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- ▶ Quinn sat by himself.
- ▶ He had a book to read.

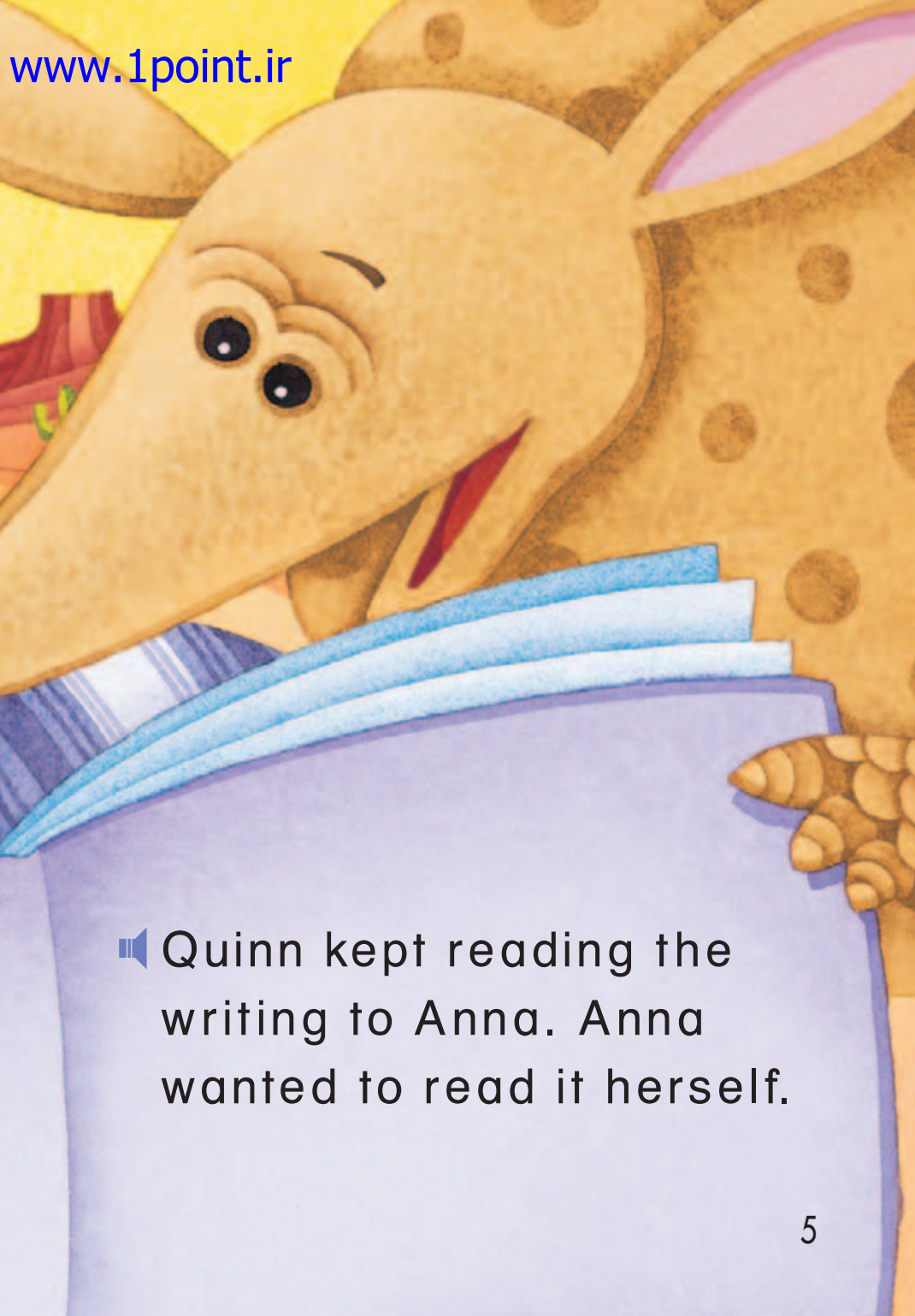




“What is that about?”  
asked Anna.



▶ “It is about a small caterpillar that grew and grew,” said Quinn.

A close-up illustration of a brown rabbit with large, upright ears. The rabbit is looking down at an open book it is holding. The book has a light purple cover and blue pages. The rabbit's mouth is slightly open, showing a red tongue. The background is a warm, yellowish-brown color with dark brown spots, suggesting a textured surface like a blanket or a wall.

▶ Quinn kept reading the writing to Anna. Anna wanted to read it herself.





- ▶ Anna ran to tell her family.
- ▶ “I want to read,” she said.





“We must work now,  
Anna. When do we have  
time for books?”



▶ “I wish I could read,”  
said Anna.

▶ “You can if you work hard,”  
said Quinn.



Anna ran to tell her family.





▶ “We must work hard, Anna.  
When do we have time for  
books?”










Anna and Quinn worked hard. They did not quit. Soon Anna could read all by herself.



Now Anna reads to her family when they come home from work.

## **Think and Respond**

-  **1** What is Quinn doing at the beginning of the story?
-  **2** What is Quinn's book about?
-  **3** Why doesn't Anna's family have time for books?
-  **4** What does Anna want to do?
-  **5** How does Anna help her family?



**Make a Book** Make a book by folding two sheets of paper in half. Retell and illustrate one of your favorite stories. Then read your writing aloud to a friend.



**School-Home Connection** After you read aloud the story, identify the words *read*, *reads*, and *reading*. Talk about how these words are used in the story and what the different word endings mean.



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