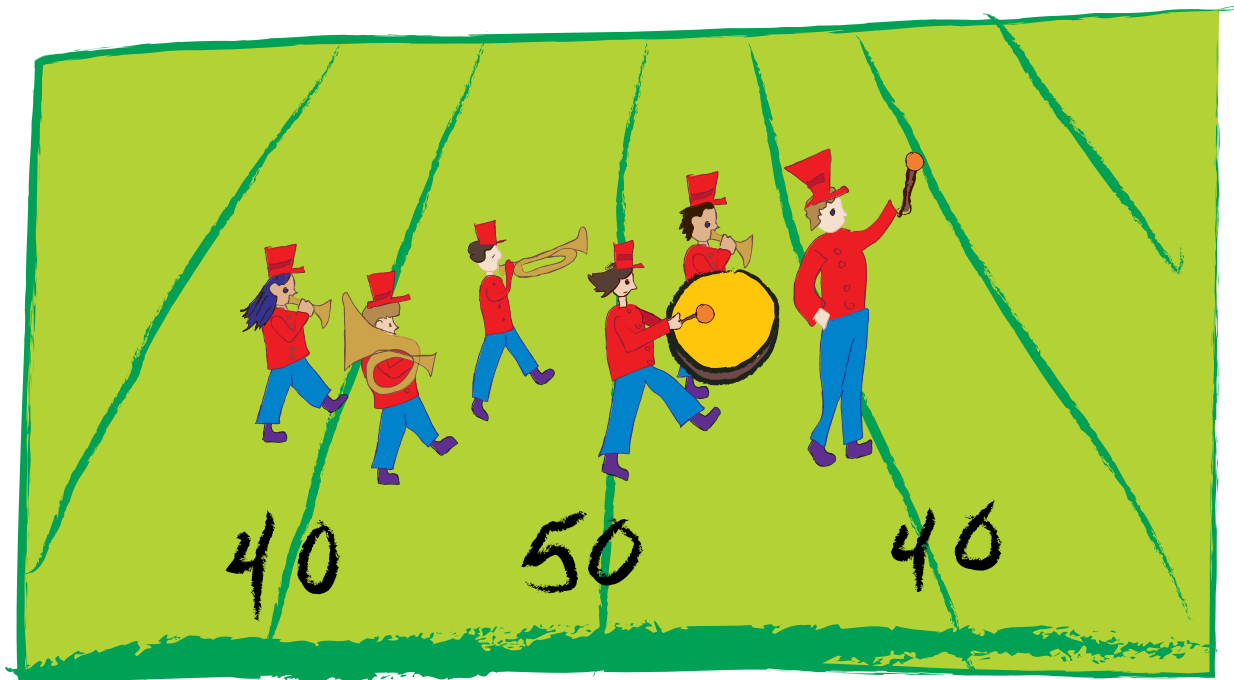


The Marching Band

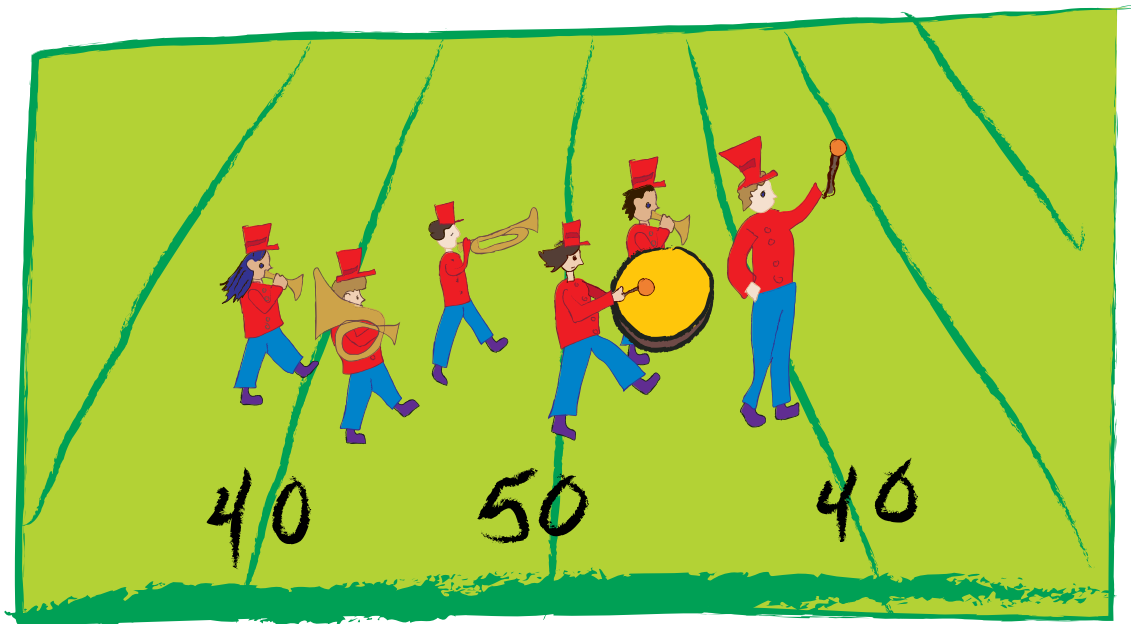
Cycle 10 Decodable Reader



It was Friday night, and Sam wanted to go to the high school football game. It started at 7 o'clock. He did not know much about football. What he really wanted to see was the band.

Sam liked to make music. He played the drum, horns, even a bell. He'd play just about anything! He wanted to hear the big marching band play music together.

Sam and Dad walked to the high school. Sam asked if they could get a snack. The game was packed with people. After they grabbed a snack, Sam and Dad finally found a seat.



Then the band marched out. One member banged the drum over and over. They all played music together as they marched. He'd never seen anything like it! Sam loved the band.

The football game began.
People cheered and chanted
for the players. Then, at half
time, music filled the air again.
Sam cheered and clapped for
the band as it marched
back on the field.

Then the band left, and the game started again. Sam said, "I'd like to play in a band someday." He dreamed about it while other people watched the football game.



The game ended at 9 o'clock. As they walked home, Sam said, "Dad, do you think I could play the drum like the boy in the marching band?" "I am sure you'd be a great drummer," Dad said. Sam grinned and dreamed about the day he would get to march out on that field.