

# Arlo's Skatepark Surprise

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Level 22

Running Words 761 Text Type Narrative

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Health and Physical Education; Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

### Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

### Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

#### Literal

- 1 Which two sports did Arlo try to play at school?
- 2 How did Arlo break his skateboard?
- 3 What happened when Arlo tried to do a kickflip?

#### Inferential

- 4 Why was Arlo sad when he told Callum he didn't have a skateboard?
- 5 Why did Arlo sit watching his friends when he got to the skatepark?
- 6 Why was Callum amazed when Arlo went straight to the big ramp?
- 7 Why did Arlo look embarrassed when everyone praised him after his skate?
- 8 How do you think Arlo learned to do tricks on his skateboard?

#### Applied Knowledge

- 9 Do you think Callum would be a good friend to have? Why?
- 10 Arlo is good at skateboarding. What other sports might he be good at?

### Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

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Level 21	Narrative	<i>The Clubhouse</i>
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# Chapter 1

## At the Football Pitch

“Callum!” called my teacher,  
as I walked into the classroom.

“Will you show Arlo around today?  
He’s new to our school.”

“Sure,” I replied, waving at Arlo.

“Do you play football?” I asked Arlo.

“My friends and I usually play at lunchtime.”

Arlo looked nervous.

“I’ve never played before,” he said anxiously.

“It’s okay,” I told him. “We can teach you.”



At lunchtime, I took Arlo down to the football pitch. My friends were already there, kicking the ball around. "Arlo hasn't played before," I told them.

Everybody gathered around Arlo. "We'll show you what to do," they said, cheerfully.

Brodie showed Arlo how to kick the ball with the top of his shoe.

"Now, you try," he said kindly.

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Arlo ran towards the ball and kicked it hard with his toes.

*I bet that hurt*, I thought to myself.

Arlo limped a little after the kick.

“Can I try again?” he asked, quietly.

“Of course you can,” I said.





We watched Arlo kick the ball again and again.

His kicks were awful!

Once, he kicked the ball into a tree.

But he kept trying.

“Let’s all play basketball tomorrow,”

I said to my friends.

I hoped Arlo would be better at that!

