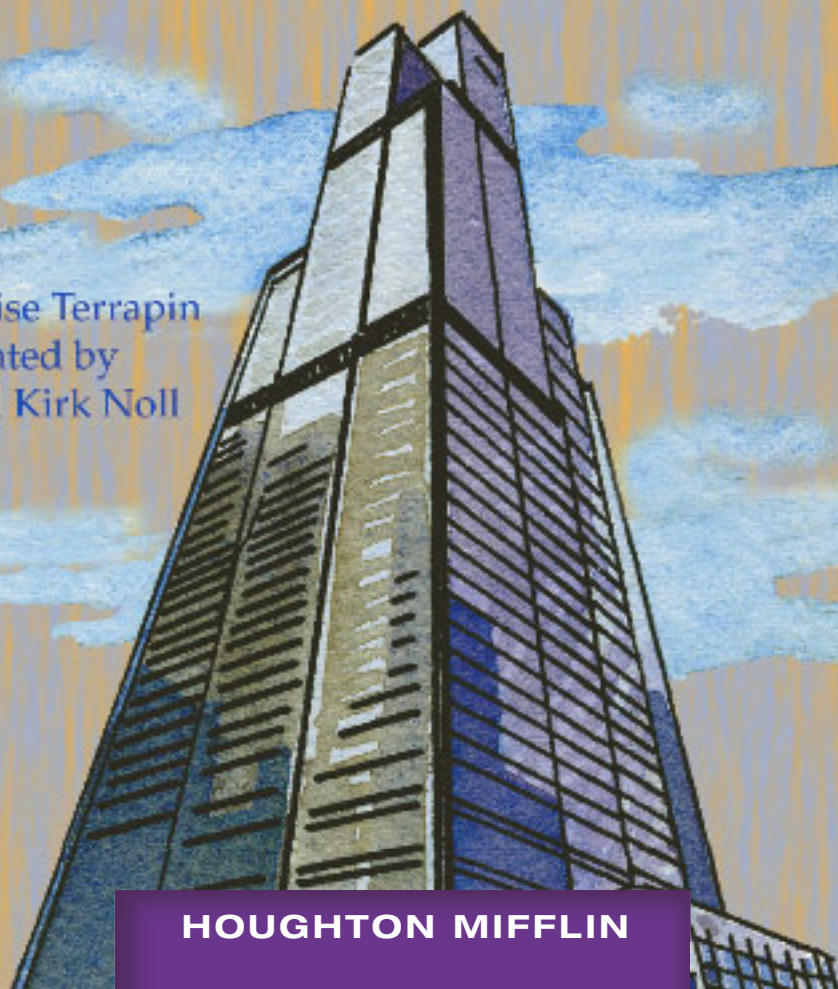




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🔊 I walk with Mom to see Dad.

🔊 Today I am bursting with excitement.
I'm going to visit the tallest tower in
the whole world!

Well, it will be the tallest tower, someday. The newspaper says it will be called the Sears Tower, and it will soar 1,454 feet into the sky. It will be 110 stories high!

And guess who is building it? My dad, that's who!

Dad works building this tall tower.





Well, Dad isn't building it alone. He works with a big **crew**. But to me, Dad is the most important worker of all.

Where *is* Dad, anyway? Mom and I can't see him because it's so **foggy** out!



Mom and I look for Dad at his work.



the crew working
on the tower





Suddenly, the sun comes out and the day turns bright. The tower gleams.

I see Dad, standing way up high.

“Hi, Dad!” I yell.

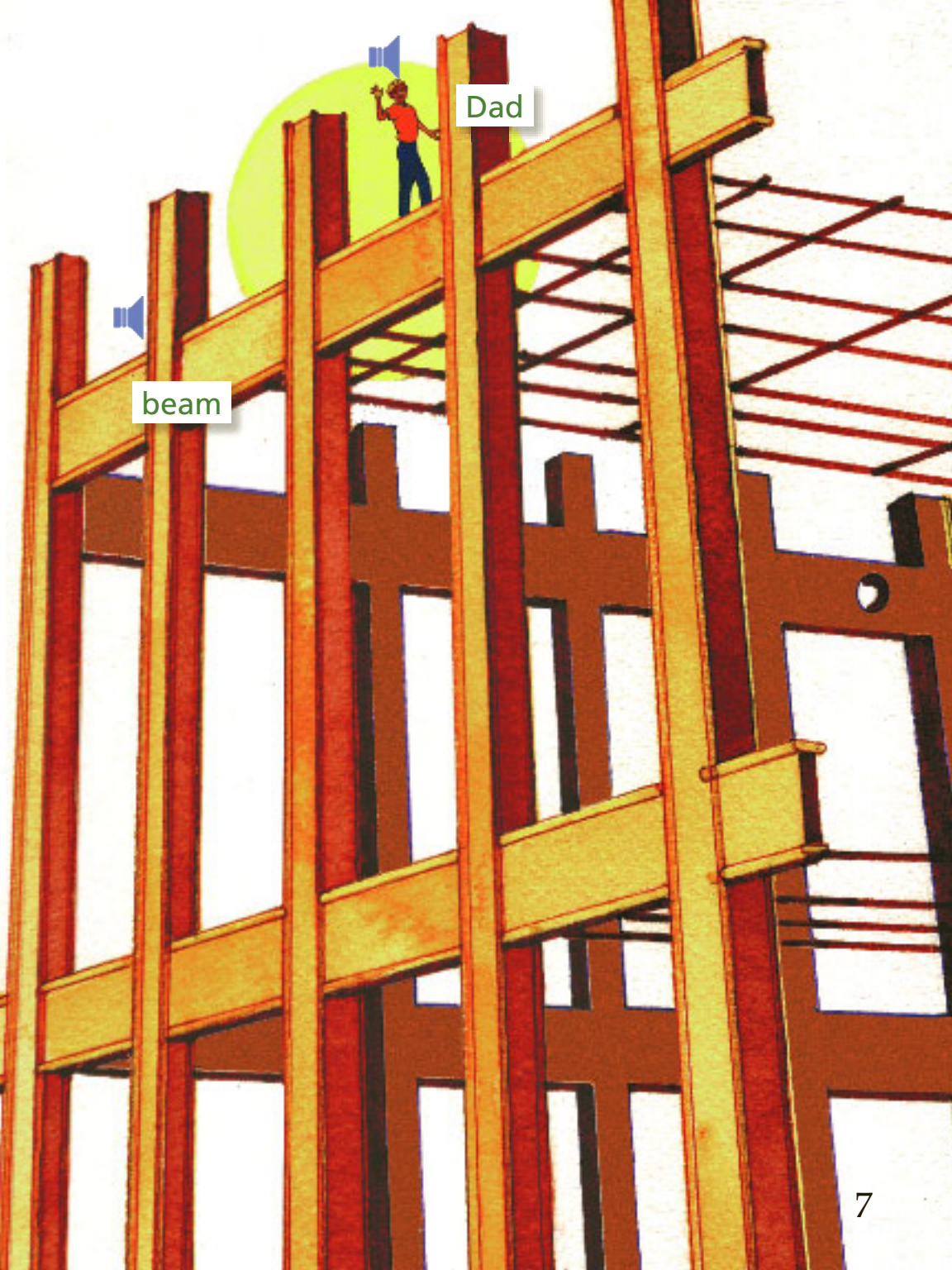


Dad waves back to us. He is **balancing** on the tower's beams.



Dad waves to Mom and me!





Dad

beam



Dad is high up on a beam.



He sways as if he's about to fall. I grab Mom's arm, but I know Dad is just playing. He isn't afraid to be up high. He can balance on anything! Not me. I don't even like standing on a log.



Dad says when the Sears Tower is done in 1973, we will be able to stand on top and see the Atlantic Ocean.

But he's just joking. The Atlantic is too far away.

We are in Chicago, Illinois!



Chicago is too far from the Atlantic Ocean to see it!



I'd rather have a job down here. I could be the boss.

"Build higher! Higher!" I'd shout, with my feet on the ground.

When I'm boss, I'll stay on the ground.



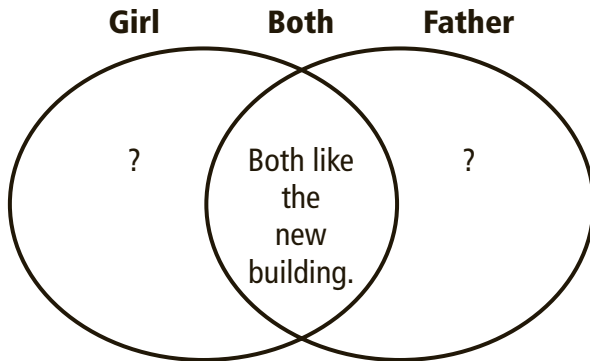


Responding



TARGET SKILL Compare and Contrast

Copy the Venn diagram below. Then fill it in. Tell how the father and the daughter in the story are alike and how they are different.



Write About It

Text to World Is there a building where you live that you like? Write a paragraph that tells how this building is like the Sears Tower. Also tell how it is different.



TARGET VOCABULARY

balancing

cling

crew

disappears

excitement

foggy

stretch

tide



TARGET SKILL

Compare and Contrast Tell how details or ideas are alike and different.



TARGET STRATEGY

Infer/Predict Use clues to figure out more about the selection.



GENRE Historical fiction is a story that takes place in a real period of history.

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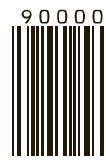


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