

Teacher Guide 4.1: *Gia Genius Hears Boston*

Decodability	95%
Letter-Sound Focus	CVCe
Fundations Alignment	Unit 11, Week 2
Trick Words and other High Frequency Words	None, done, one, two
Vocabulary and Challenge Words	Genius, scientist(s), because, question(s), answer(s), listen, vibrations
Fo1 Weekly Question	What is sound?

Genius Gia Hears Boston

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I got the answer to my question, “What makes the sounds I hear?”

The T makes a vrrrrrrrr sound, the bus can make a screeech, and kids at the park say AHHHH!

There are a lot of sounds to find!



Hi! My name is Gia, and I am a scientist! My mom calls me Genius Gia because I like to find out new things.

I want to read a book, but it is way too
loud!

I can hear screeech and vrrrrrrrr and
AHHHH. So many sounds!

But what makes the sounds? As a scientist,
I LOVE to ask questions.

Why? What? Who? When? Questions
help me! Scientists ask questions to find out
new things.



Screeech!!

Wow, there is the next sound! I see a bus
come to a stop, Screeech.

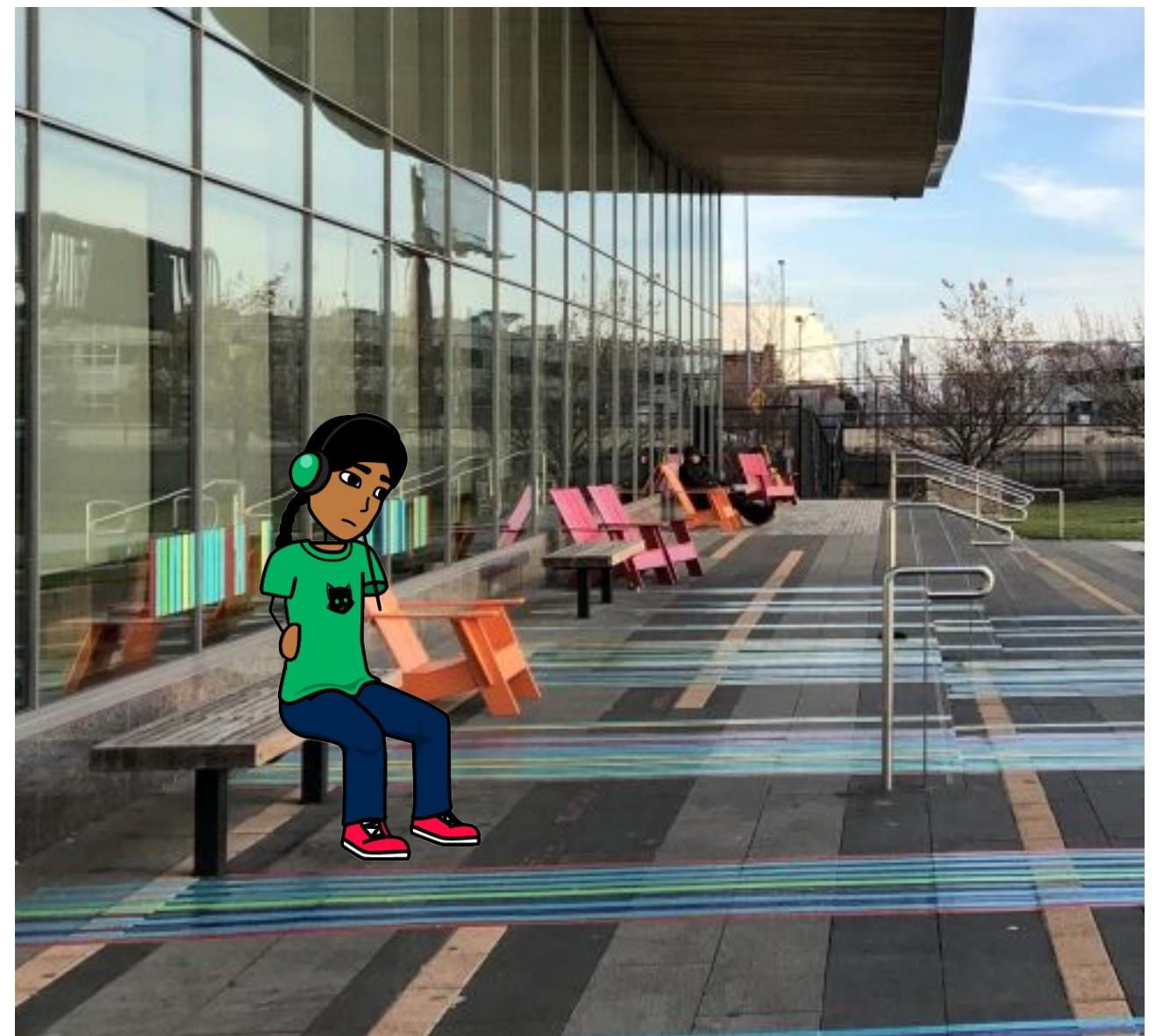
“That must be the brakes on the bus
when it comes to a stop,” says Mom.

When we get to the park, we see a kid
on the slide, “AHHHH!”

We see a kid on the swing, “AHHHH!”

We see a kid in a little maze, “AHHHH!”

“Mom, it is the kids who make this
sound!” I say. Two sounds done! We
have one sound left to find.

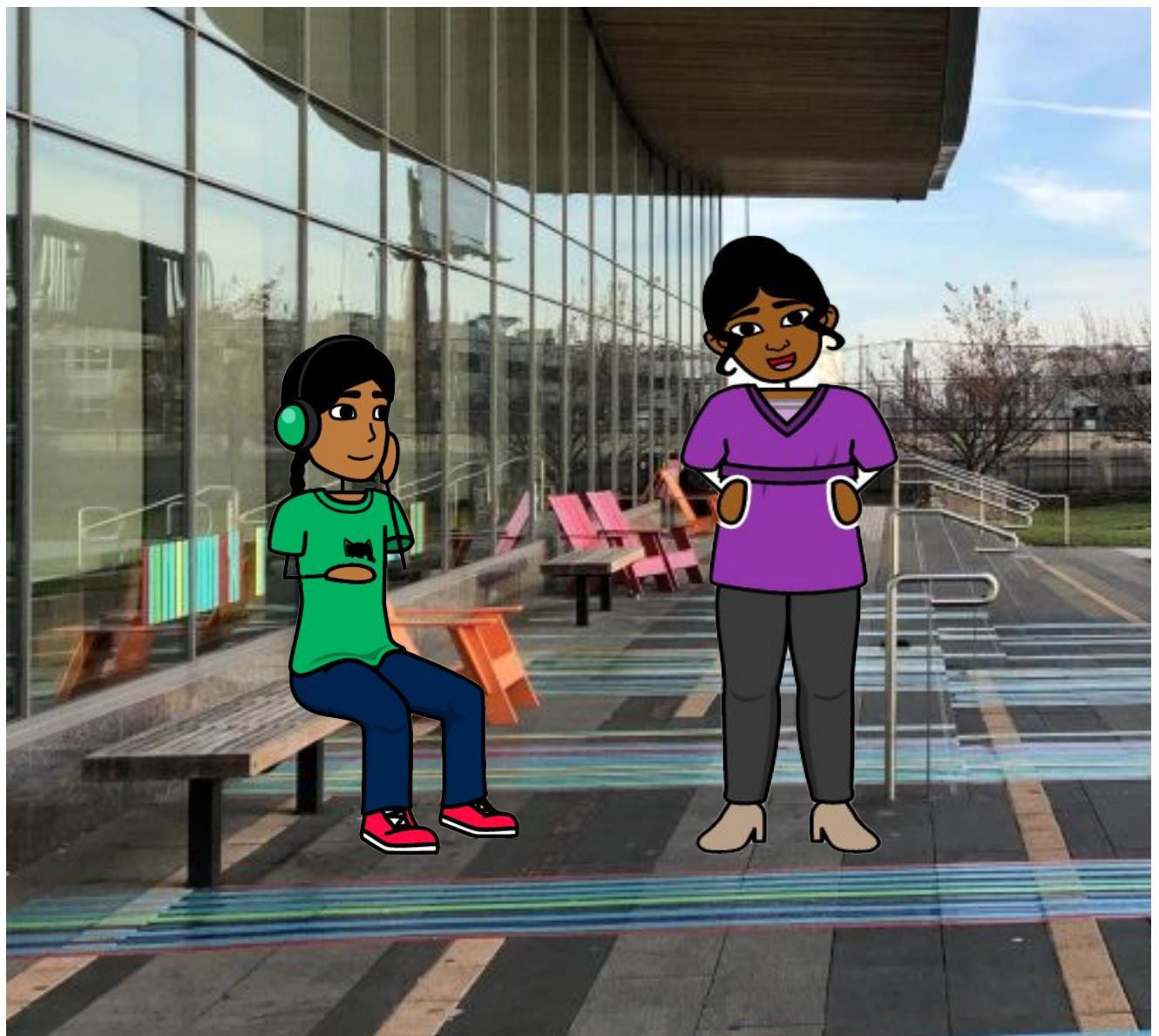
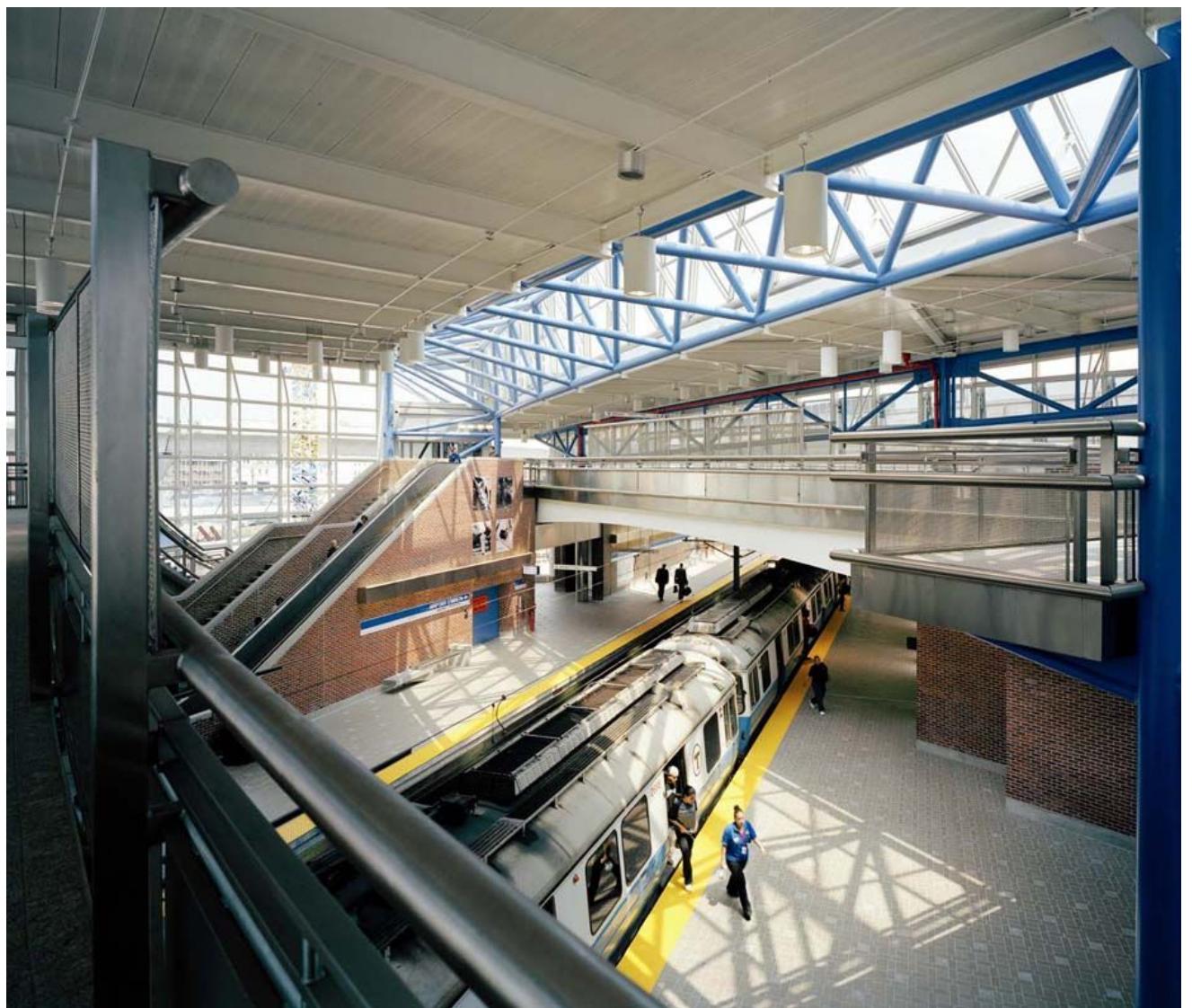


I want to find out: “What makes the sounds I hear? ”

My mom says scientists do not just ask questions. They come up with a way to get the answers, too. To find out the answer, my mom and I plan to go up and down the streets and listen.



Mom and I run and hop down the street and listen for the next sound. At first, there are none. Then, we hear AHHHH! It is in the park.



I take time to think. I look down. Oh! The T! "Mom," I say, "Does the T make a vrrrrrrrr sound? " Yes! This sound is the T.

The first one I want to find is vrrrrrrrrr. It is very loud, and I can feel the vrrrrrrrrr shake the street, too. How can a sound shake the street?

My mom says, “Genius Gia, all sounds are vibrations. Big sounds make big vibrations. What sound could move the street? It must be a big sound under the street.”

