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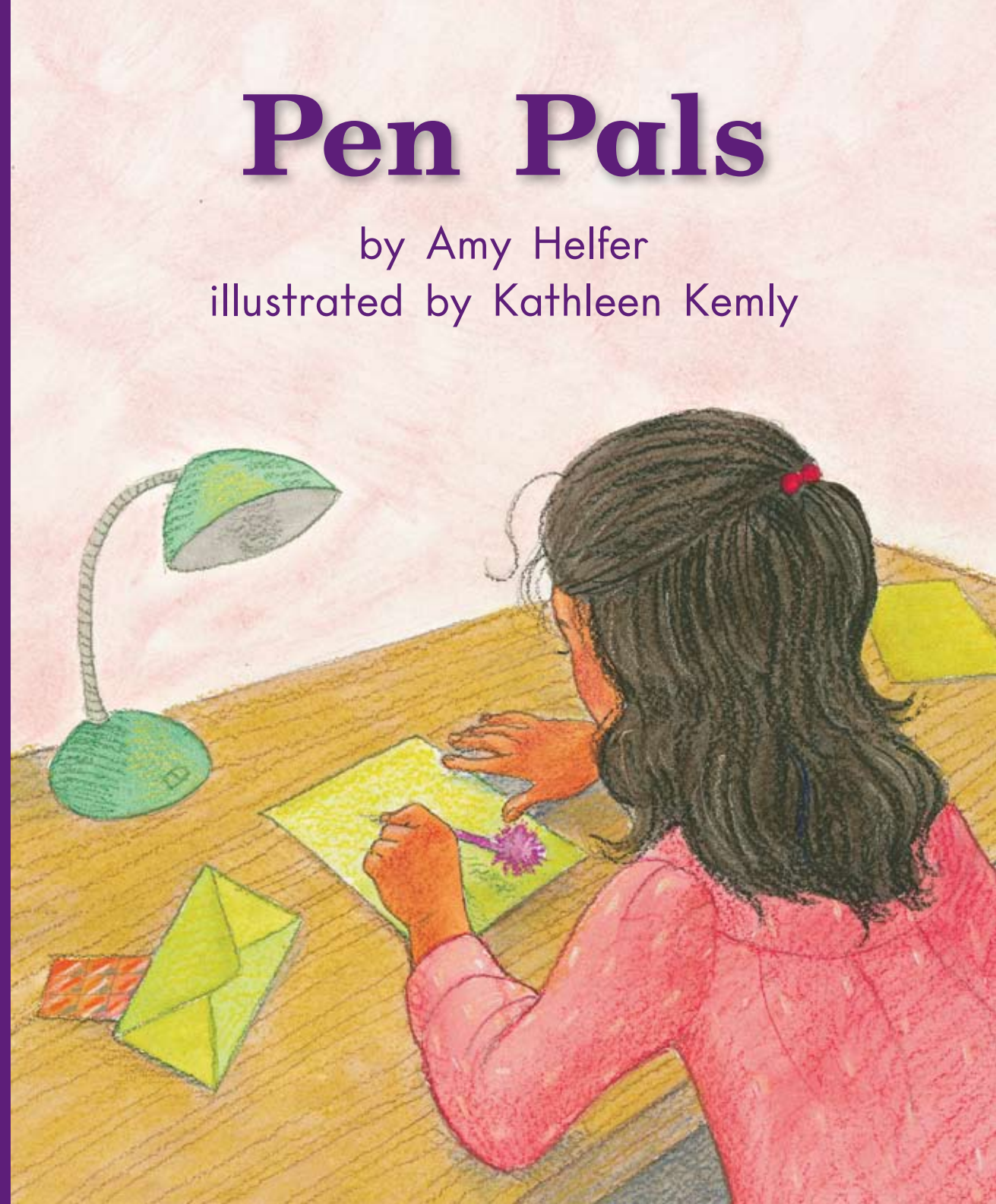
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Miss Shay asked, "Who knows what a pen pal is?"

A few kids raised their hands.

"A pen pal is someone you write letters to," said Luke.

"A pen pal is someone you don't know," added Nell.



"You're both right," said Miss Shay. "Each of you will get a pen pal from another school. Your pen pal will write you a letter. Then you will write back."

The class buzzed with excitement. Katie hoped her pen pal would be a girl.

One day, Katie's mom came in with the mail.

"Here's a letter for you, Katie," said her mom.

Katie jumped up. "It's from my pen pal!" said Katie.

Katie ripped open the envelope and read the letter.



March 8

Dear Katie,

Hi! I'm your pen pal. I am in the third grade at the Adams School.

I have two brothers and a cat named Fluffy.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Do you have any pets?

What do you like to do for fun?

Write back soon!

Your pen pal,
Serena Perez



“My pen pal is a girl! And she sounds nice,” said Katie. “Now it’s my turn to write to her.”

“OK,” said Katie’s mom. “You can mail your letter on the way to school tomorrow.”



March 11

Dear Serena,

I got your letter today. I am in the third grade at the Harris School. I’m so glad that we are pen pals! I have a six-year-old sister. We share a room.

I wish I could have a pet, but dogs and cats make me sneeze!

I like to write stories, and I just love sports. I am going to join a soccer team.

Write back soon!

Your pen pal,
Katie Reed



On her way to school the next day, Katie dropped her letter in a mailbox. At school, she signed up for the soccer team. Miss Shay walked by and saw Katie signing up.



“Good for you, Katie!” she said.
“Did you know I am coaching the team?”
“That’s great!” said Katie.
“In a few weeks, we will have our first game against the Adams School,” said Miss Shay.

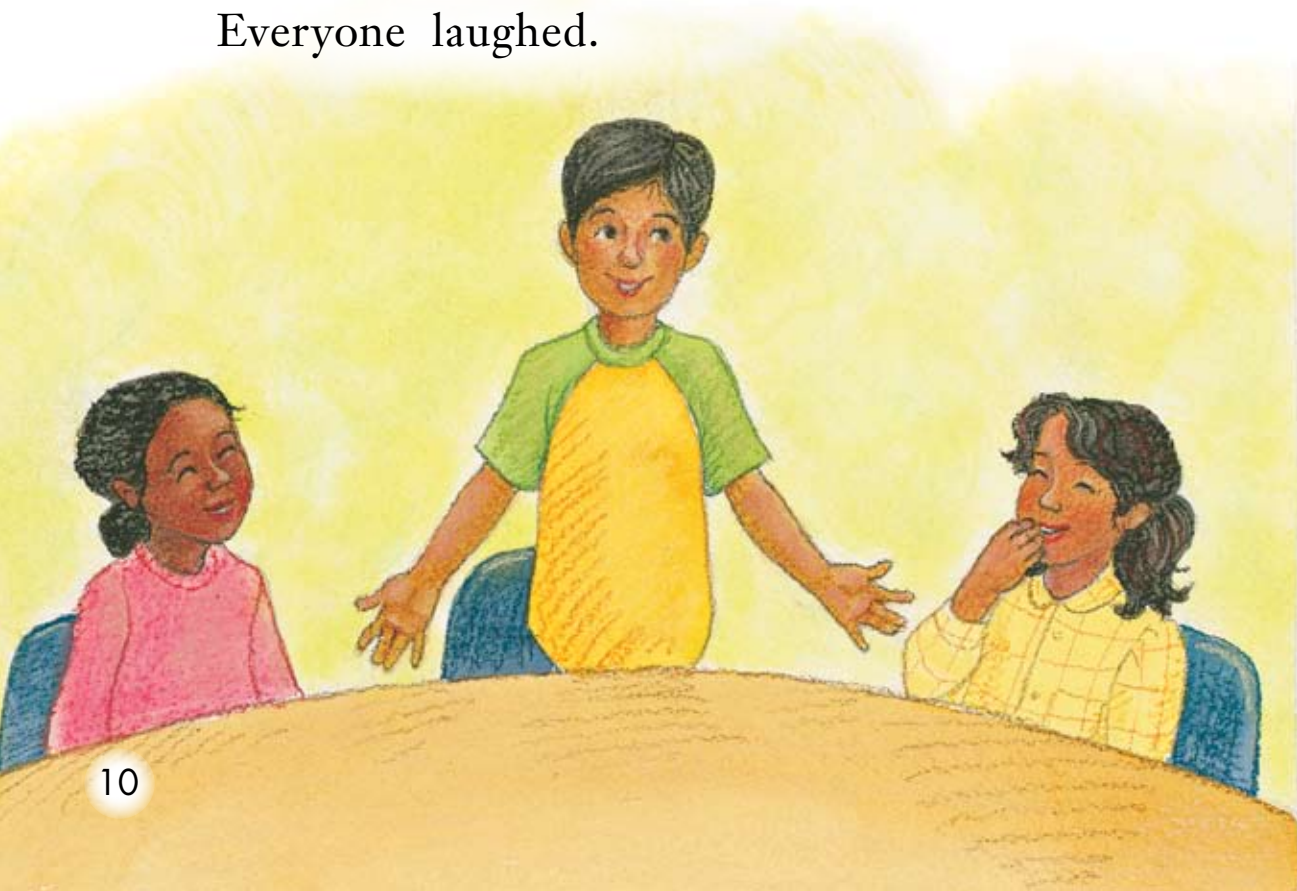
Katie was excited. Serena went to the Adams School. Maybe she would be in the crowd cheering her school on!

When class began, Miss Shay asked the students to tell about their pen pals.

Katie said, "My pen pal is named Serena. She goes to the Adams School!"

"My pen pal is named Chris," said Luke. "But I don't know if Chris is a boy or a girl!"

Everyone laughed.



Then Miss Shay said, "That gives me an idea! I'll take photos of you to send to your pen pals. Then maybe your pen pals can send photos to you."

The next time she wrote to Serena,
Katie clipped her picture to the letter.

She wrote, "I can't wait to see what you
look like."



about cats
Scamper
like to dance.
and Tammy.
sleep over.
soccer game.
I can't wait to see
what you look like.

Your pen pal,
Katie Reed



Katie waited for a letter from Serena.
Finally, the letter came.

Katie opened the envelope quickly.
When she saw the picture of her pen pal,
she began to laugh out loud.

“What’s so funny?” asked Katie’s mom.

Katie said, “Well, Miss Shay said a pen pal is someone you don’t know, but I’m going to get to know Serena soon!”

Katie held up the picture of Serena. She was wearing a soccer shirt from the Adams School!



I love to play soccer, too!
Write back soon!

Your pen pal,
Serena Perez



April 15

Dear Serena,

I can't believe it!

We are going to play our first
game of the year together!

I will see you on the soccer field!

Your pen pal,

Katie

