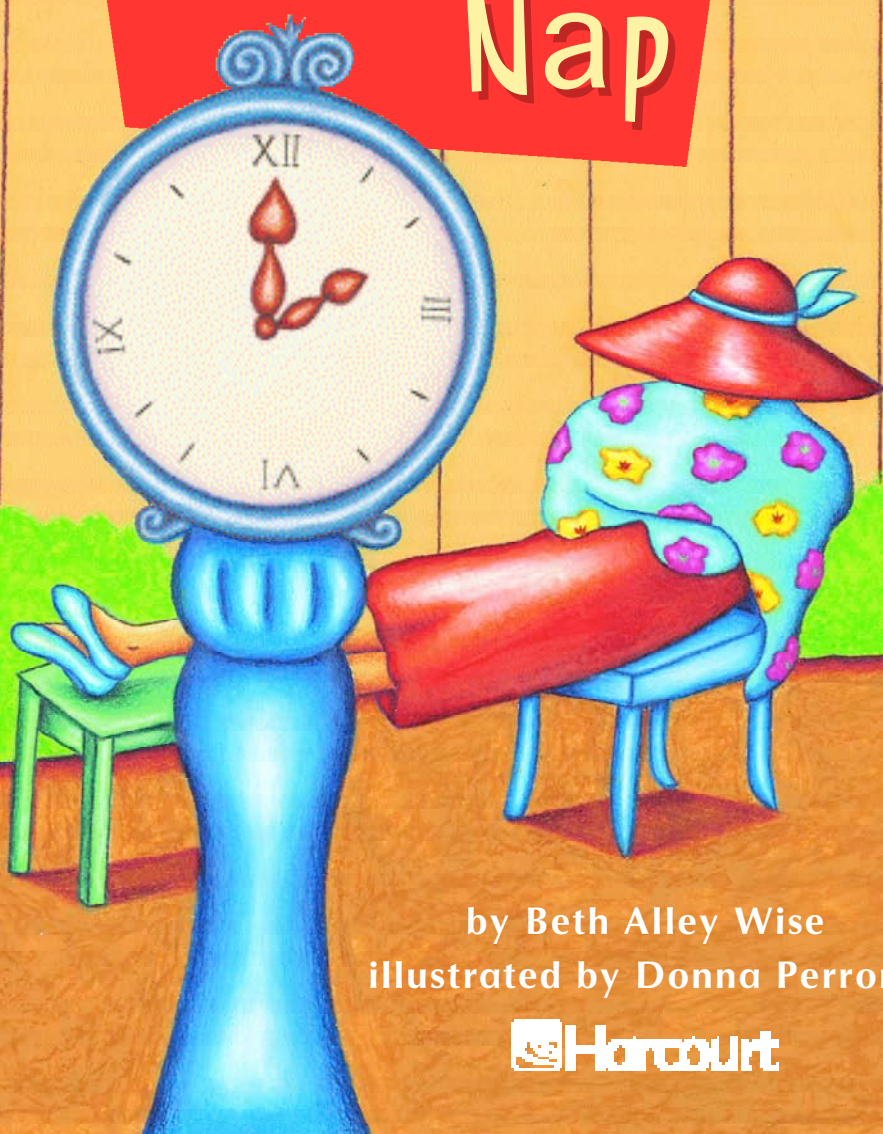


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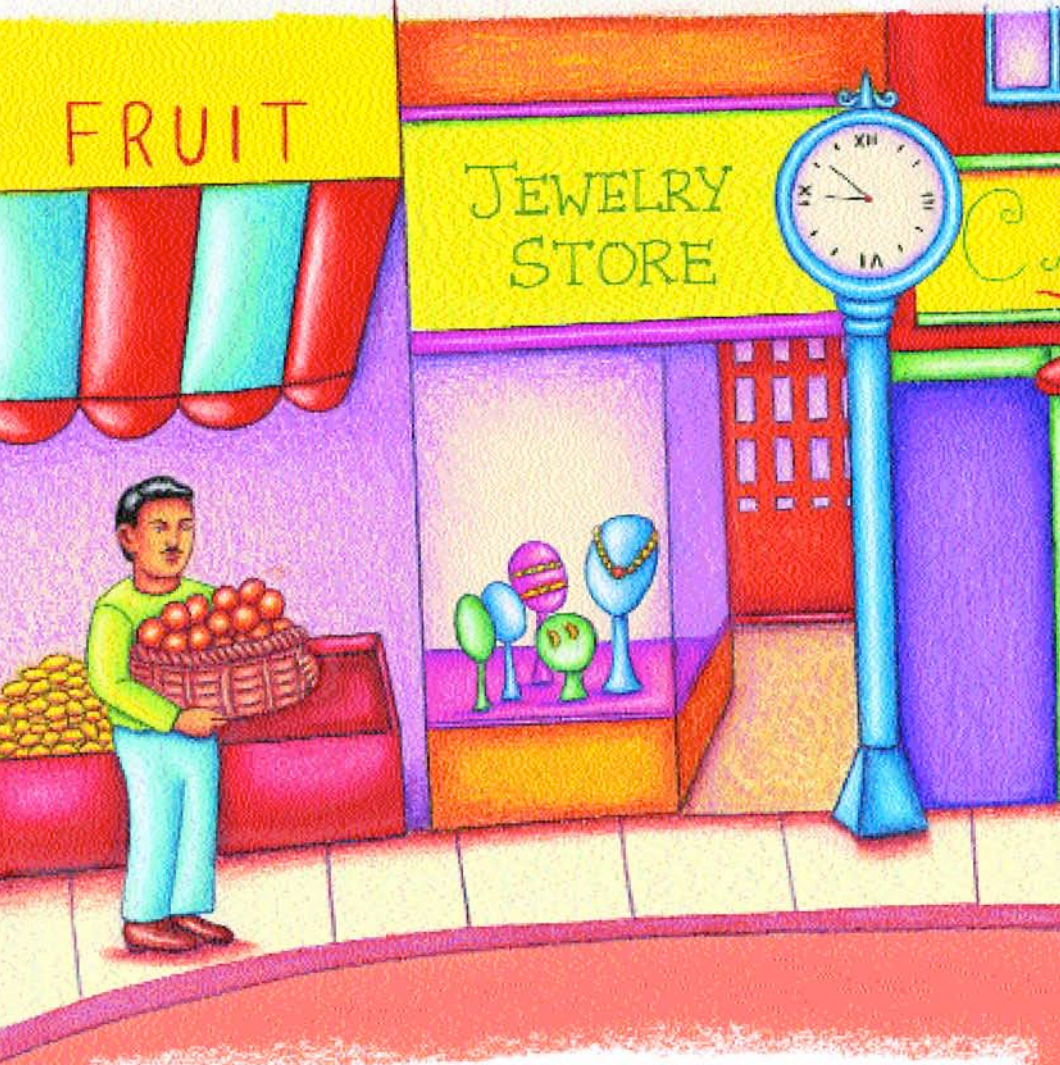
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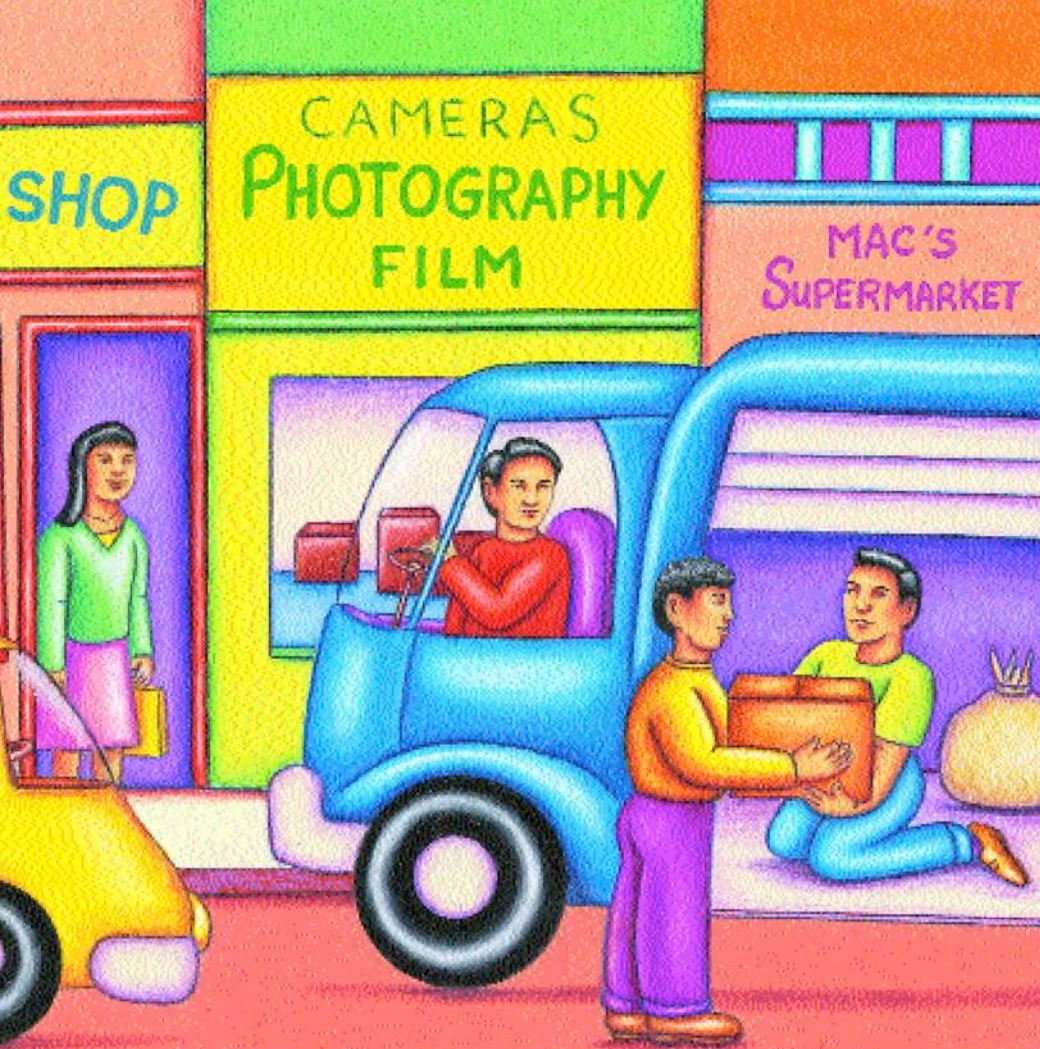
▶ This morning the shops on the streets are very busy.



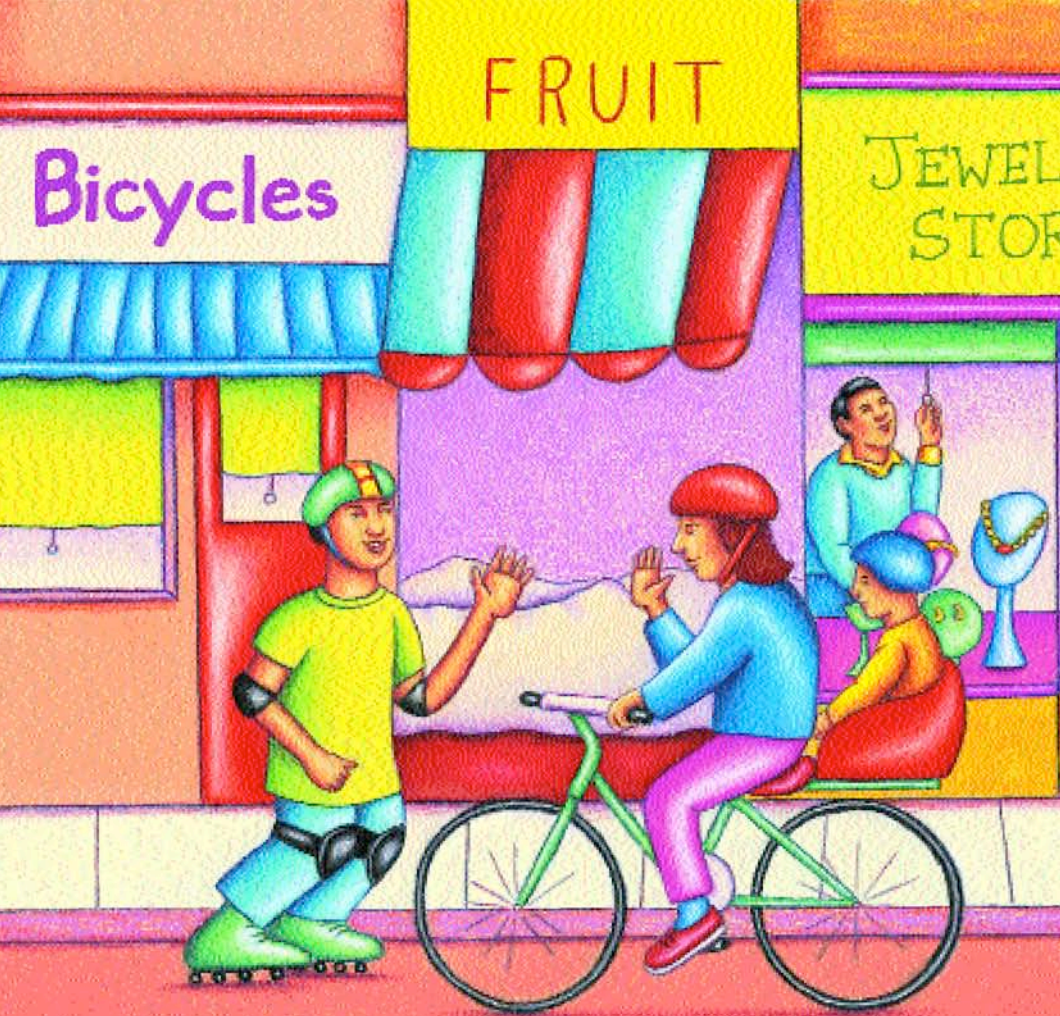
- Workers carry heavy baskets and boxes outside.
- The baker checks the bread she baked.



🔊 People wander from shop to shop, buying food and other things they need.



Trucks stop to unload more boxes. A steady stream of cars zips around the streets.



Some people go by bicycle or on skates. It is a busy place.



▶ The city slows down in the afternoon. Many shops close for two hours.



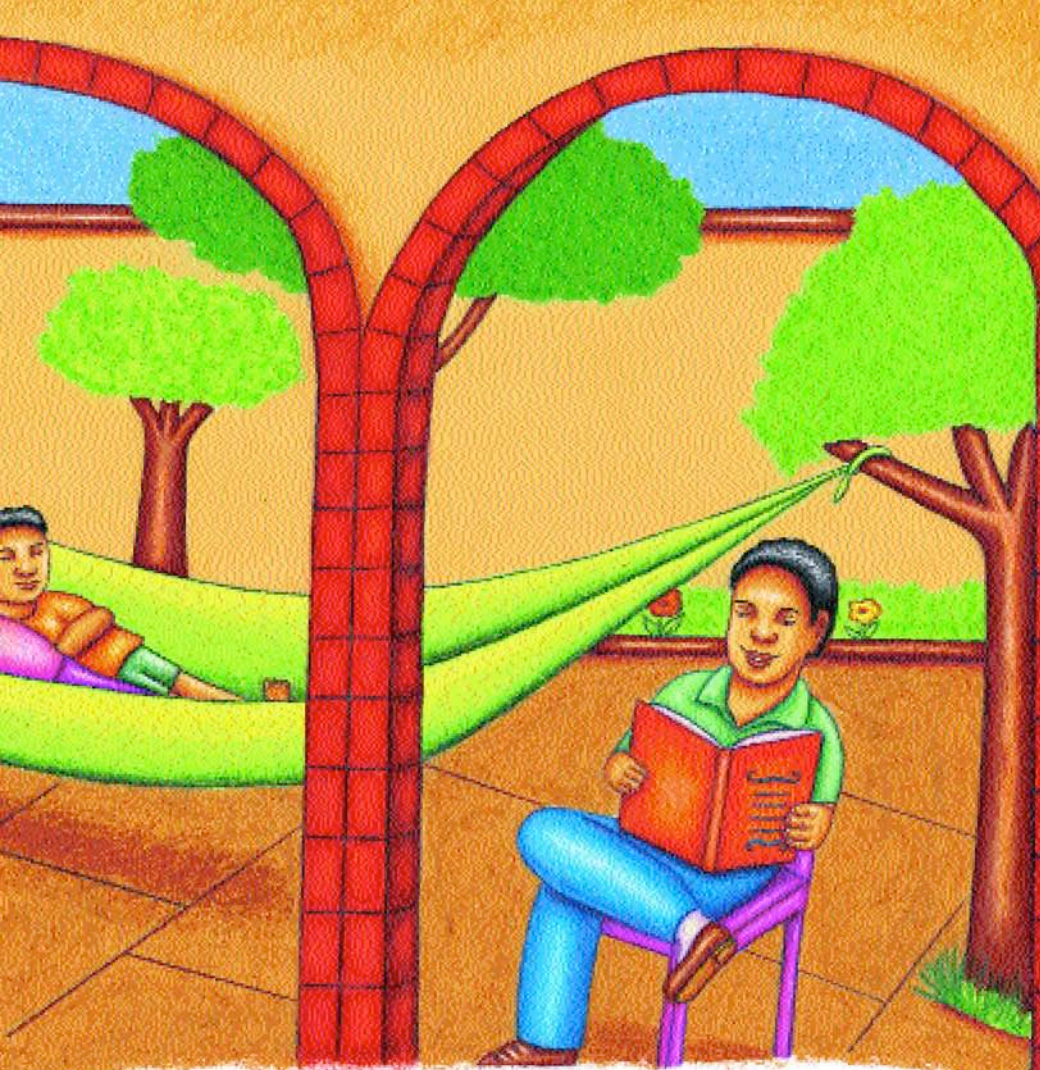
▶ The owners close the blinds and shut the doors.



Families get together to visit and eat. This is their biggest meal of the day.



- ▶ People often watch the news and check the weather.
- ▶ Then, parents and children take an afternoon nap.






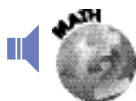
Some people nap on cots in their shops. Some yawn and curl up in the sun or swing in a hammock.



When the afternoon nap ends, they go back to work. The shops are ready again.

Think and Respond

-  **1** What is this story mostly about?
-  **2** What happens in the afternoon?
-  **3** Why do you think the people take naps?



Tell the Time Make a paper clock. Move the hands to show the time the nap began. Move the hands to show what time it will be when the nap ends.



School-Home Connection Have your child read aloud the story. Use a map or globe to show where Spain is located and explain that this story tells about a custom in countries such as Spain.