

Down by the River **Turun tepi sungai**



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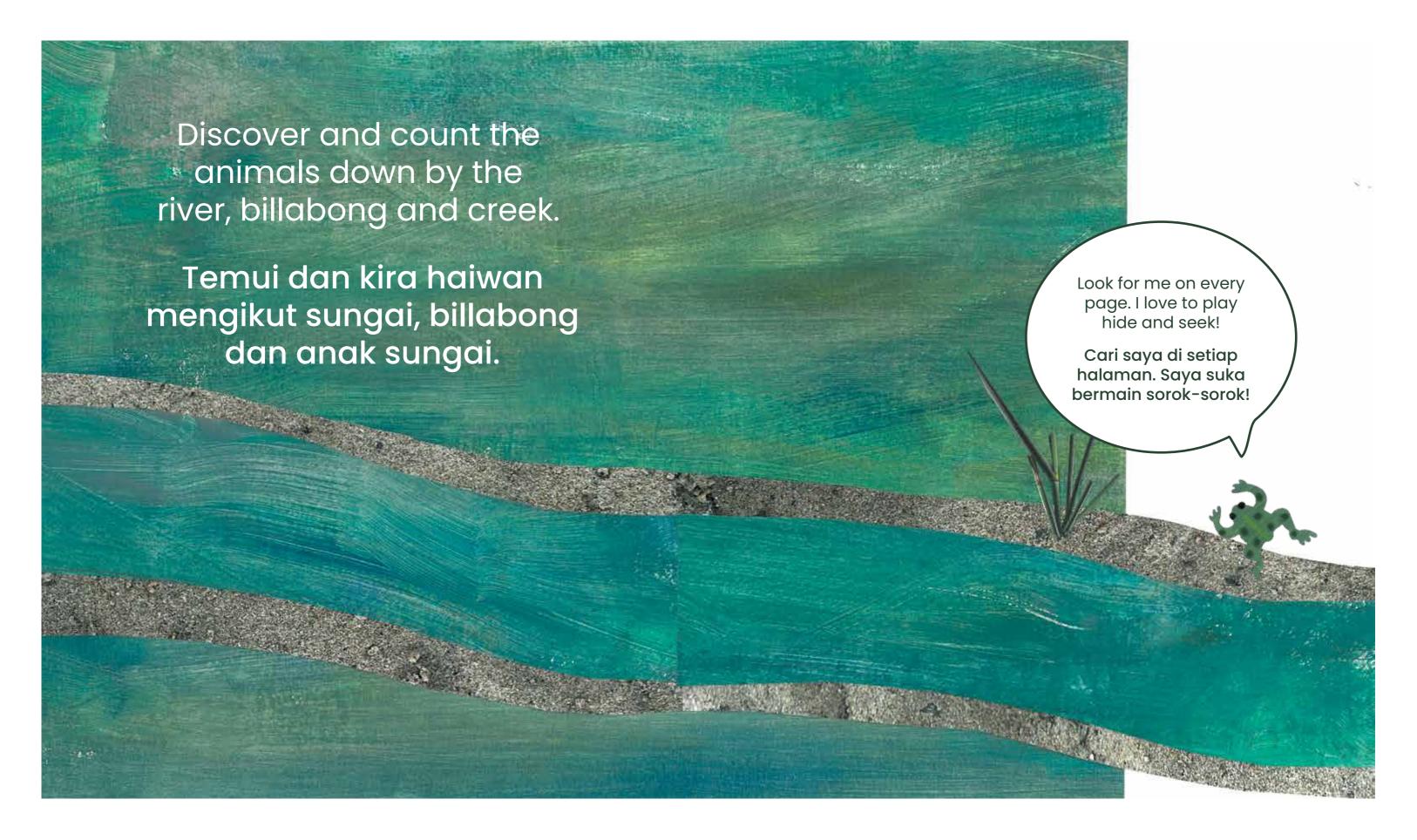
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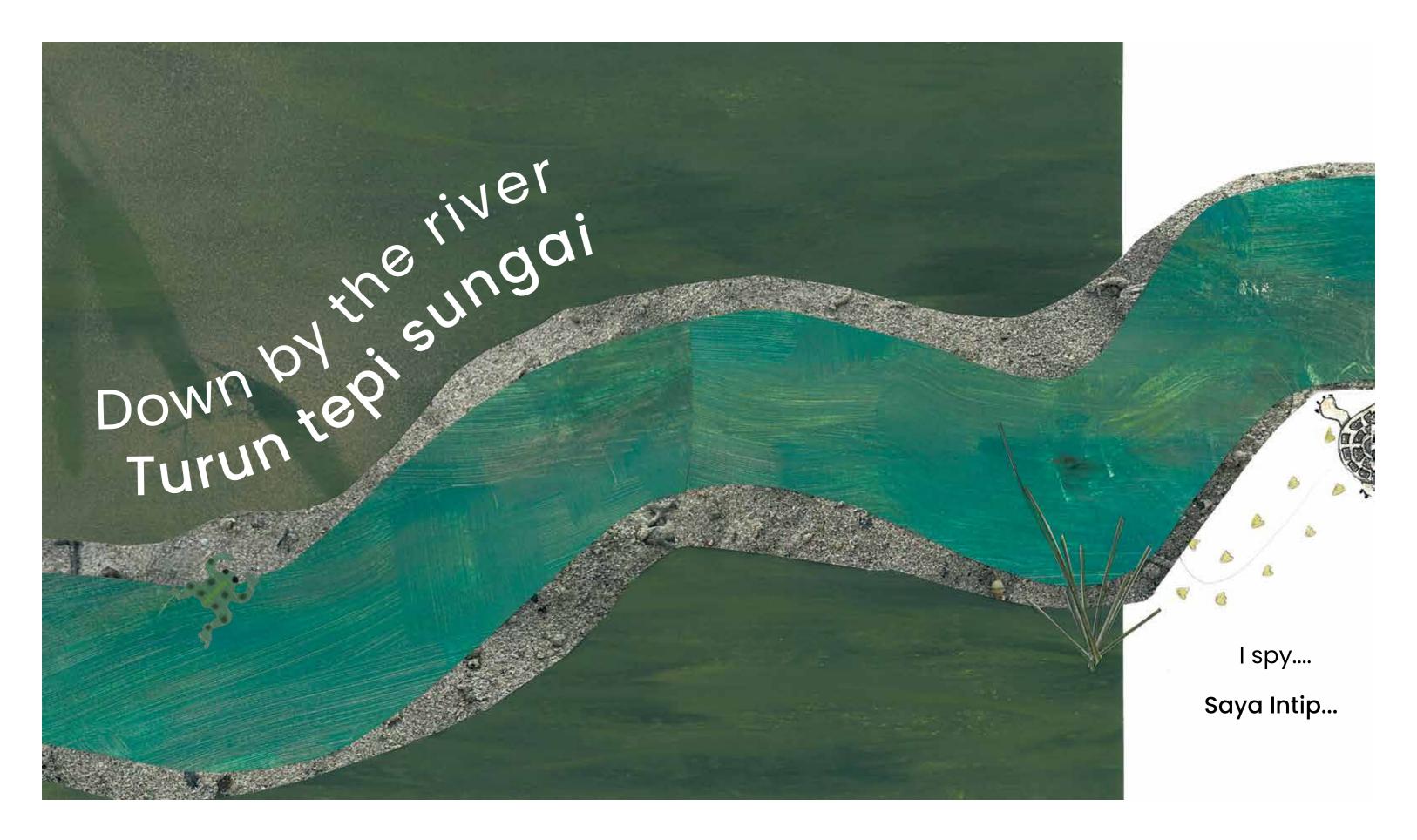
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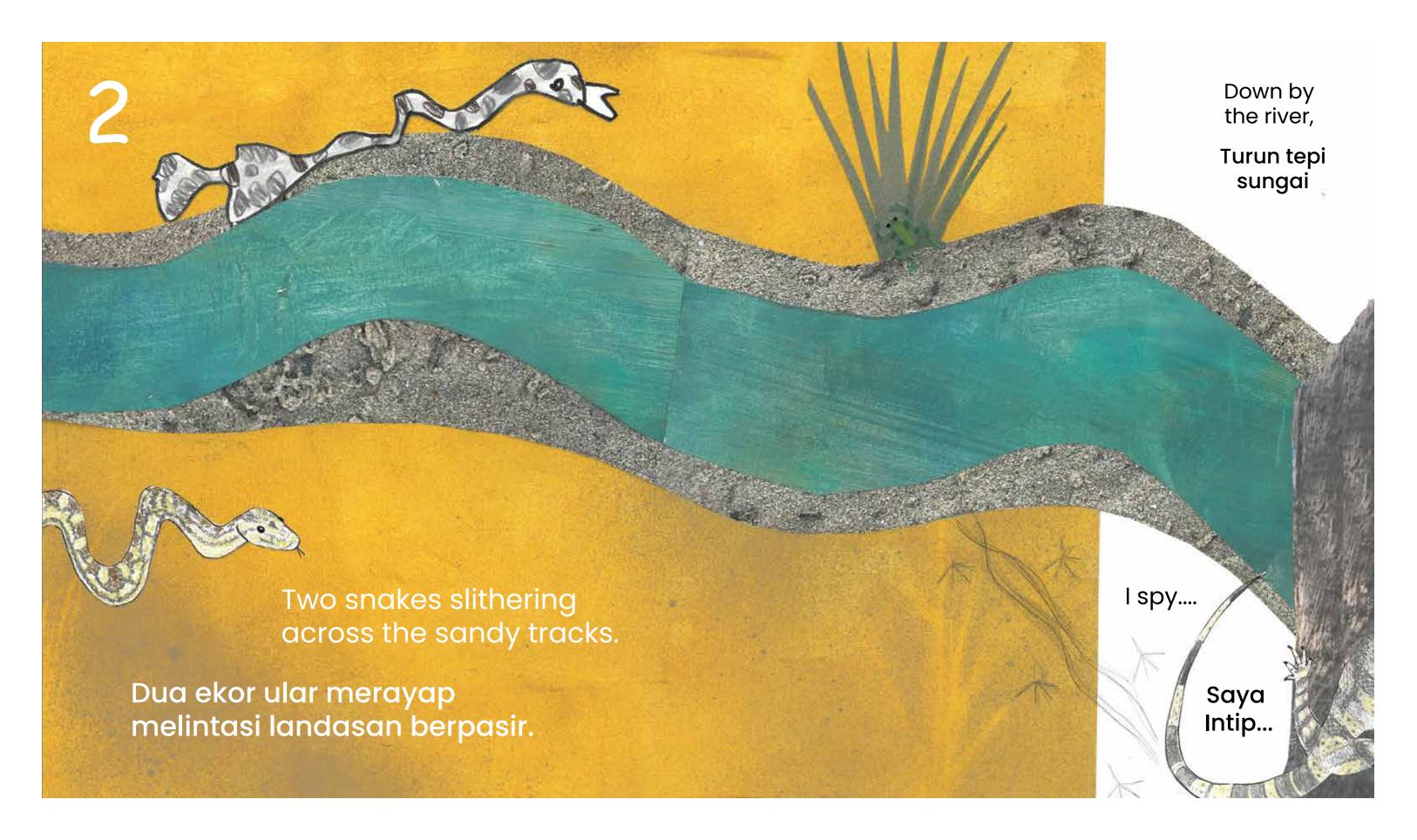
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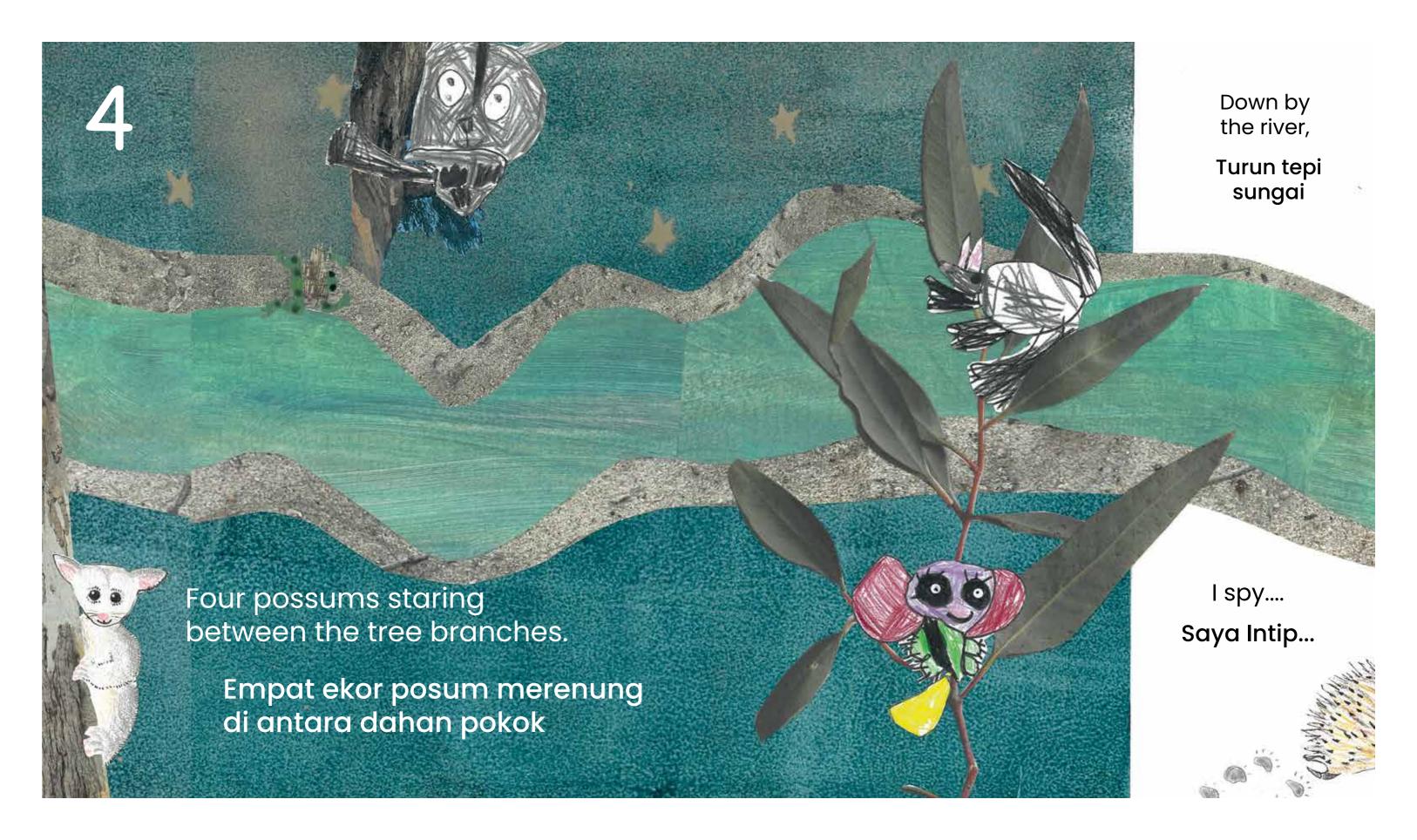




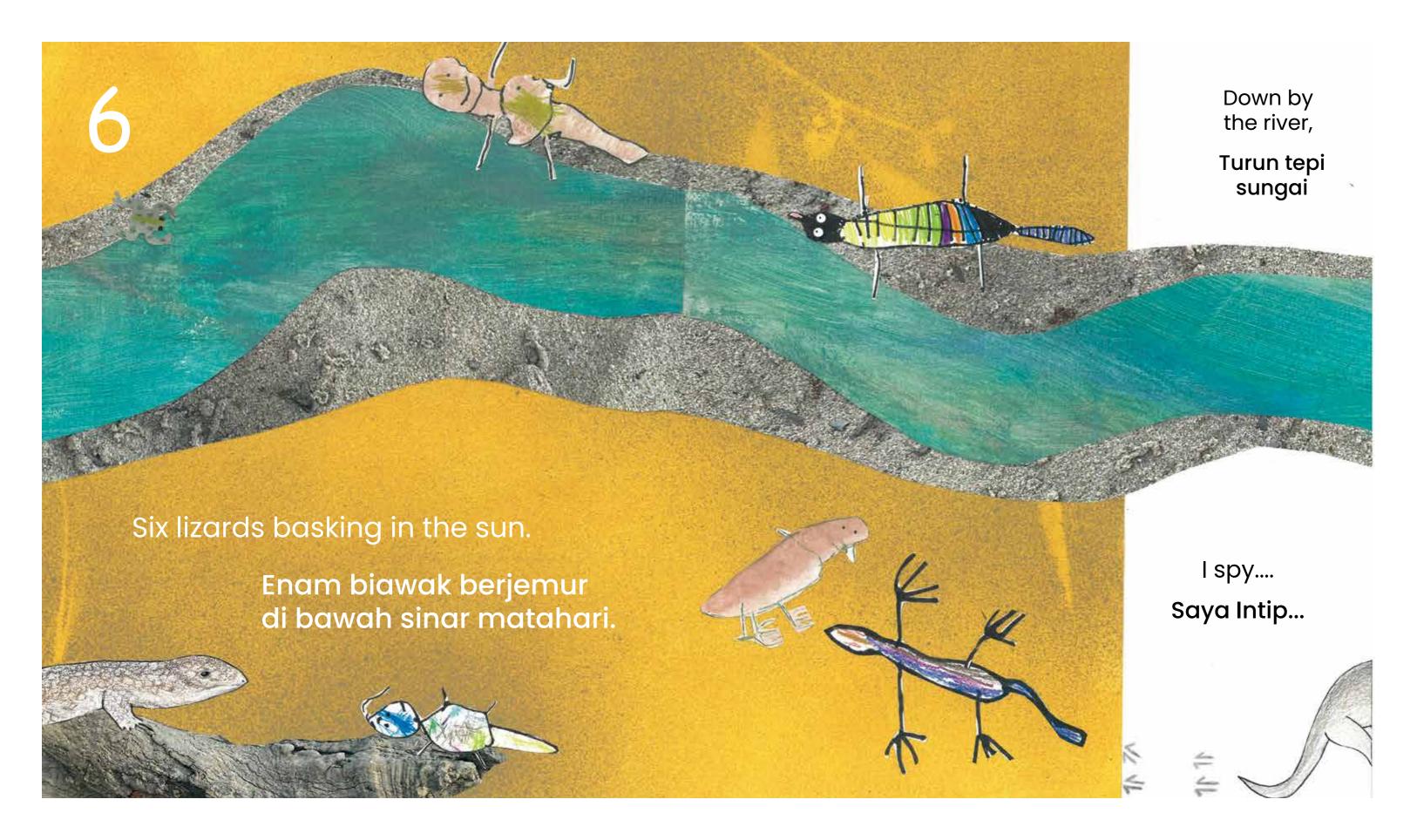


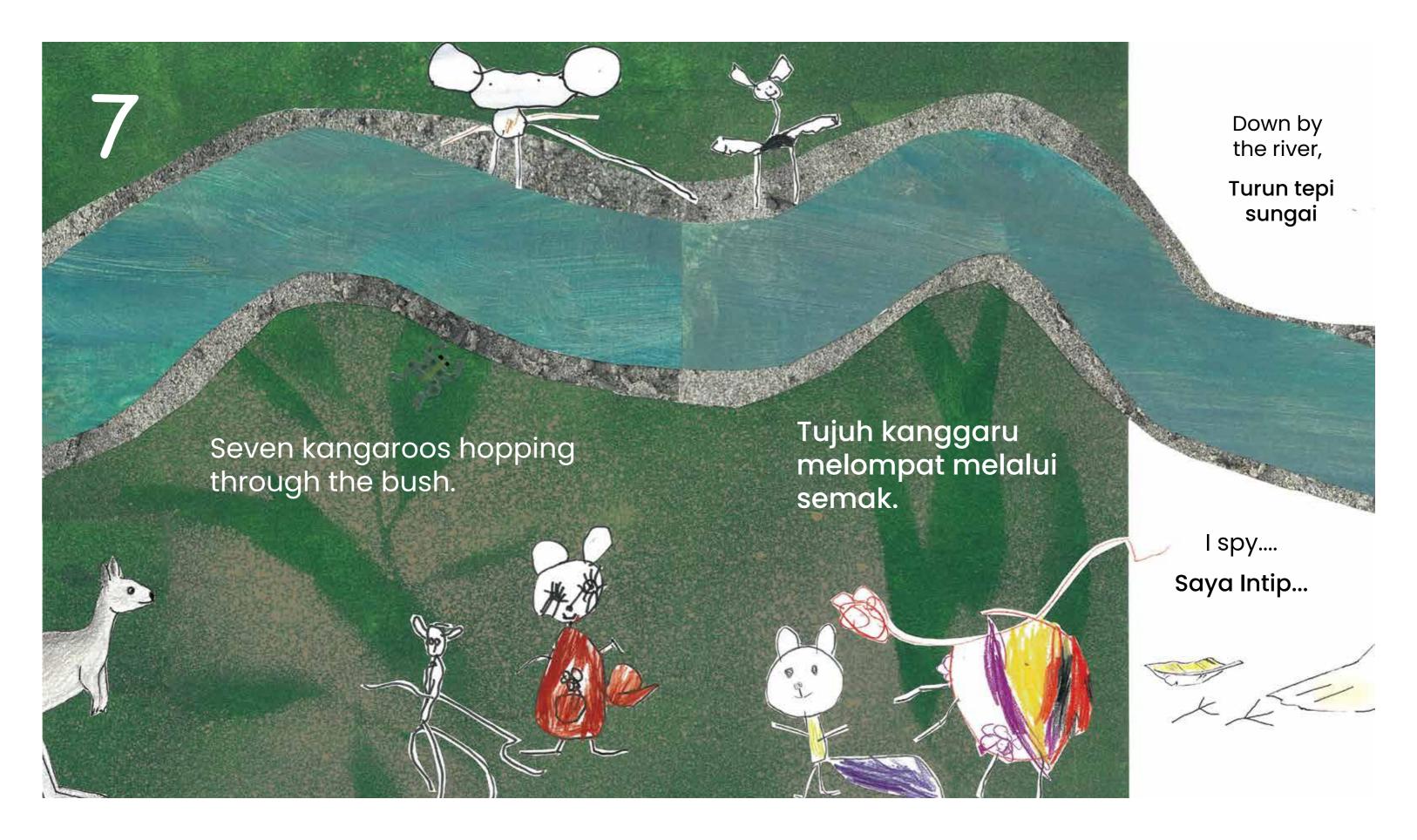


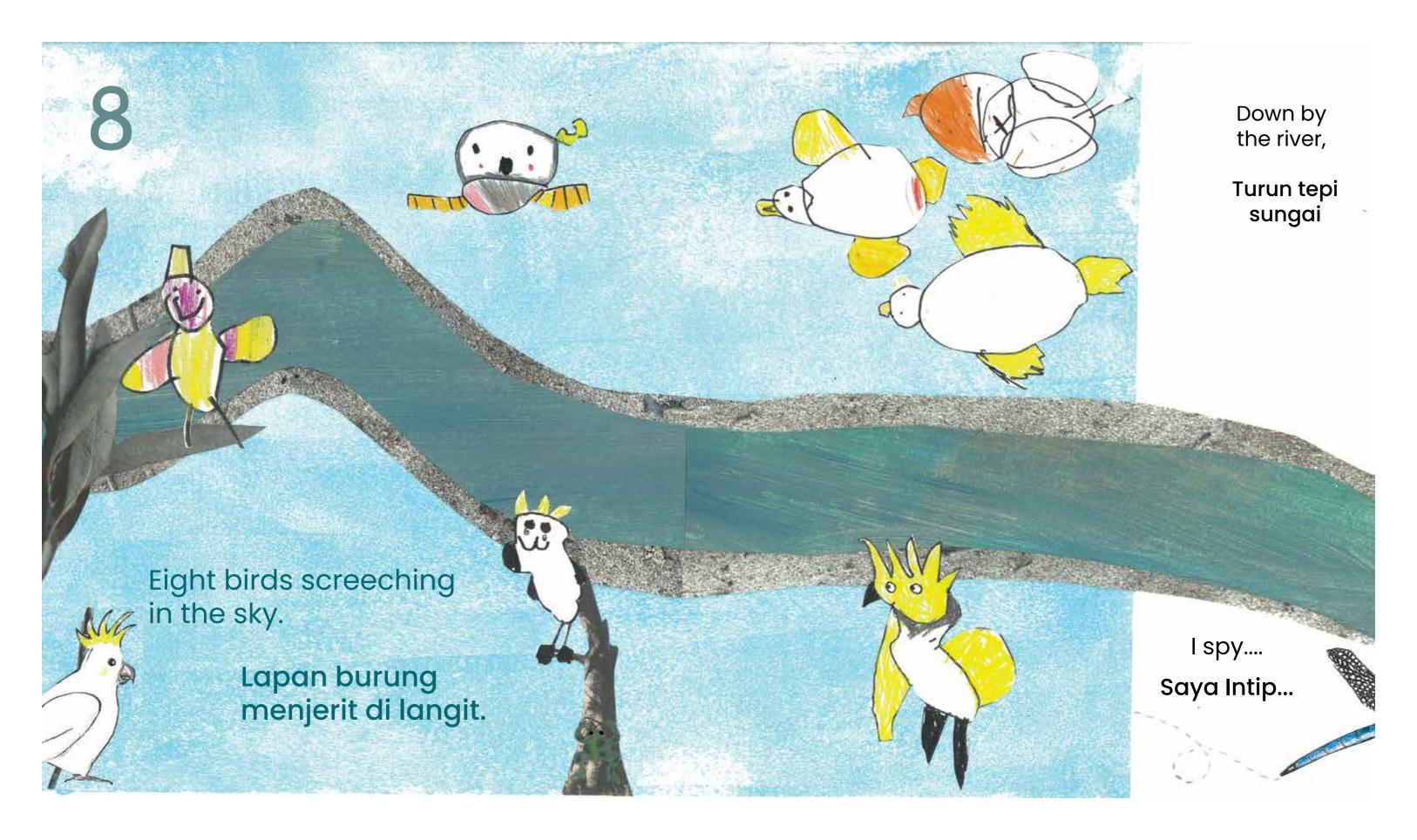


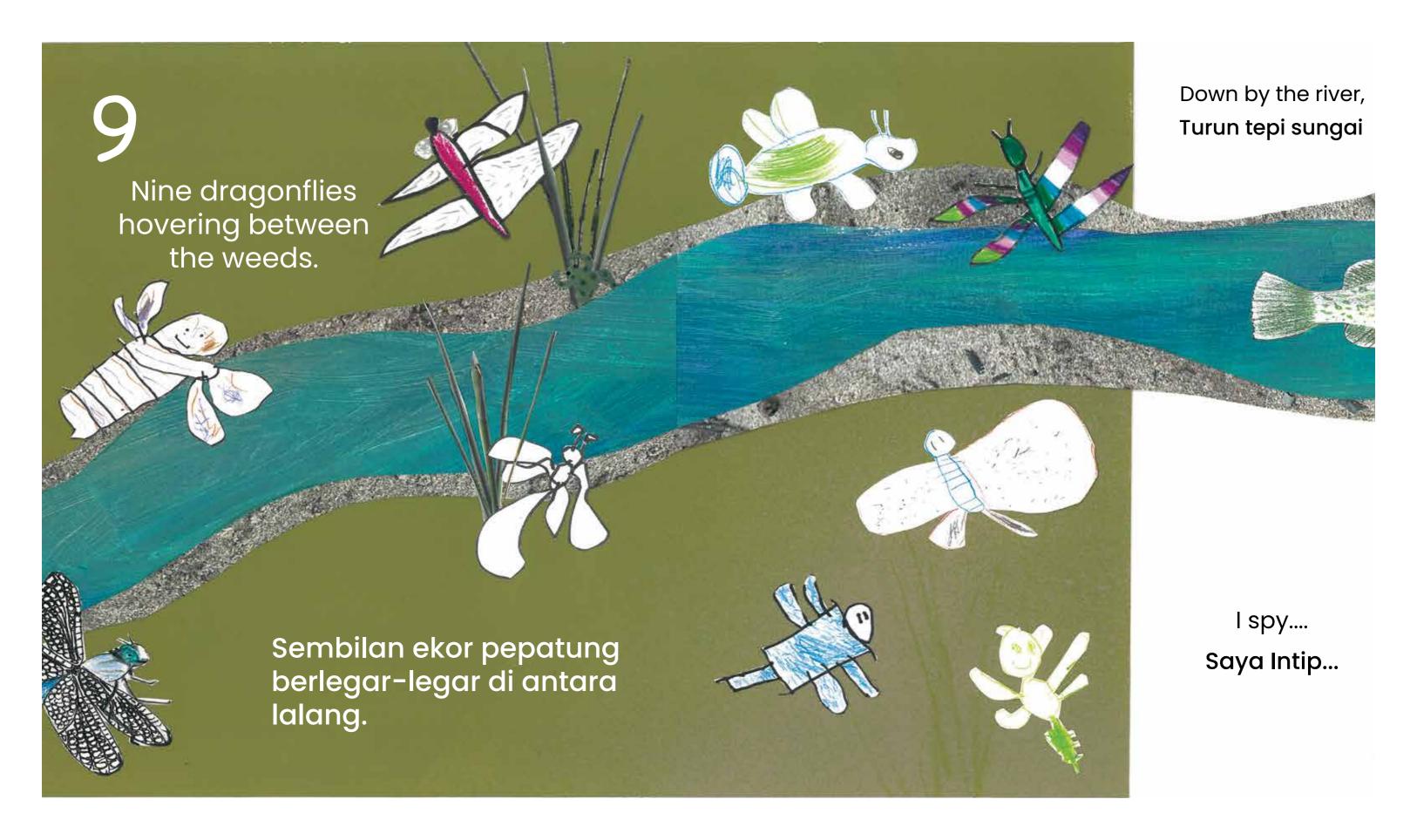


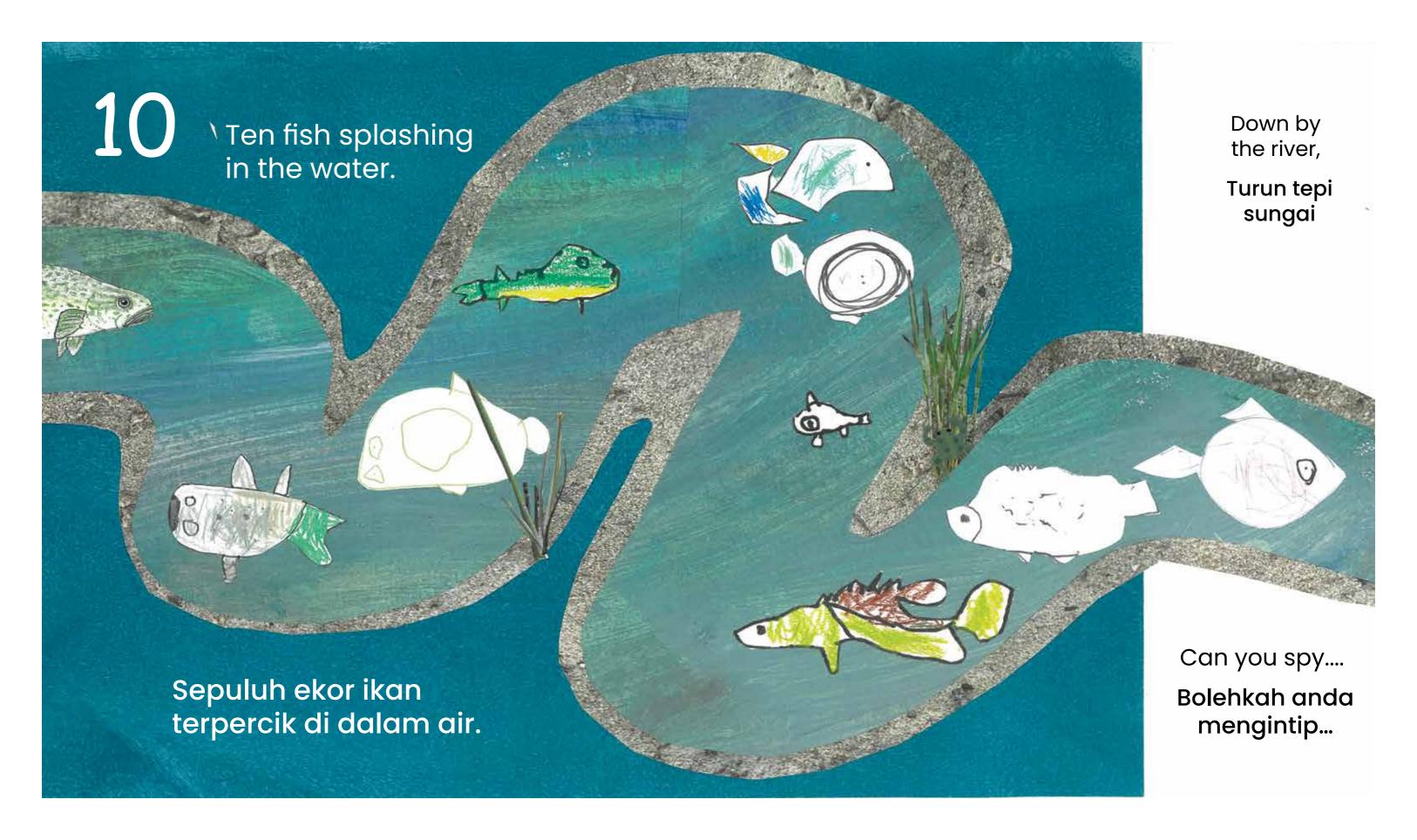














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Melinda is an early childhood educator and has been teaching for more than 25 years. During this time, among other things she has worked in libraries running story-times with children. She lives near Mildura, close to the Murray River, with her husband, two children and their dog. The pre-school children at Pasadena are 4 and 5 year olds who have been painting, drawing and learning about the animals featured in this story.



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This story book was created as part of the Mildura Bilingual Children's Story Book project. This project initially brought interested community members together to some children's story book writing workshops. From those workshops, initial stories were drafted, which were then edited by educators experienced in working with primary students with little English. More community members then volunteered to assist with translation and illustration of the books, and with the graphic design and layout.

Scan the QR code below to go to the website where you can hear and see each story being read in English and in other community languages.









