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This eBook and its story have been designed to support the listening and sound aspects of the phonics learning program. This hands-on activity gives the musical instruments a purpose and children will love to join in with the storytelling.

You will need:

- A recorder or tin whistle
- A shaker or maraca
- Castanets
- A drum
- A triangle or cymbals

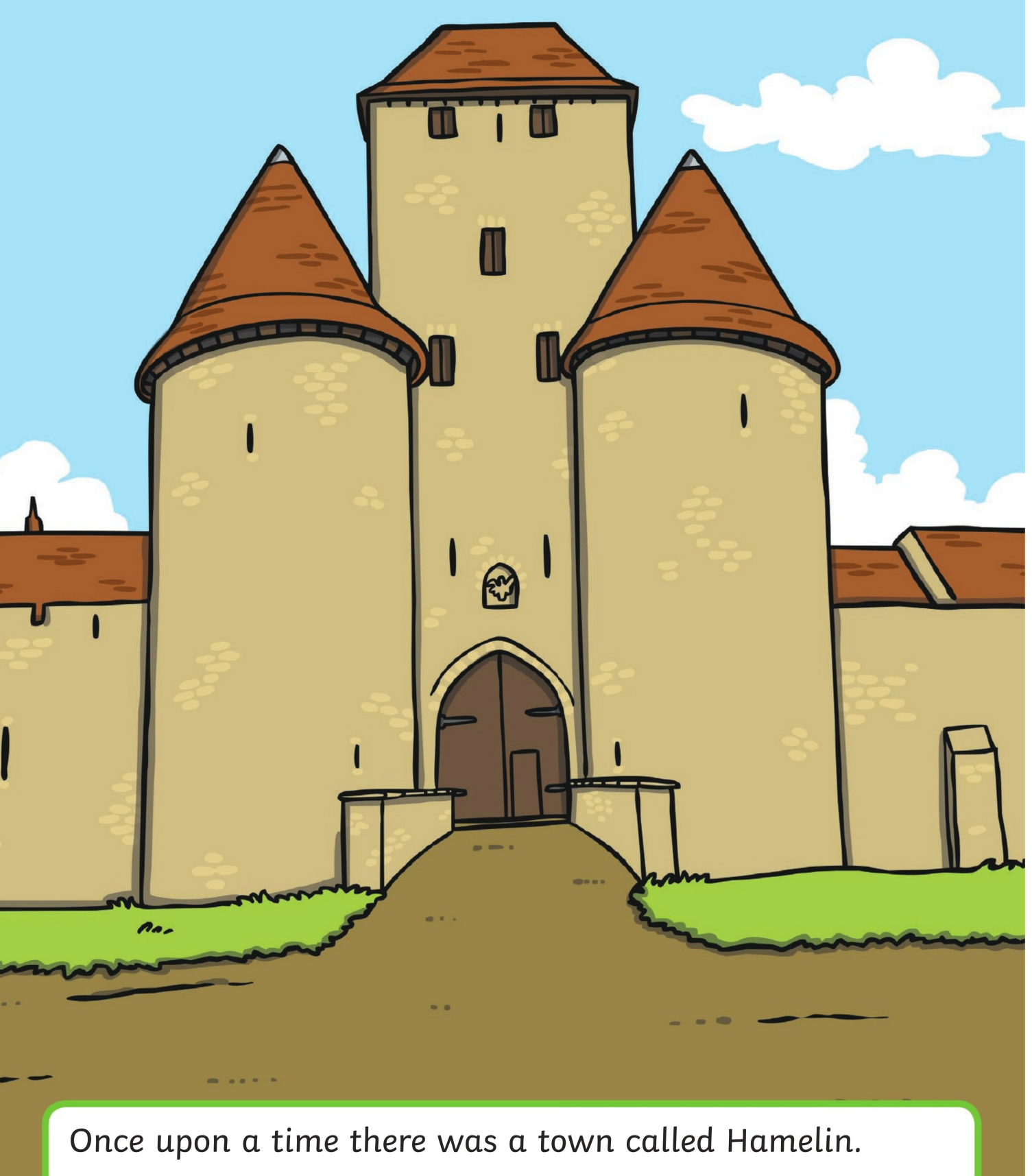


Instructions

Have the instruments available for the children to use before starting to read the eBook.

As you read the eBook, there will be opportunities for children to use the musical instrument to join in with the story. There will be symbols on the page and guiding questions to show how the children could use their instruments to enhance the story.

Encourage the children to think about how playing fast and slow or loud and quiet affects the story. For example, when the drum is used to show the men looking for the lost children, beating the drum slowly would mean slow footsteps and beating it quickly would mean running. Also, playing the shaker quietly would mean a few rats, playing it loudly would mean lots of rats.



Once upon a time there was a town called Hamelin.



The town had always had a lot of rats but usually the cats took care of the problem.

Can you use your shaker to make the sounds of scurrying rats?



The rats began to take over the town and the cats could no longer catch them all.

Can you shake your shaker harder and faster to make the sound of even more scurrying rats?



The villagers were scared and sad, they did not know what to do.

Can you use your castanets to make the sounds of people talking?

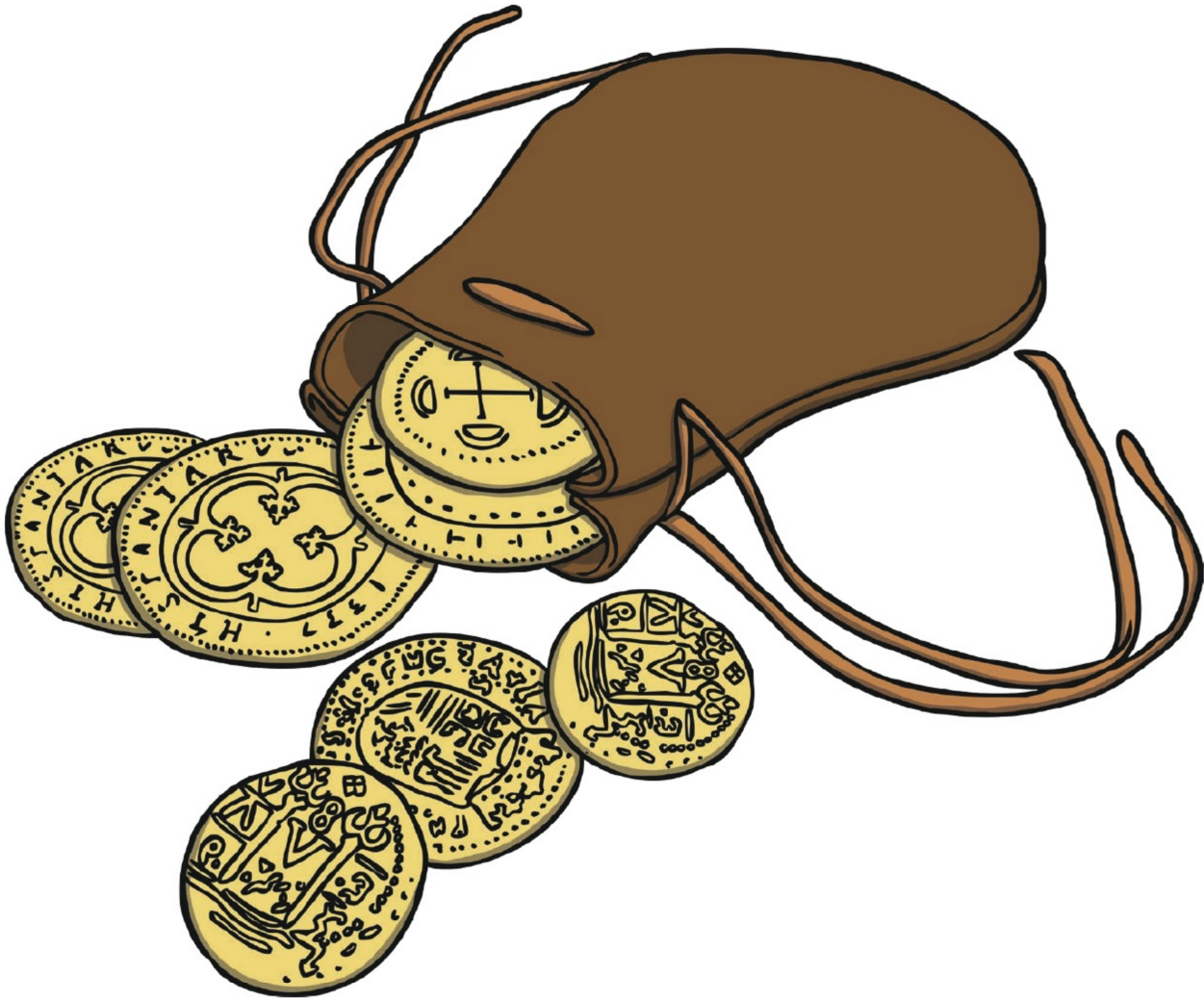


The Pied Piper offered to get rid of the rats with his magic pipe in return for some money.



The Piper blew his pipes and the rats followed him away from the village.

Can you use your recorder to make the sounds of the Pied Piper's magic pipe? Can you use your shaker to make the sounds of scurrying rats?

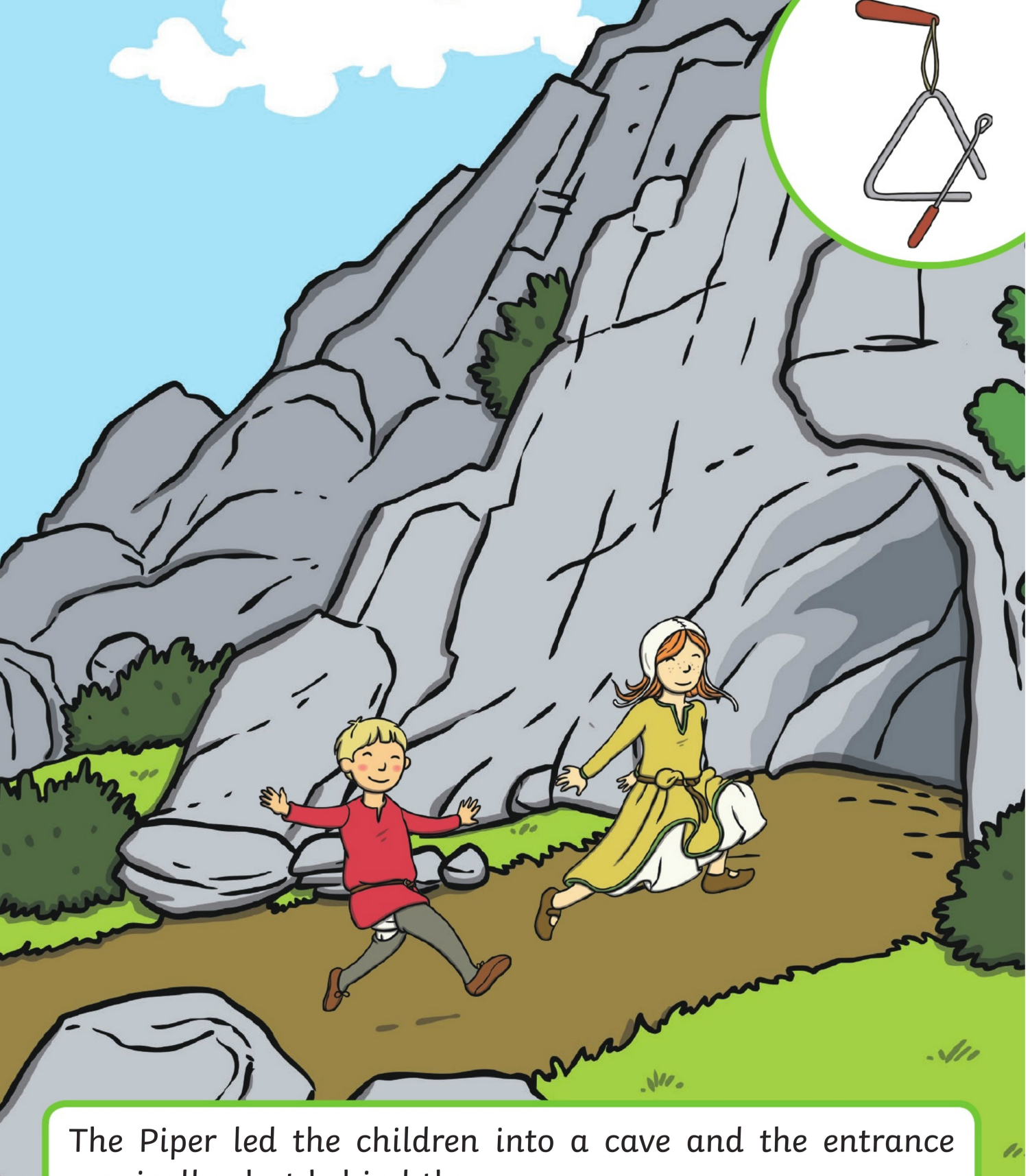


The people wouldn't pay the Pied Piper the money they owed.



The Piper played his pipes again so that only the children could hear. They followed the Piper.

Can you use your recorder to make the sounds of the Pied Piper's magic pipe? Can you use your castanets to make the sounds of the children skipping?



The Piper led the children into a cave and the entrance magically shut behind them.

Can you use your triangle or cymbals to make the sounds of the cave magically closing?

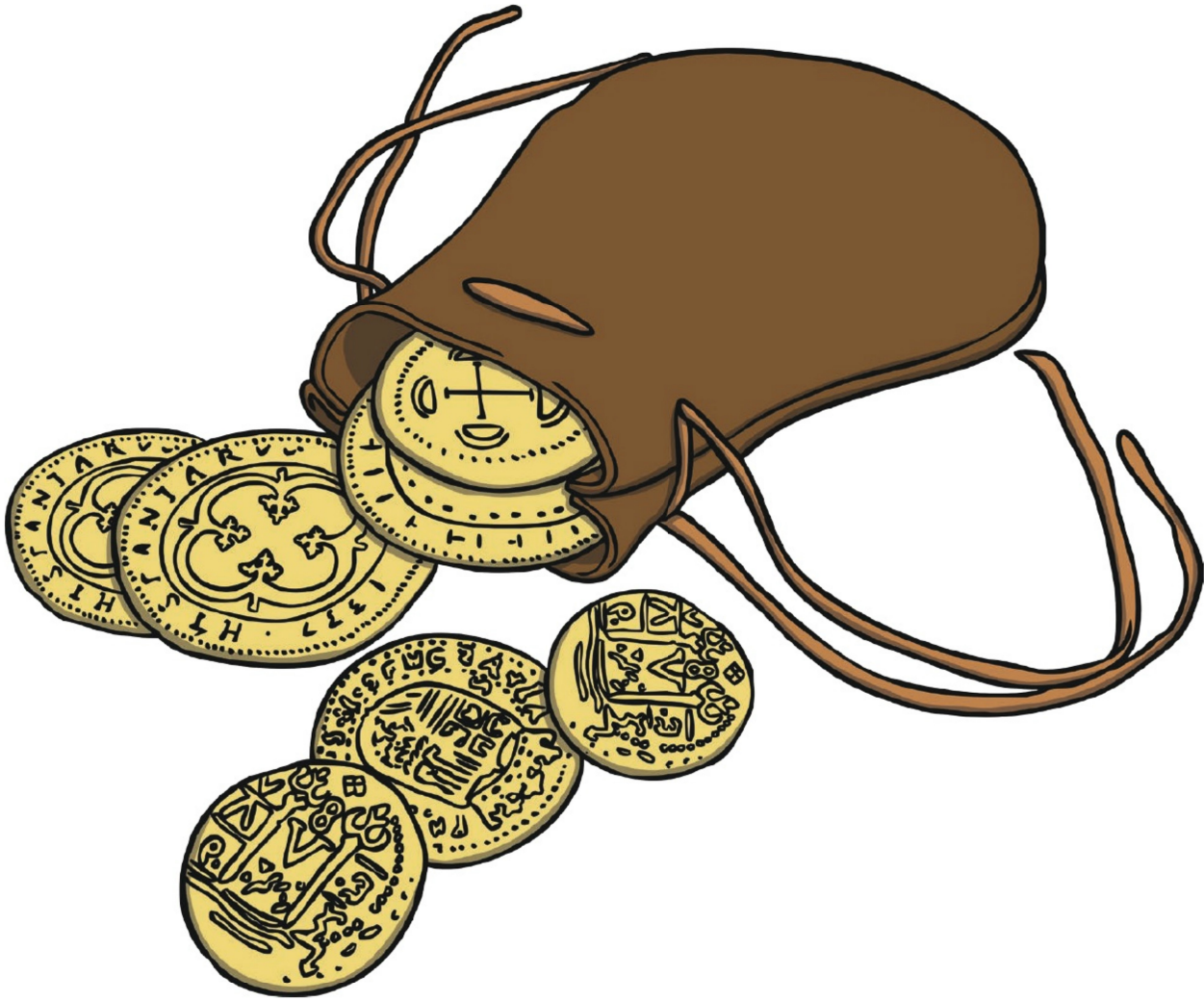


Only one boy escaped as he could not catch up.



The Mayor sent his men to look for the Piper and bring the children back.

Can you use your drum to make the sounds of the men looking for the children?



They found the Piper and paid him the money they owed.



The Piper magically opened the entrance of the cave and the children rushed home to their families.

Can you use your triangle or cymbals to make the sounds of the cave magically closing? Can you use your castanets to make the sounds of the children skipping?