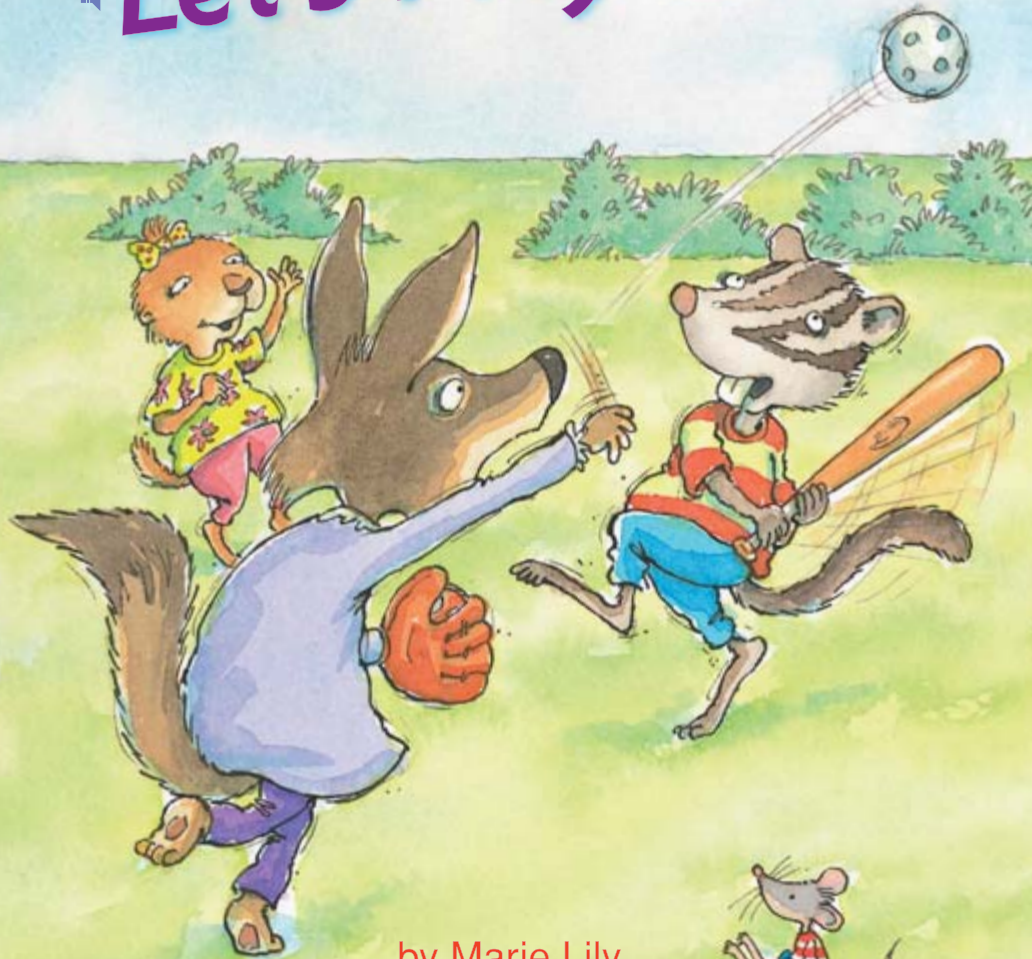


# Let's Play Ball



by Marie Lily  
illustrated by Ian Forss

# Let's Play Ball

by Marie Lily  
illustrated by Ian Forss



---

Copyright © by Harcourt, Inc.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopy, recording, or any information storage and retrieval system, without permission in writing from the publisher.

Requests for permission to make copies of any part of the work should be addressed to School Permissions and Copyrights, Harcourt, Inc., 6277 Sea Harbor Drive, Orlando, Florida 32887-6777. Fax: 407-345-2418.

HARCOURT and the Harcourt Logo are trademarks of Harcourt, Inc., registered in the United States of America and/or other jurisdictions.

Printed in Mexico

ISBN 10: 0-15-350625-3

ISBN 13: 978-0-15-350625-3

Ordering Options

ISBN 10: 0-15-350598-2 (Grade 1 On-Level Collection)

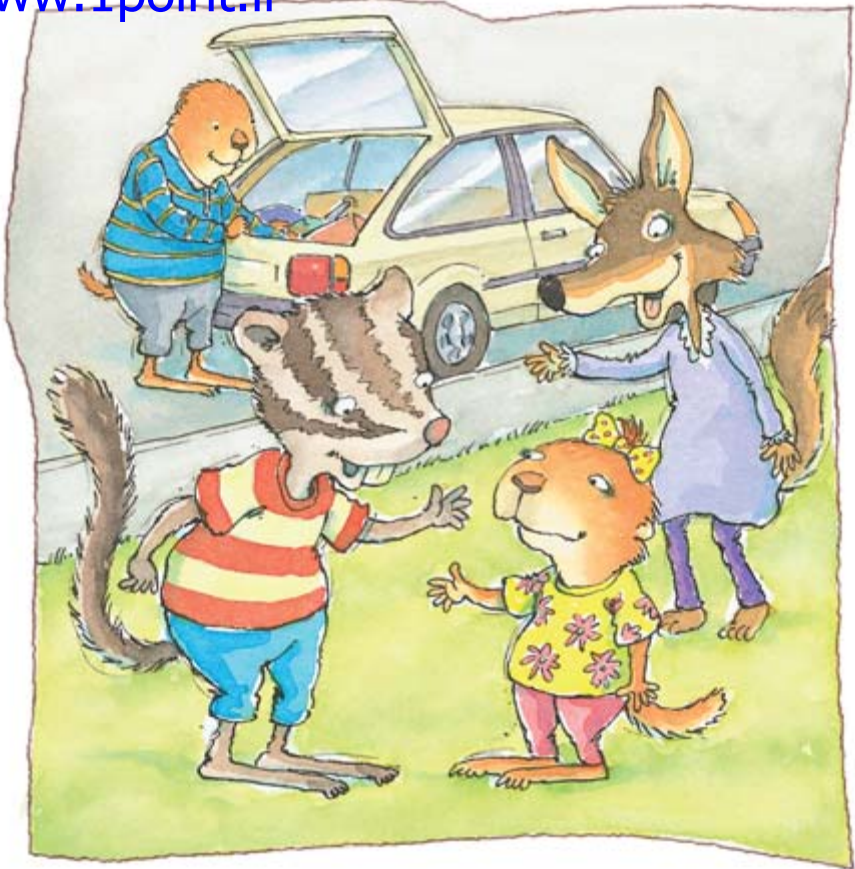
ISBN 13: 978-0-15-350598-0 (Grade 1 On-Level Collection)

ISBN 10: 0-15-357782-7 (package of 5)

ISBN 13: 978-0-15-357782-6 (package of 5)

If you have received these materials as examination copies free of charge, Harcourt School Publishers retains title to the materials and they may not be resold. Resale of examination copies is strictly prohibited and is illegal.
--

Possession of this publication in print format does not entitle users to convert this publication, or any portion of it, into electronic format.
--



▶ “Let’s go and play ball,” said Walter.

▶ “The park is a good place to play,” said Jess. “There is lots of space.”



▶ “I’ll carry the ball because it’s light,” said Jean.

▶ “I’ll carry the bat,” said Walter.

Jess walked on to look for a good place to play.





« They stopped by the pond.

“This is a nice place,” Jess said. “Let’s play ball!”

« “That family might get in the way,” said Walter.

« “You’re right,” said Jean.



▶ “Let’s walk to those trees,”  
said Dad.

▶ “There is no one here,” Jess  
said. “Let’s play ball!”

▶ “There are holes and bumps,”  
said Jean.

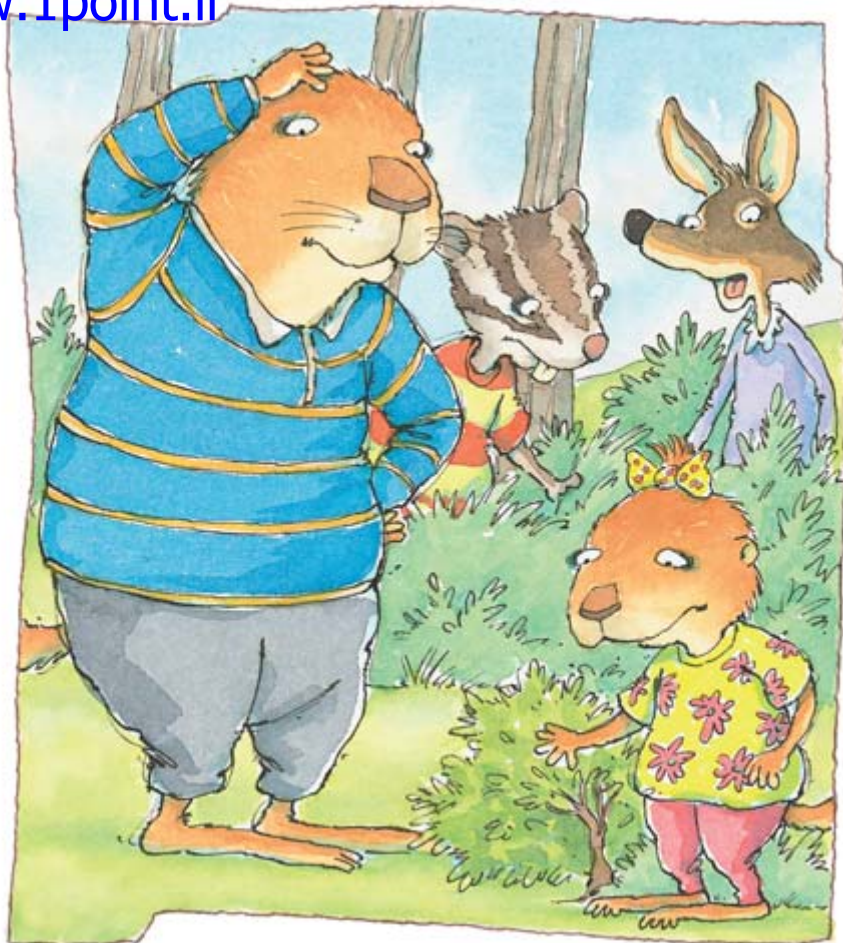
▶ “You’re right,” said Walter.



▶ They walked on and stopped where it was flat.

“There are no holes and bumps here,” said Jess. “Let’s play ball! I’ll pitch.”

Her throw was very hard.



“We have lost the ball!” said Jean.

They looked and looked. The ball could not be found.





▶ “Let’s go home,” said Jean.

▶ “There are no bumps and holes there,” said Walter. “No one will get in the way.”

▶ “There’s a ball, too,” said Jess with a smile. “Let’s go!”

## Think Critically

1. Why did Jess think the park was a good place to play ball?
2. What were the problems the characters had when they were playing ball?
3. How did Jess, Walter, and Jean all think that going home would solve their problem?
4. Where do you think would be a good place to play ball?
5. How do you think the characters felt when they lost the ball?



## Social Studies

**Name the Places** Write the names of places where you can go and play with friends and family. Draw a picture of one of the places.



**School-Home Connection** Tell a family member about *Let's Play Ball*. Then talk about games you like to play.