

Mepaul

Last year a new boy came to our class. 'This is Pavel,' said teacher. 'He is from Russia and does not speak English.' Pavel sat beside Paul.

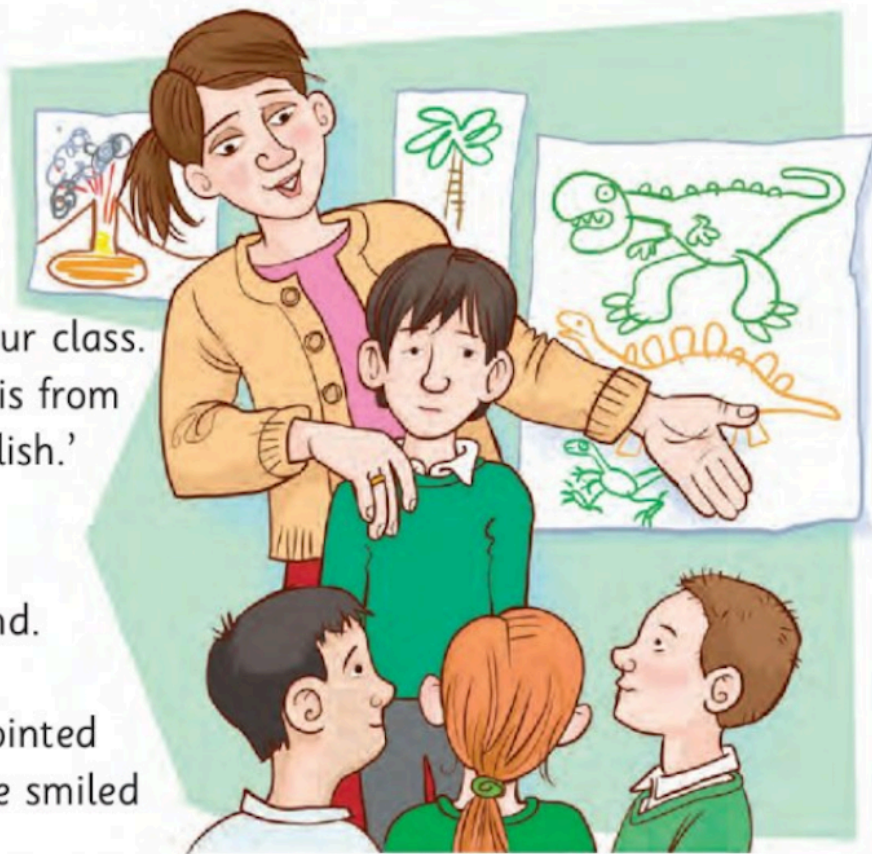
'My name is Paul,' said Paul.

At first, Pavel did not understand.

Paul tried again.

'Me Paul,' he said slowly and pointed at himself. Pavel understood. He smiled and pointed at himself.

'Pavel,' he said.

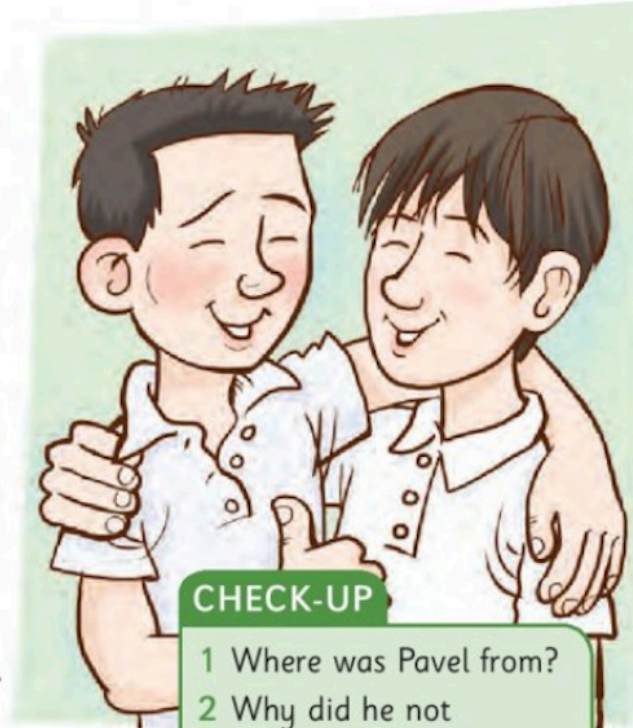


Then he pointed at Paul. 'Mepaul,' he said.

Paul just laughed. So did Pavel, but he didn't know why he was laughing!

After that, Paul and Pavel became best friends.

Pavel can speak English well now, but he still calls his best friend 'Mepaul'. They both laugh about it! ■



CHECK-UP

- 1 Where was Pavel from?
- 2 Why did he not understand Paul?
- 3 What did he think Paul's name was?
- 4 Why did Paul laugh?
- 5 Why does Pavel still call his friend 'Mepaul'?