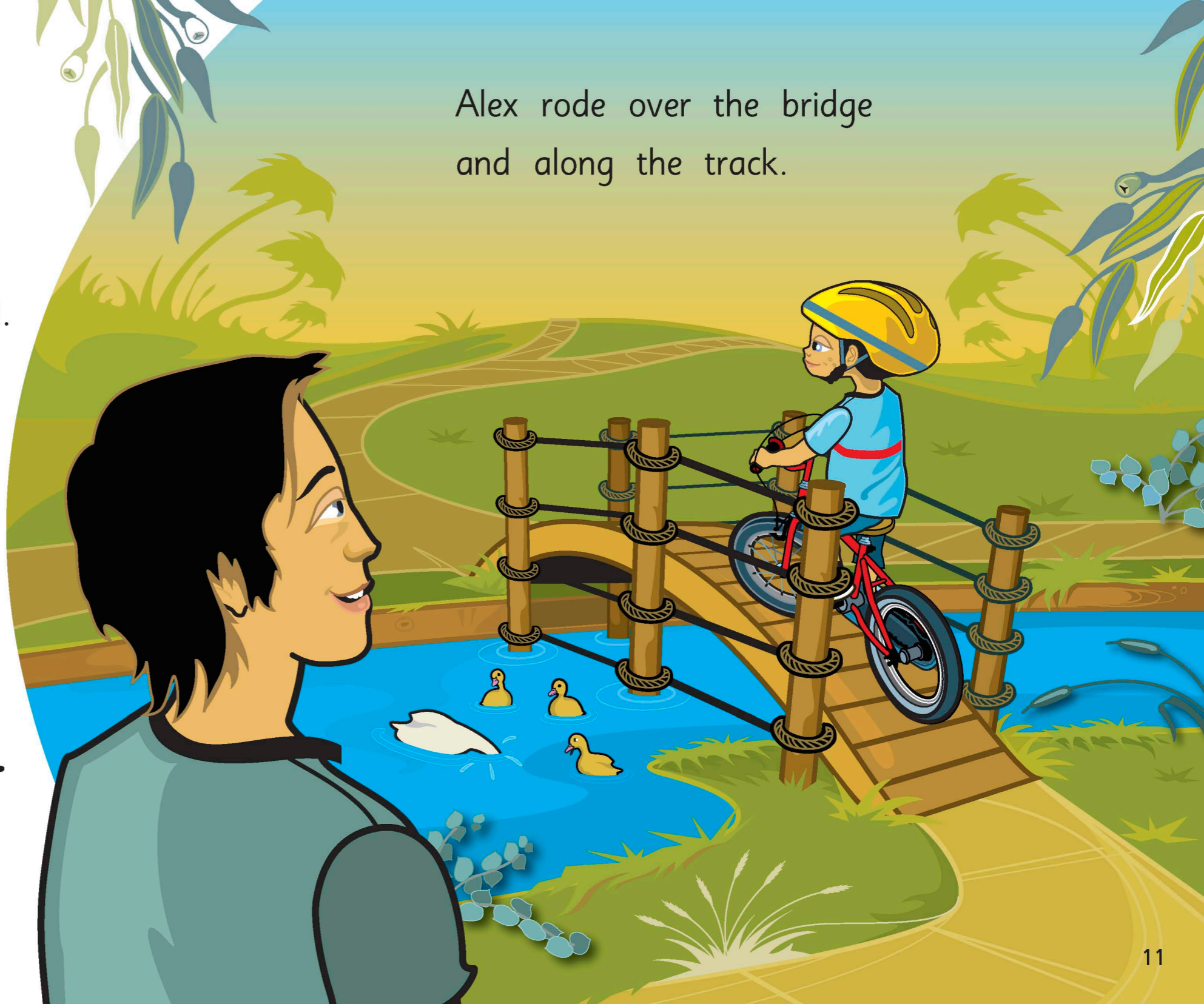
Tess ran behind him.
“You’re getting much
better,” she said.

Alex stopped.
He was happy.

“Let’s see if you can start
without my help,” said Dad.

This time,
Alex only wobbled
a little bit
when he started.
But he didn’t give up.

Alex rode over the bridge
and along the track.



He rode past the swings
and between two gum trees.



He rode behind Tess and Dad.
Then he stopped next to them.



“You didn’t give up,” said Dad.
“I’m very proud of you.”

“Thanks, Dad,” said Alex.
Then he smiled at Tess.
“Do you want a turn?” he asked.

“Yes, please!” said Tess.



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