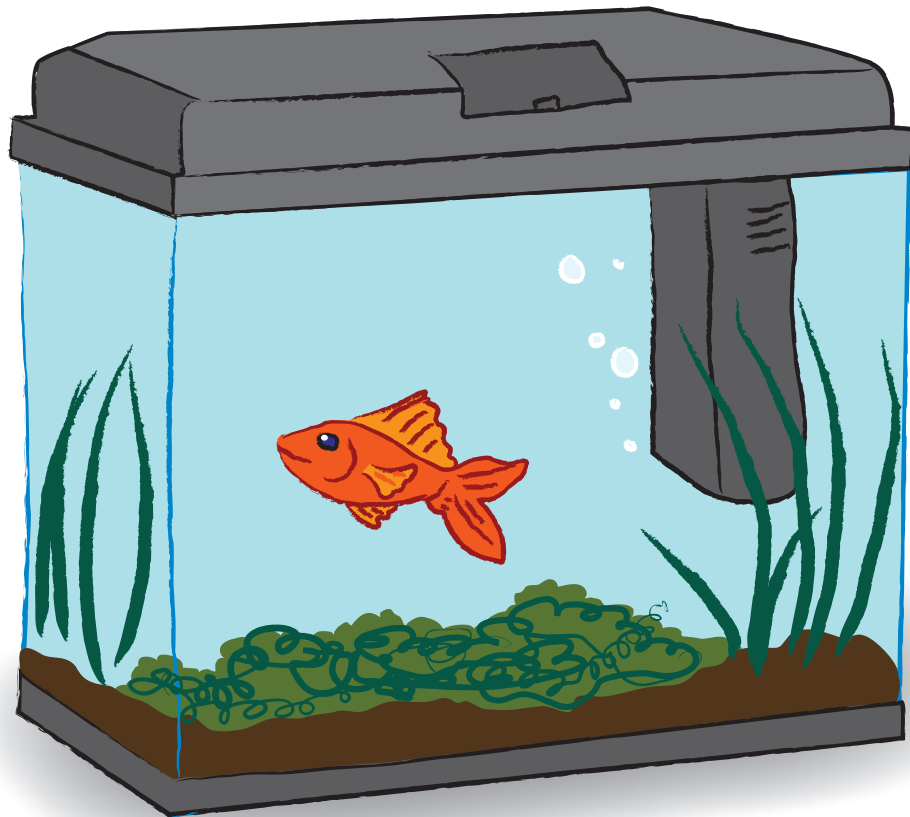


# Where's Goldie?

Cycle 8 Decodable  
Student Reader



Sam and Nell walk to school together sometimes. The air is starting to get cold.



It is almost winter. They walk into school and then into their class. "Hello, Mr. Moats," says Sam as he walks over to the fish tank.

It's Sam's job to feed the class goldfish, Goldie. But Goldie is gone. The tank that holds her is gone. Sam looks around. He looks behind the desk. He can't find her!

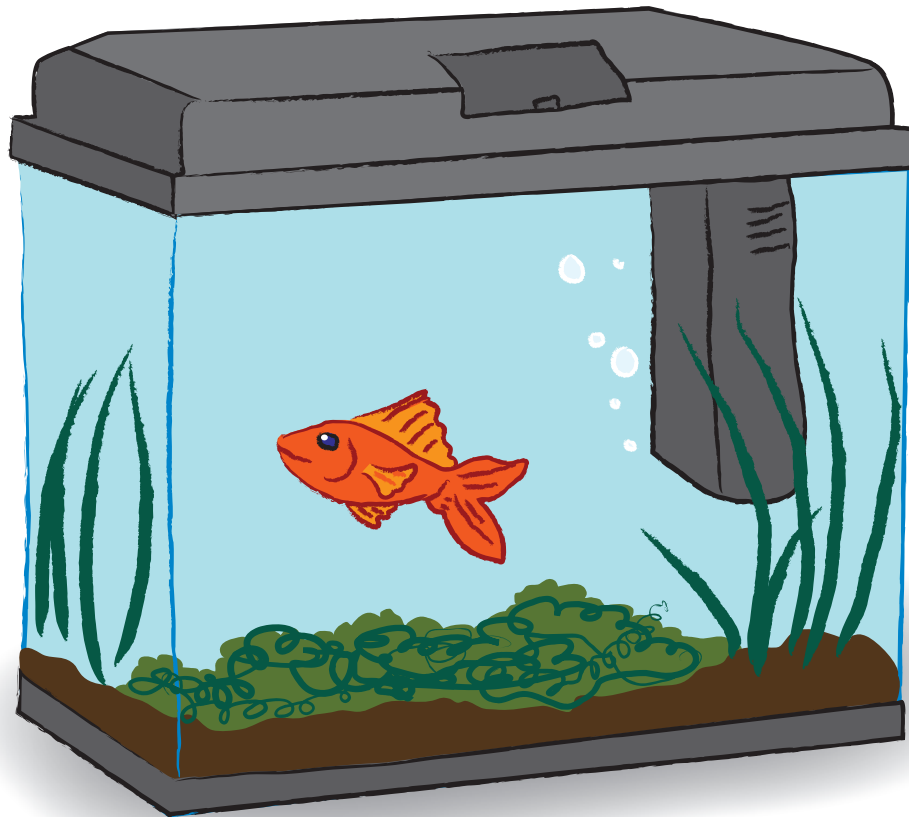
"Where's Goldie?" asks Sam.  
"She's not in her tank. She's gone!" Nell walks over. She looks for the goldfish. She can't find her. "That's so weird! Do you think a child in our class has her?" asks Nell.

"Maybe we should make a poster. We can post it in the school and on the street. It will tell people that our goldfish has been stolen. Maybe she was stolen and then the robber sold her to another class."

Mr Moats walks over. "OK, guys. There's no reason to get upset. I am sure we will find her." Just then, Owen walks in with his mom. His mom is holding something big. It is a fish tank!

"Owen! You had Goldie?" asks Sam. "Yes. I stayed late at school on Friday because my mom was late. Mr. Pack asked if I could take her home. The heat was broken and he was afraid Goldie would be too cold," says Owen.





"She's a lucky fish! I am sure it was very cold in here. Thanks for taking care of Goldie for us!" says Mr. Moats.

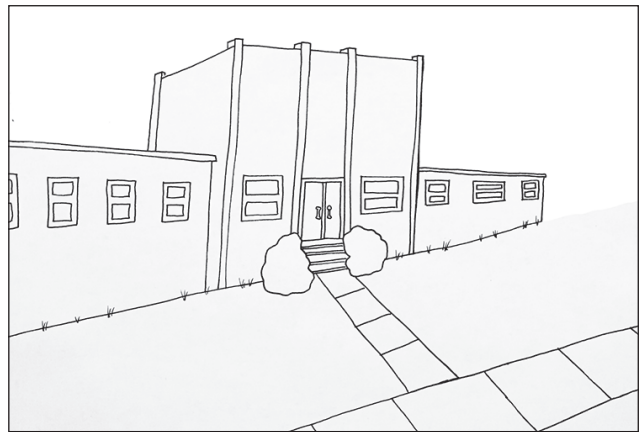
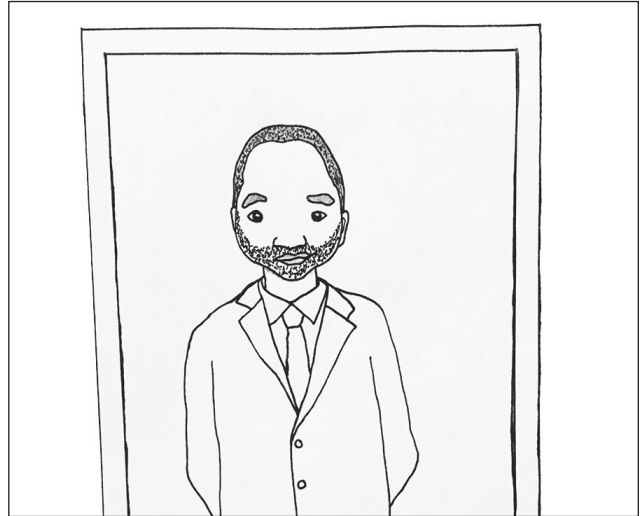
## Principal Pack Saves the Day!

*By Walt Wordsmith*

The residents of Sunnyside are saying goodbye to the mild days of Fall and bundling up for colder weather. This weekend, temperatures dipped close to freezing and the forecast for the coming week is calling for even chillier days ahead.

This weather report was especially bad news for Principal Noah Pack. On Friday, the old heating system at Sunnyside Elementary began to fail. Principal Pack and the building engineer worked on it all day, but were unable to fix it. "I watched the weather report that morning. I knew the temperature would be dropping over the weekend and into the next week. I knew I had to do something to make sure the kids would be warm enough at school on Monday."

Principal Pack called several local heating technicians, but had trouble finding somebody that would work over the weekend. So, he turned on his computer and searched the internet. He learned all about the old heating system in the school.



After many hours of work and research, Principal Pack was able to fix the heating system!

"It is still very old. But until we can replace the heating system, at least I know it is working for now and my students can come to school on Monday," said Principal Pack.