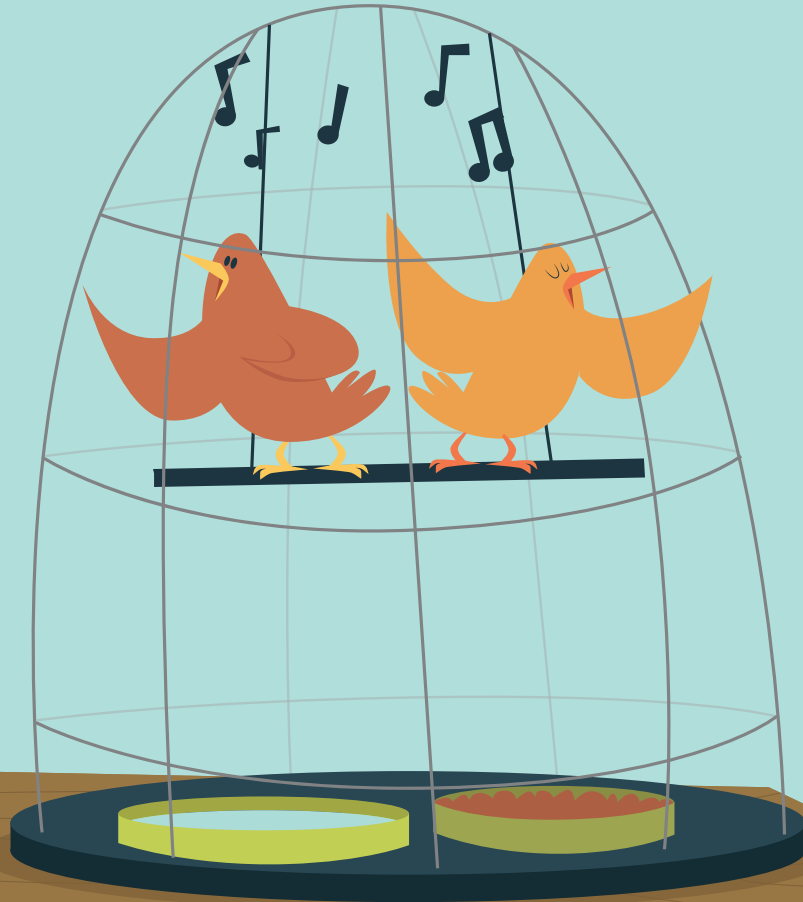


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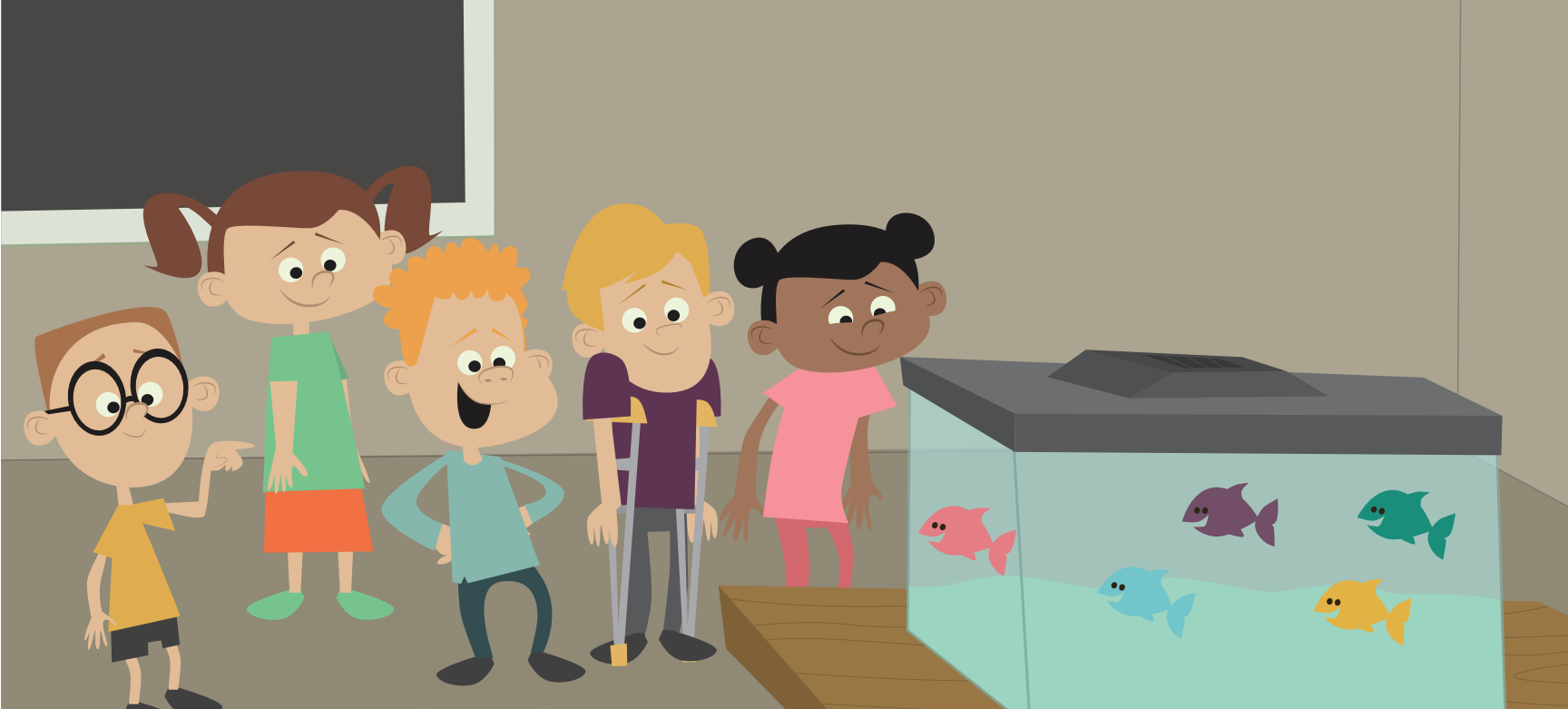
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We have many pets at school. The third grade class has fish.

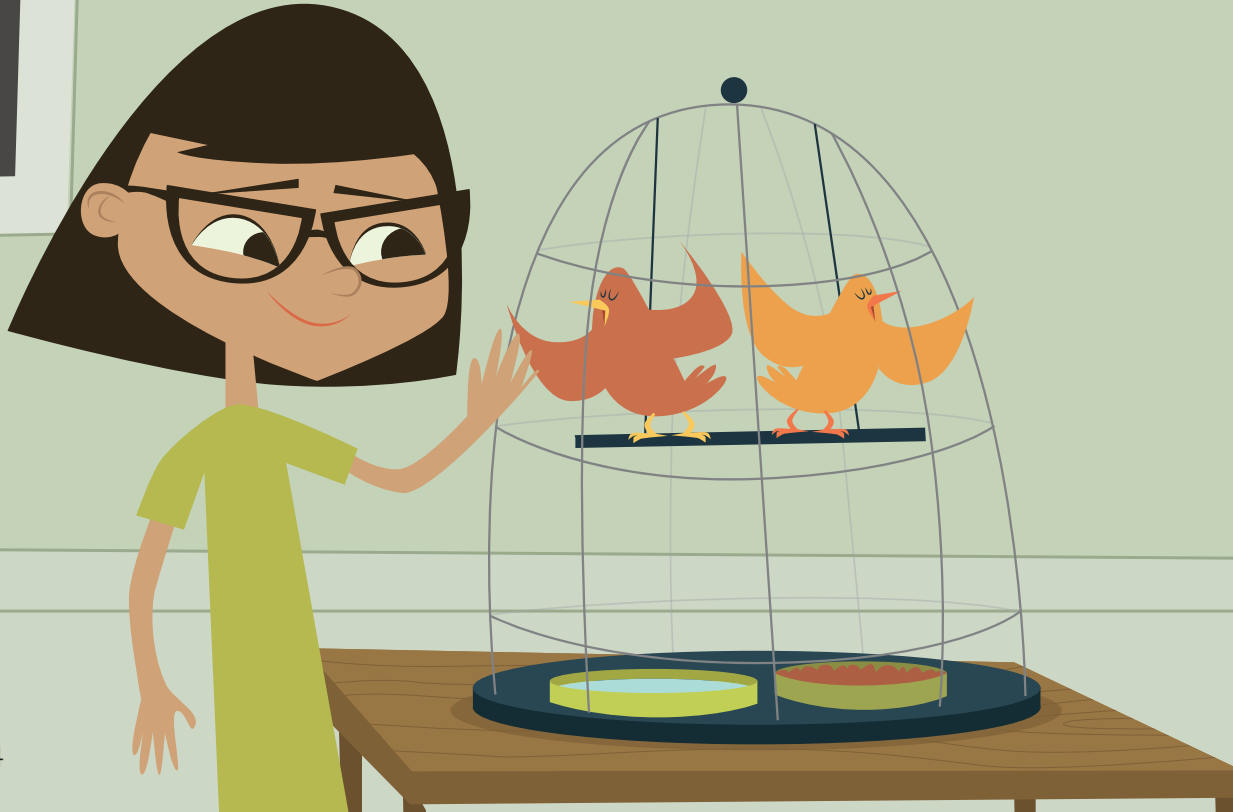


My first grade class has two birds—Pip and Peep.
Both birds are girls.



Some birds can speak, but these birds can't. They just swing on their perch and chirp.

“We are in school,” said Miss Vern. “So we should teach these birds to speak.”



“Who wants the first turn?” she asked.





Liz went first.

“You are in school,” Liz told the birds.

“Can you say *school*?” she asked.

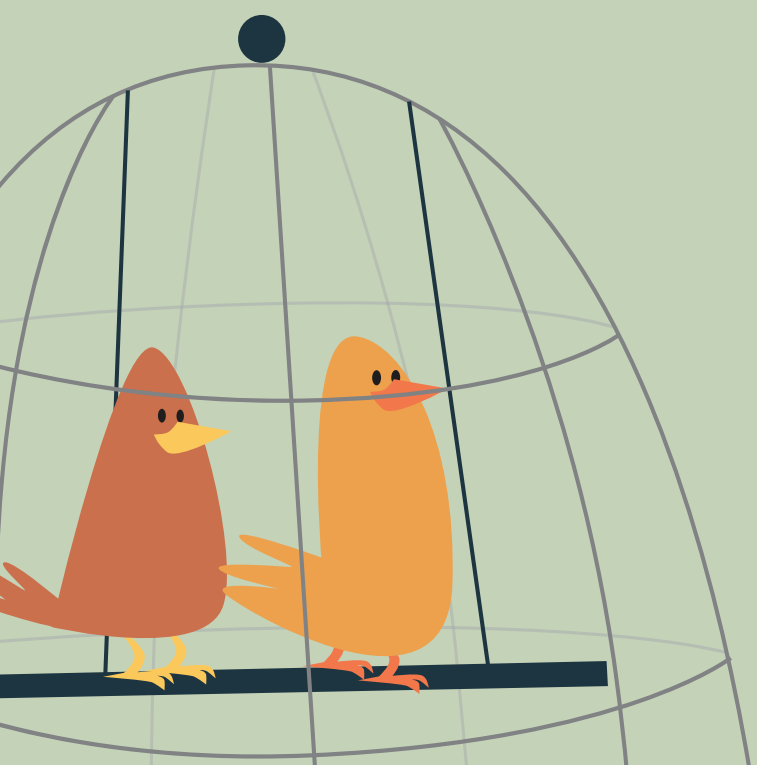


“Chirp,” said Pip.

“Chirp, chirp,” said Peep.

“That didn’t do it,” said Liz. “Who will go next?”





Jake wanted a turn.
“I am Jake,” he said. Then he asked the birds,
“Who am I?”



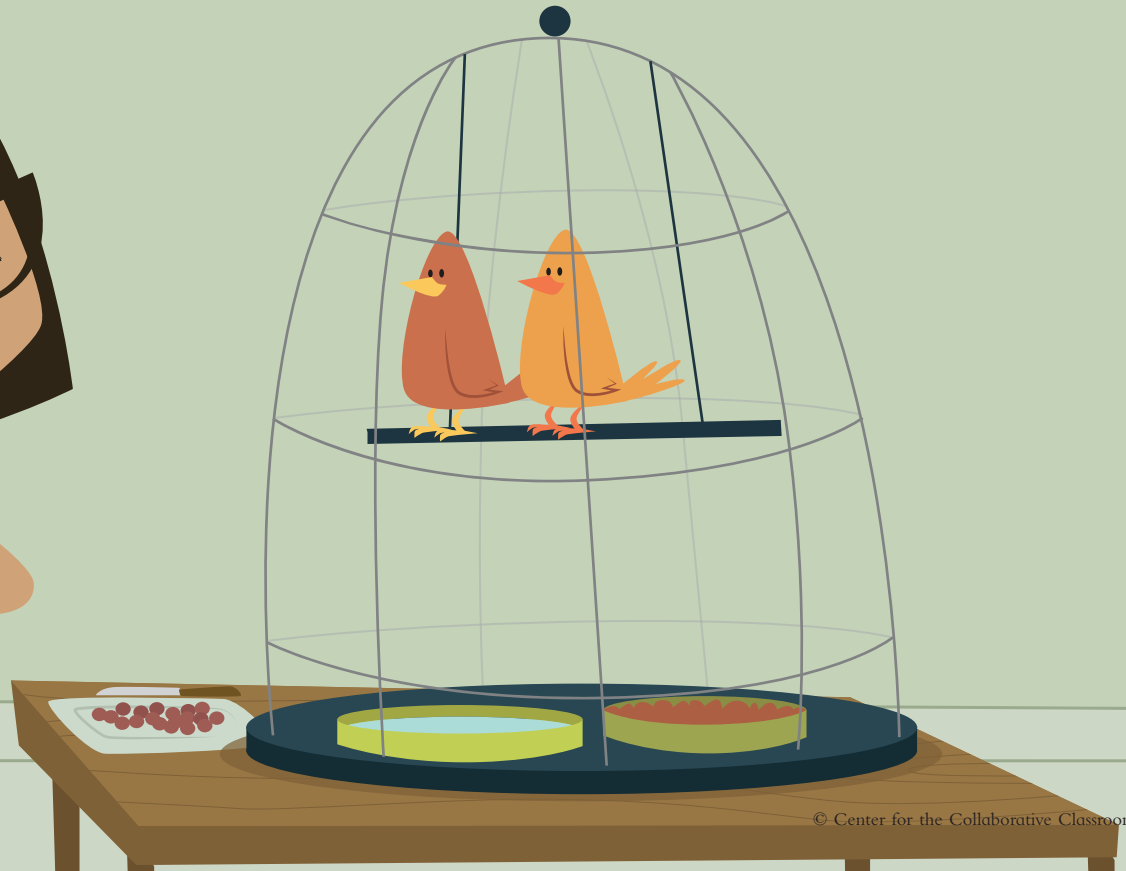
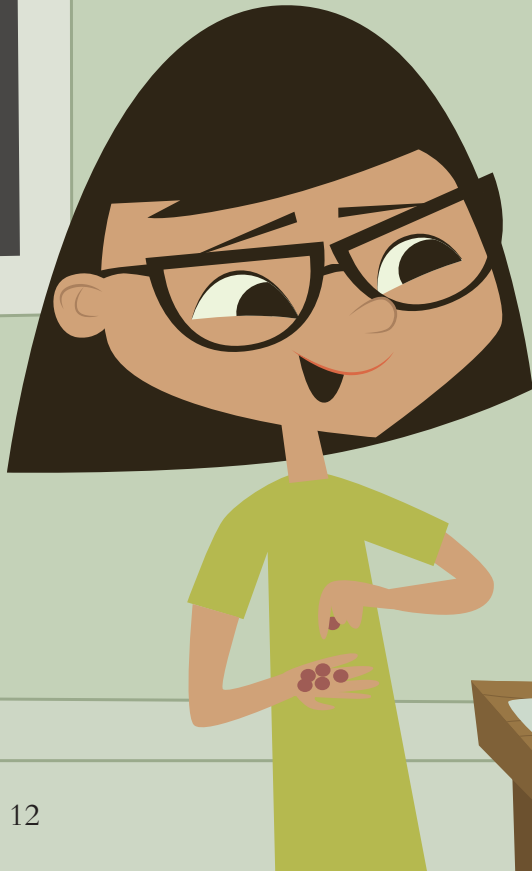
“*CHIRP*,” said Peep and Pip.



“Bird school is not going well,” said Jake.
“Who wants the next turn?”

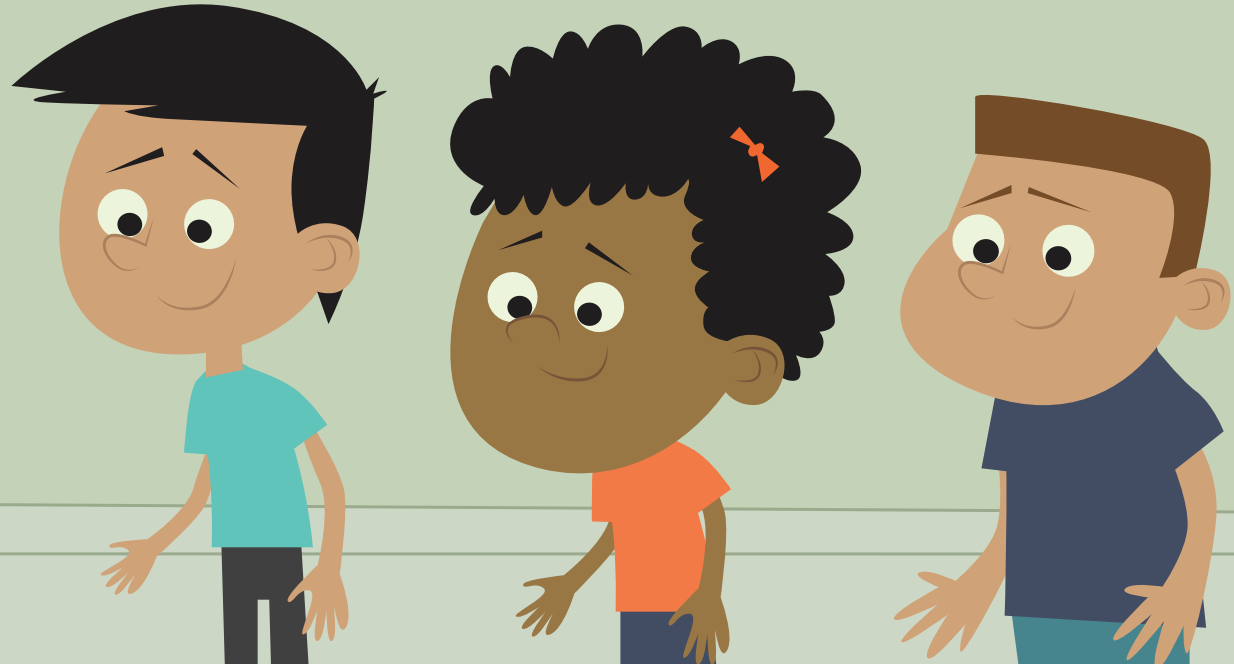
“I do,” said Miss Vern.

She cut up some grapes for the birds. She put some bits in her hand.



“Who likes grapes?” asked Miss Vern. “Good birds,” she said.

Then Pip and Peep spoke. What do you think they said?



**Good
birds!**



“Good birds!” they chirped.

