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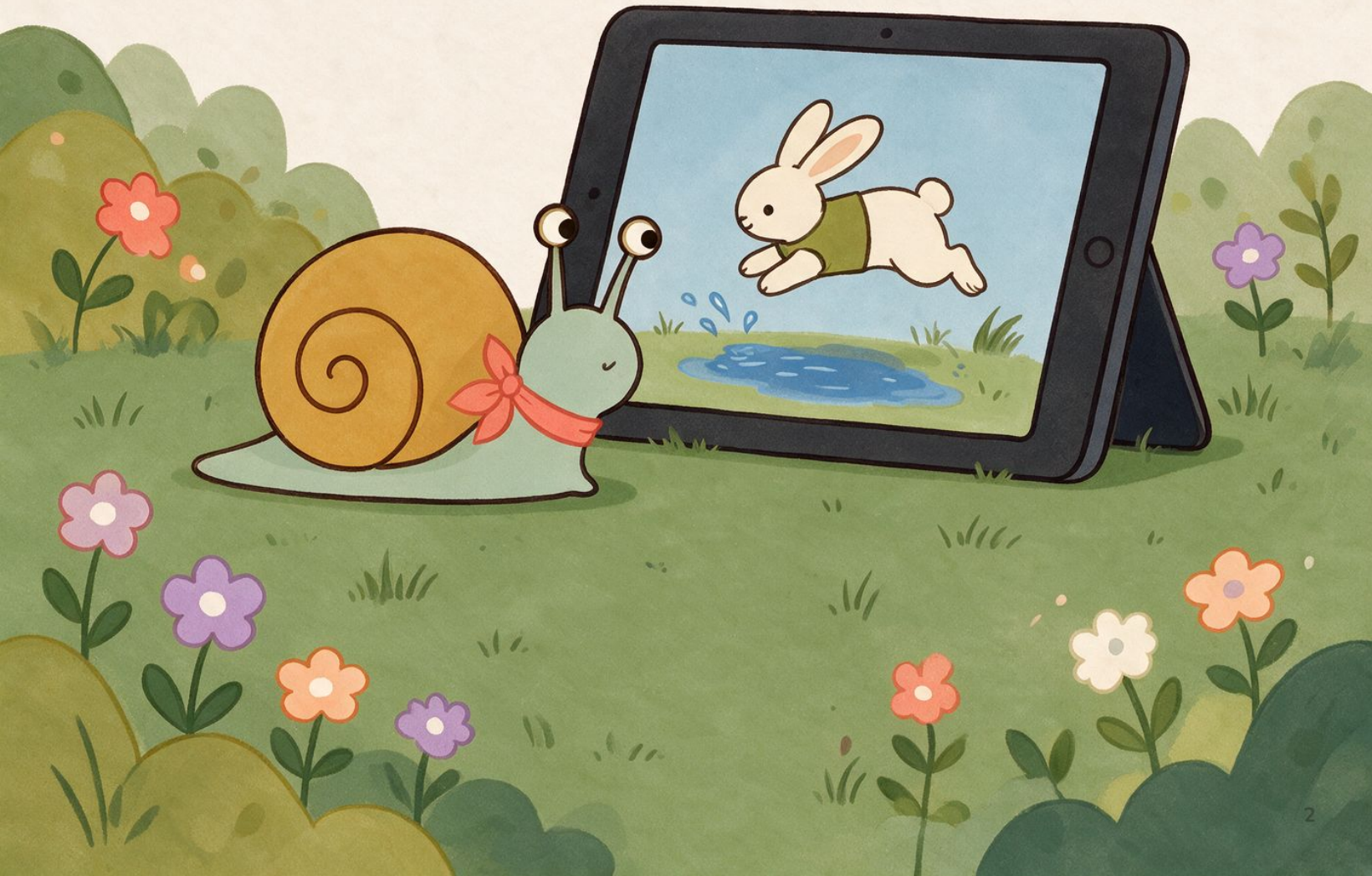
One of four read-aloud stories for children aged three to six about everyday screens. Read it together, then turn to the page for grown-ups at the back.

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Sami had found a very good puddle.
It was just the right size
for a splash.



Sami remembered a video.
Bunny jumped over a puddle.
“I can do that too!” he thought.



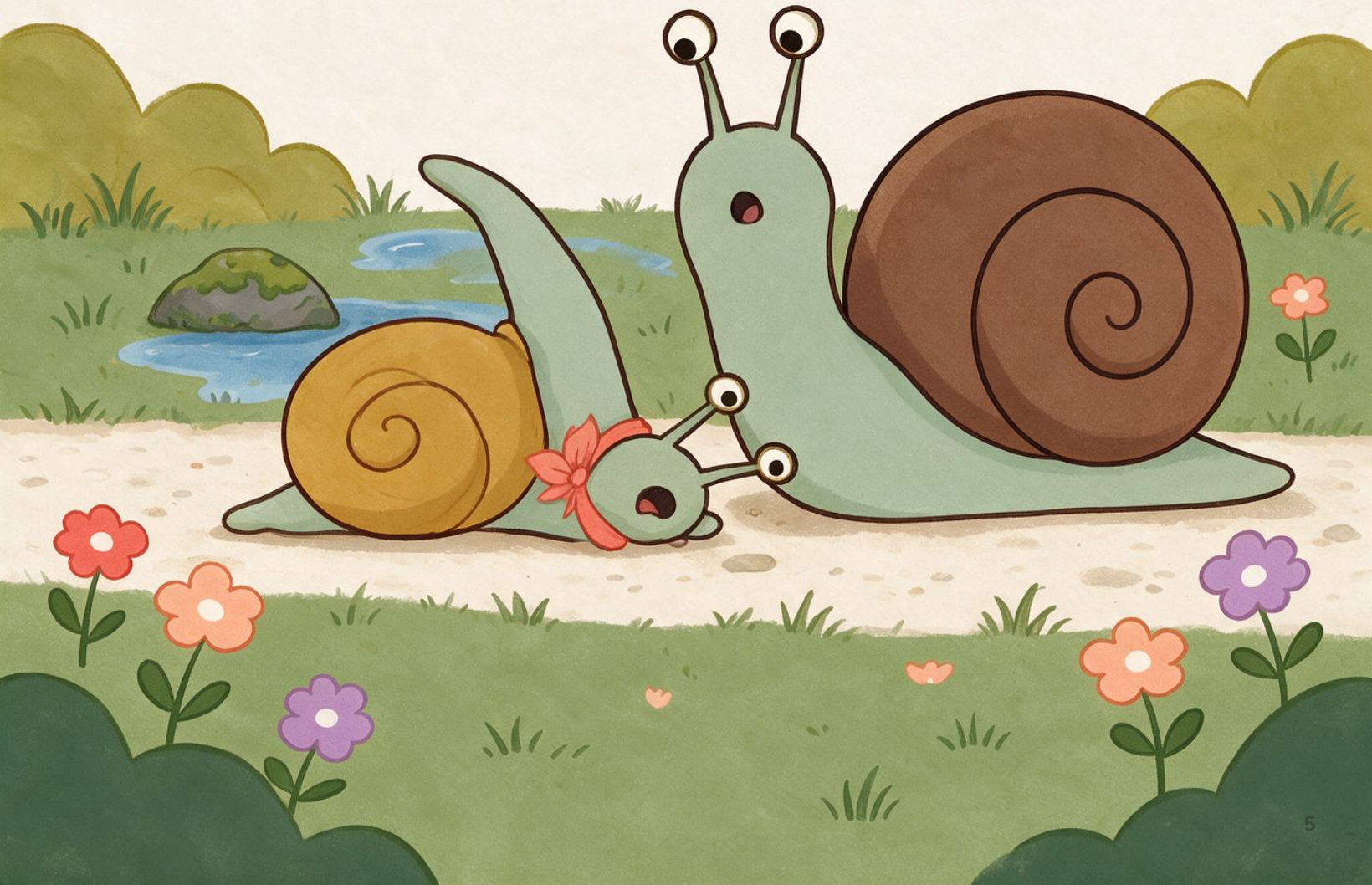
Sami climbed a stone beside his puddle
while Mama wasn’t looking.



“Ready … steady …”
He stretched and tried to jump.
His shell tipped backwards.



“Mama!”
Sami wobbled towards the hard path.
Mama slid beside him.
“I’m glad you called.”
He leaned against her shell.



“Are you hurt?” asked Mama.
Sami shook his head.
“Bunny did it. Why couldn’t I?”



“Bunny has legs for hopping.
Your foot is for sliding.”
Sami looked underneath himself.
“Oh.”



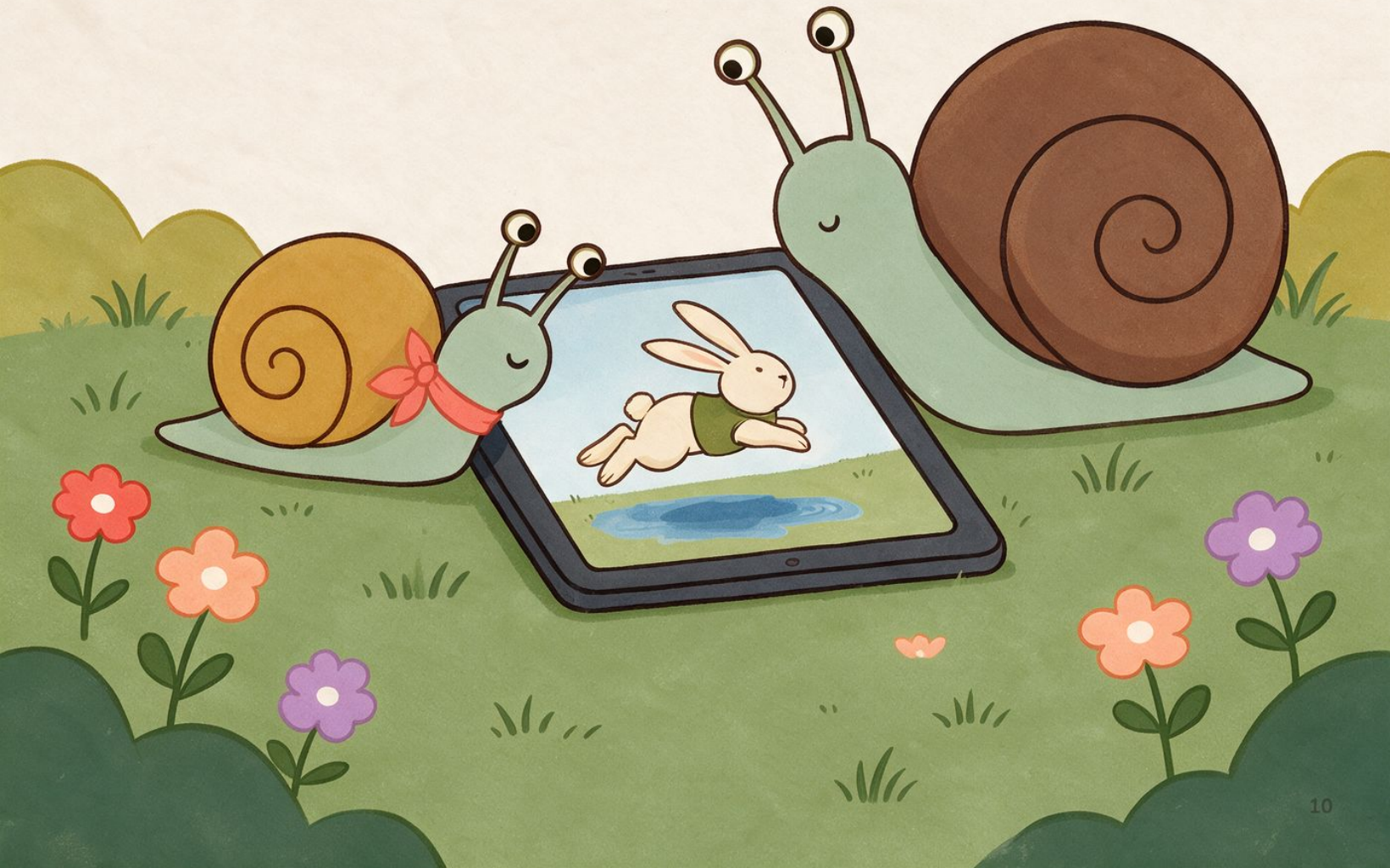
“But I saw it!”
“Videos can leave things out,” said Mama.
“Or make pretend things look real.”



“A video can’t tell us what’s safe for you. Ask me or another grown-up you trust before trying.”



“Even a little hop?”
“Let’s check together.”
They watched again.
“Legs,” said Sami. “Very bouncy legs.”



Mama closed the tablet.
“Shall we find a snail way?”
Sami slid round the puddle.
Then through it.



“My turn!” said Mama.
She made a splash.
Sami’s was bigger.
A drop landed on Mama’s head.



For the grown-up reading this

Always check first. Videos can leave out the practice and help behind a trick, and they can show pretend or edited things. Even a real action that one person can do may be unsafe for someone else.

- Practise stopping and asking a trusted adult before copying a stunt or trying an unfamiliar action from a video.
- Review it together. Consider your child's age and body, the place, the equipment and what the video may leave out. Choose a safe activity that suits your child.
- If your child has already tried, stay calm. Check whether they need help or comfort, thank them for telling you, and talk through what to do next without blame.

After the story: put the screen away and enjoy a little puddle play together in a safe spot.

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Bunny hopped over a puddle in a video, so Sami tries it too. Mama helps him work out what the video left out, and what a snail can do instead.



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