Workbook – Chapter 16

Name: ....

Date started: ....

Joshua: A pixie alliance

Chapter sixteen – Going home

'Will I see you again?' Joshua called out. 'It's not that I mean to be pushy.'

They had already gone across the grass. Pax flung open the door, almost somersaulting in. Peri hesitated, holding firm to Priya's hand.

'We promise to meet up again.' It was Peri, her voice floating on the breeze.

'Is it a pixie-promise?' said Joshua.

'It's larger than a promise,' said Peri. 'It's a pixie alliance!' The door slammed shut, stillness followed.

'Bye,' he whispered. 'Today couldn't be better.' He smiled.

His memory of the morning would be with him for a long time to come. Joshua kept smiling as he made his way back to the veranda. He heard the wind chimes gentle sound, and the smells of garlic and tomato wafted from the kitchen. He listened to the steam rising from a pot of pasta bubbling on the stove. 'Just in time for lunch,' he said climbing the back steps. 'Spaghetti bolognaise … my favourite.'

Joshua thought about the pixies all through the rest of the day as he propelled his skateboard around the veranda, steering left and pushing with his right foot. At the same time, his left foot stayed firm on his board. To tackle a launch ramp was his next big challenge.

And that afternoon, at sunset, he sat in his treehouse on Nan's bean bag chair reading about Xander's next big adventure. His knapsack was drying out on the table. Joshua listened to the sound of a mosquito whining somewhere in his fortress, birds in the tree chattering as they settled for the night and the hiss and screech of possums in the mango trees. He heard the screen door squeak and Dad's voice calling him for dinner. Joshua wriggled out of his bean bag chair and stood at the window.

1. Word hunt

Find and write words and word groups that are associated with noise.

E.g., voice floating

Comprehension

1. Make up questions for the text.

(a) **Who**

(b) **What**

(c) **When**

(d) **Where**

(e) **How**

(f) **Why**

2. Write short answers

Spelling

Design a spelling list.

Create another character for

Joshua: A pixie alliance.

Write a paragraph introducing the
character. How does the new
character come into the story?