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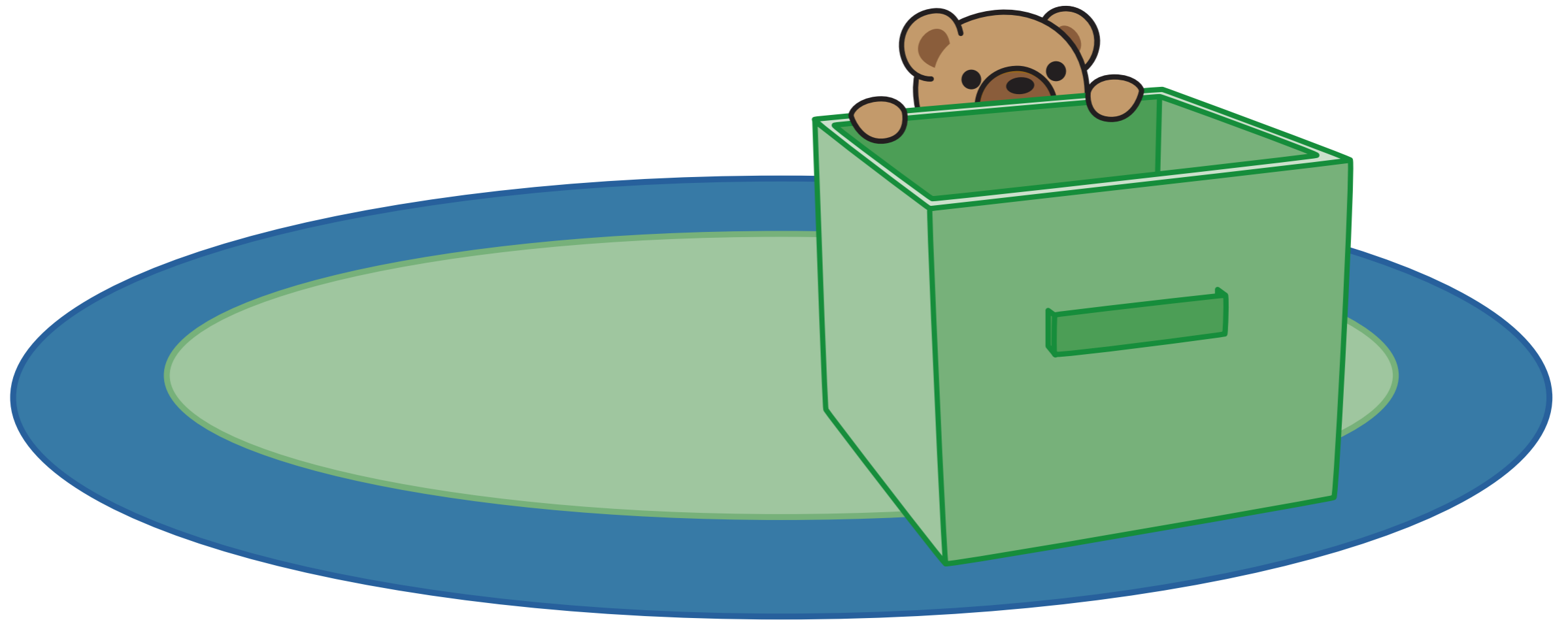
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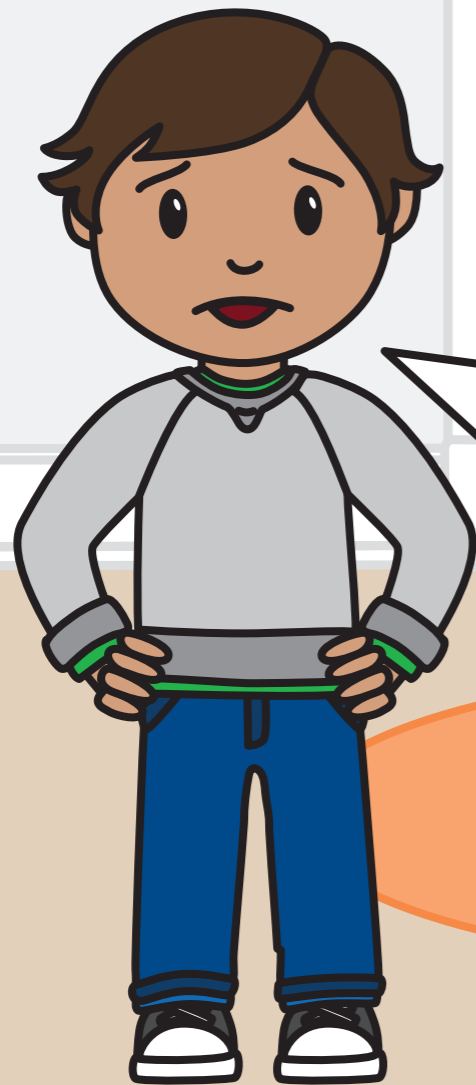
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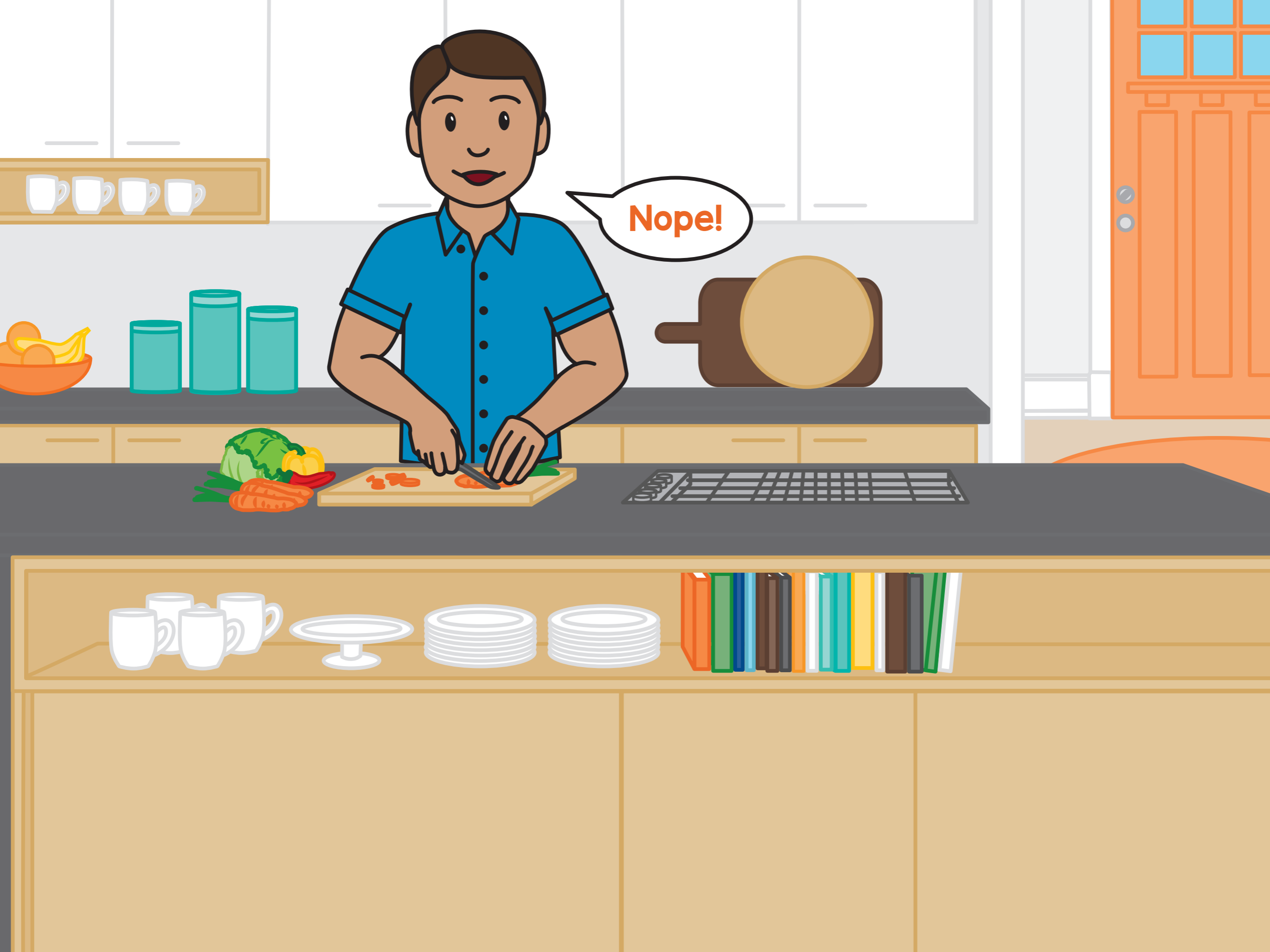
**Where's
the Bear?**



Michael has lost his teddy bear.
He can't find it anywhere.



Dad!
Have you seen my
bear anywhere?



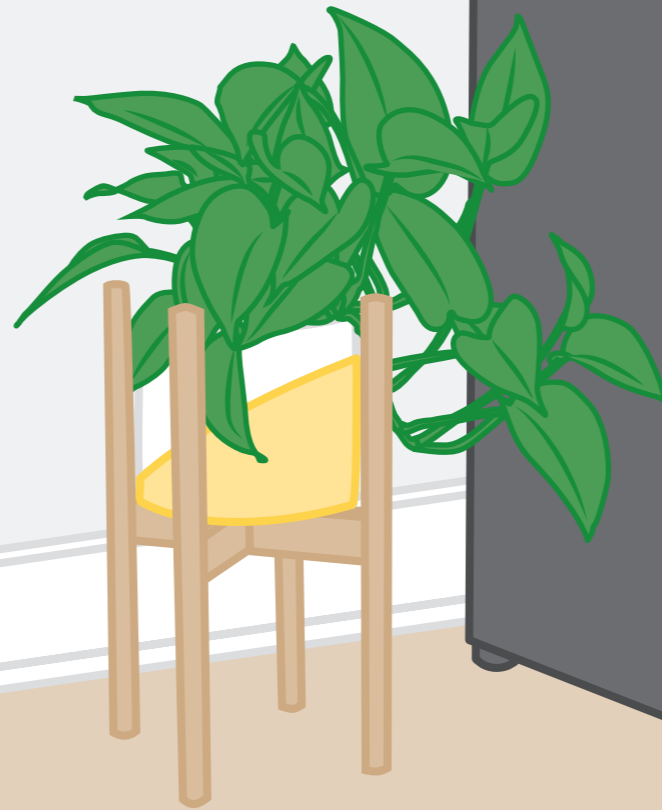
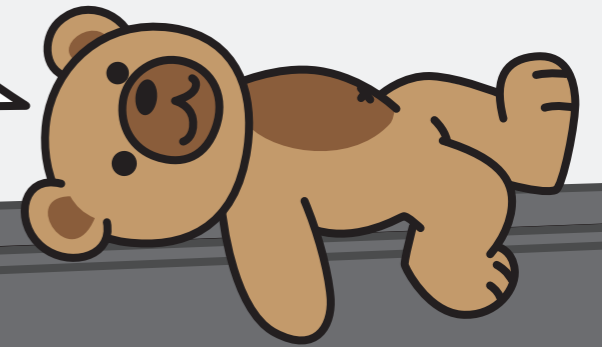
Nope!



Shhhh...
Don't tell!
I'm hiding!

Where's the bear?

He'll never
find me up here!



Where's the bear?



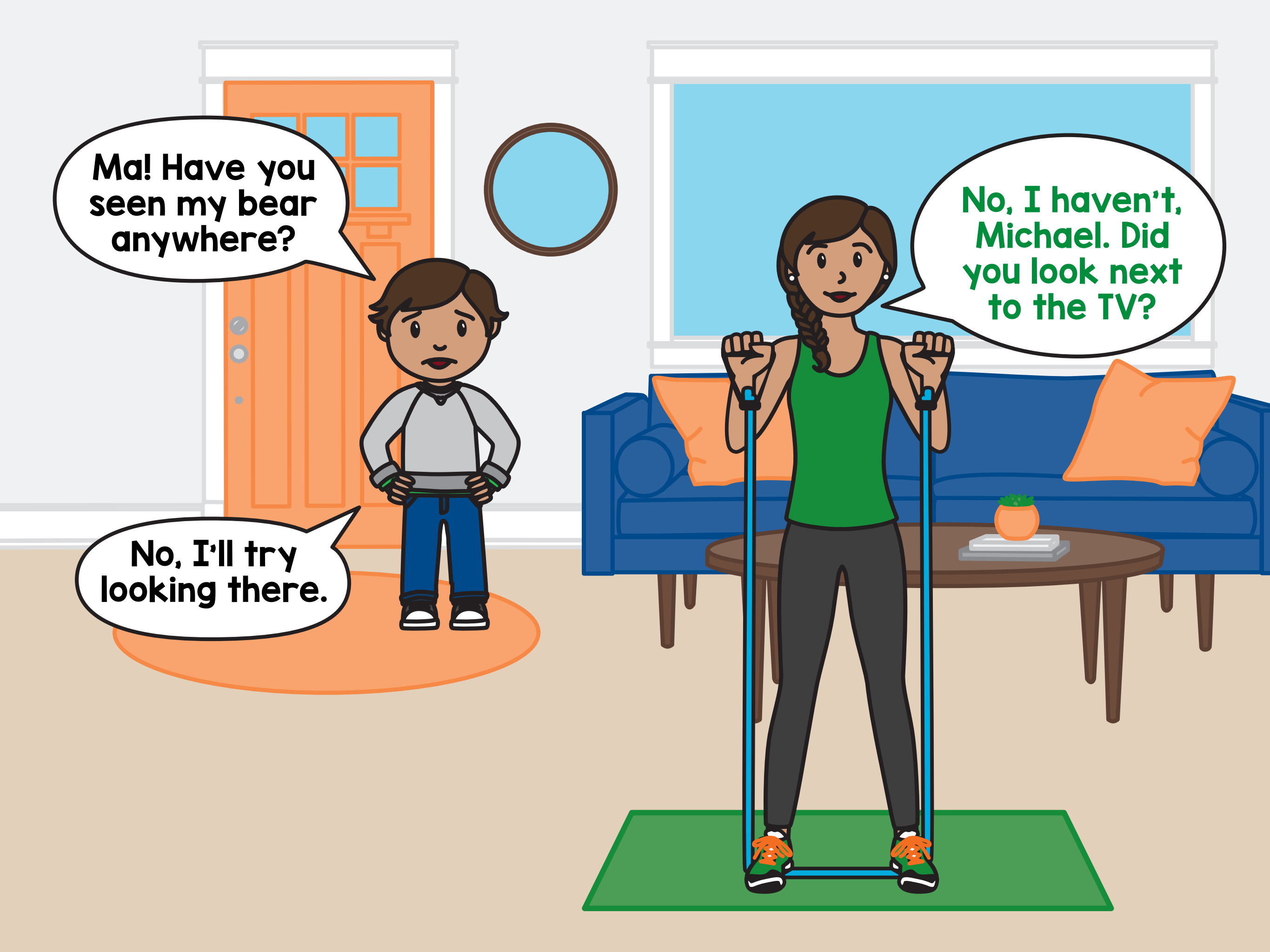
Shhhh!

Where's the bear?



Do you think he'll see me here?

Where's the bear?



Ma! Have you seen my bear anywhere?

No, I haven't, Michael. Did you look next to the TV?

No, I'll try looking there.



Where's the bear?



**Whew!
That was close!**

Where's the bear?



Where's the bear?



He isn't by
the TV. He's not
anywhere!

Are you sure
you've looked
everywhere?

YES!

Yes, but I think he's gone for good.

Do you want me to help you look for him?

Let's look in your bedroom.





Mom! Look who fell out of bed when I looked under the cover!

I'll bet he was there all the time.

I don't think so, Mom. I think he was hiding from me.

Don't be silly, Michael...he's just a teddy bear!

