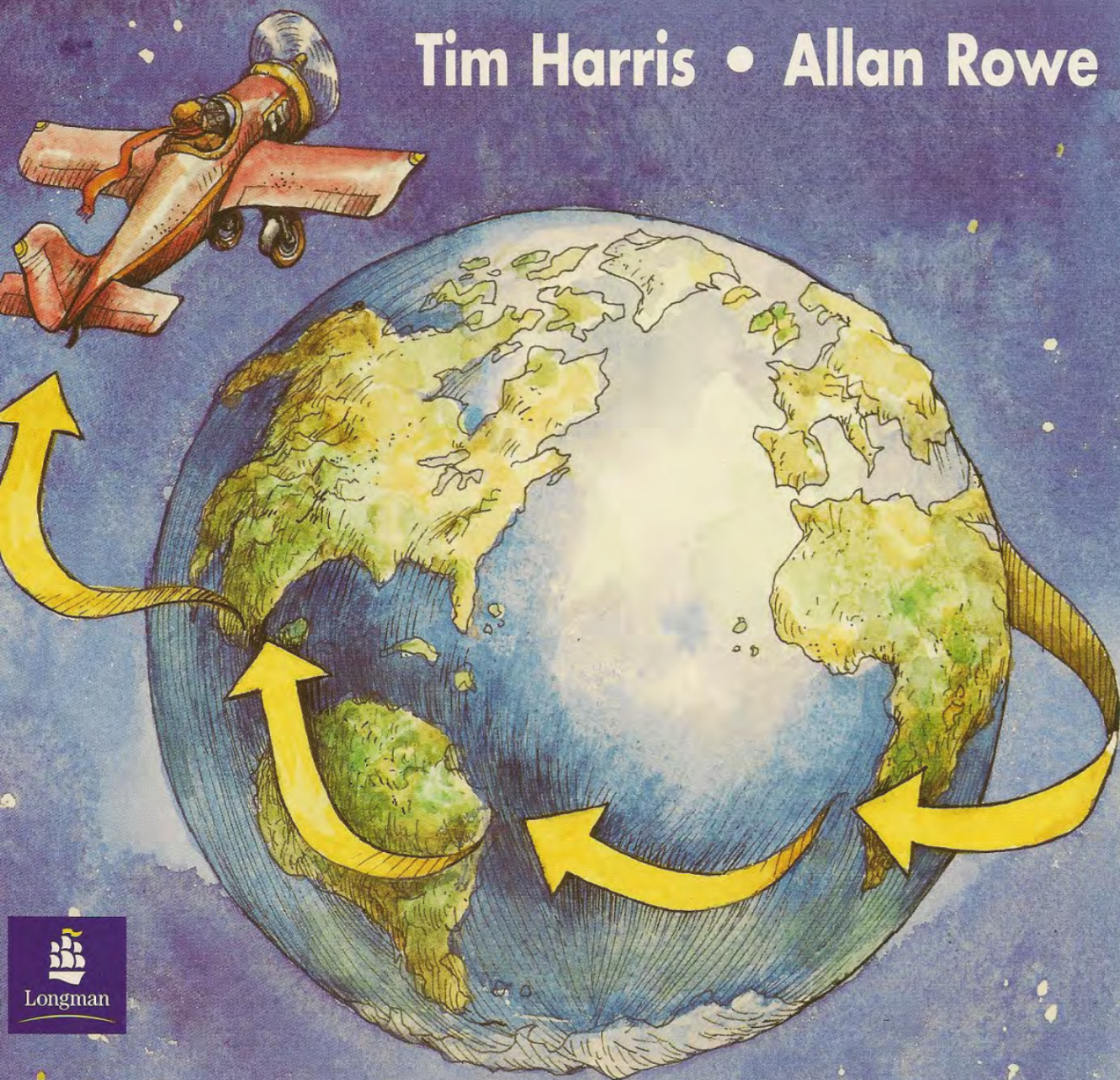


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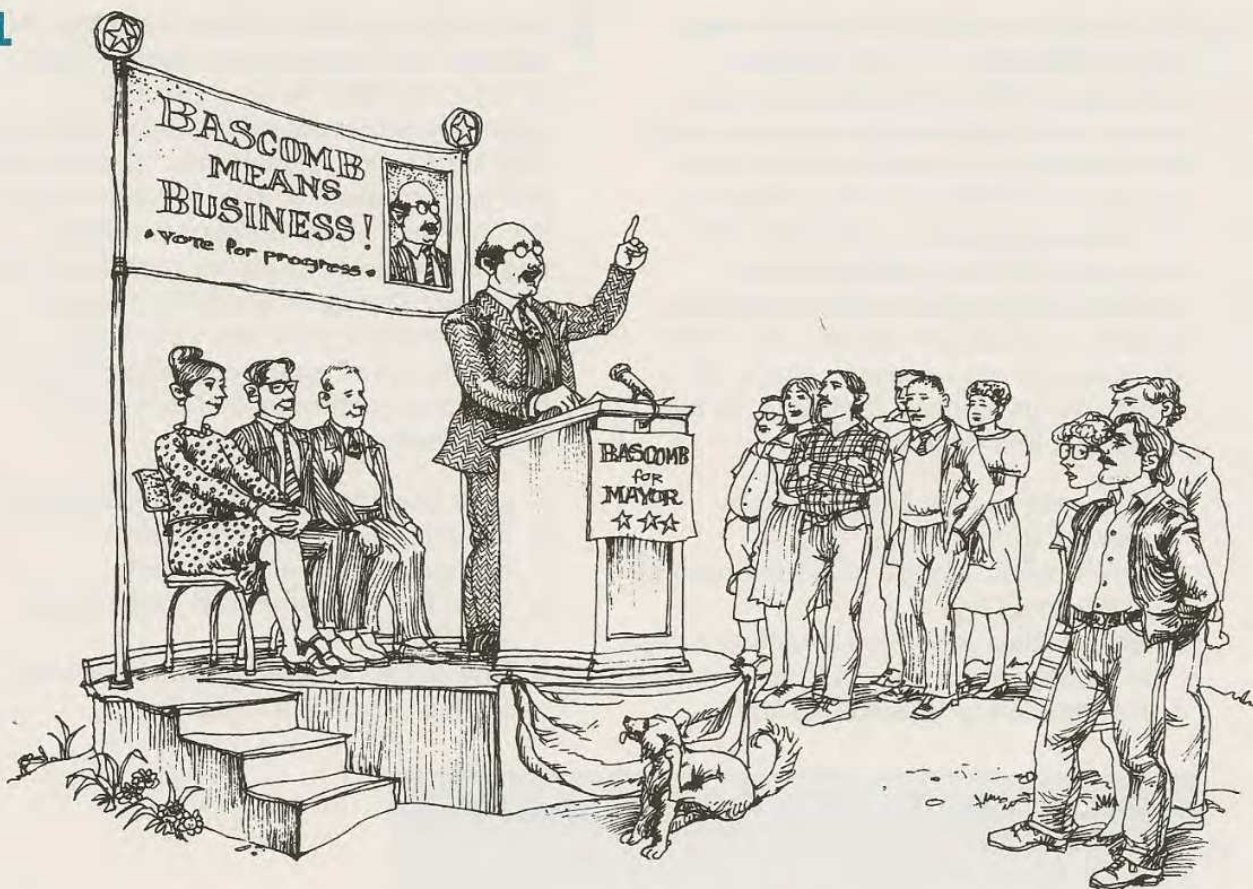
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1. Talk about the pictures.
2. Listen to the stories.
3. Answer the story questions.

READING

1 Mr. Bascomb would like to be the next mayor of Wickam City. He has been running for office since last year. As a banker, Mr. Bascomb is concerned about the economy. He wants to bring more business to the city and has promised to build a toy factory in City Park. Mr. Bascomb has been making a lot of speeches lately. He has been talking to the voters about jobs, taxes, and crime. Mr. Bascomb has been spending a lot of money on his election campaign. So far, it has cost him over \$50,000.

1. How long has Mr. Bascomb been running for mayor?
2. How does he plan to help the economy of Wickam City?
3. Has Mr. Bascomb been spending a lot of money to win the election?
4. How much has he spent so far?

2 Otis Jackson is also running for mayor of Wickam City. He has been campaigning for a few months. As an artist, Otis appreciates the natural beauty of Wickam City. He wants to protect the environment and has promised to save City Park. Otis is concerned about ordinary working people. He has been asking questions and listening to people's complaints about city government. Otis has very little money to spend on his campaign, but he has a lot of volunteers and they have been working hard for him.

1. How long has Otis been campaigning?
2. Is he more concerned about the economy or the environment?
3. What has Otis promised to do about City Park?
4. How is Otis's campaign different from Mr. Bascomb's campaign?

PRESENT PERFECT CONTINUOUS: Affirmative

Otis has been working hard.

He _____.

Suzi _____.

She _____.

They have been working hard.

You _____.

We _____.

I _____.

WRITTEN EXERCISE • Complete the sentences using the present perfect continuous.

Mr. Bascomb has been making a lot of speeches lately. (make)

The volunteers have been working hard for Otis. (work)

1. Albert _____ at the university for two years now. (study)
2. He _____ a car since he was sixteen. (drive)
3. We _____ some beautiful weather this month. (have)
4. Linda _____ a lot of time at the beach. (spend)
5. I _____ some letters to my family. (write)
6. You _____ too much television. (watch)
7. Our basketball team _____ a lot of games. (win)
8. The boys _____ hard this year. (play)



Listen and practice.

Suzi Suzuki, star reporter for the Wickam Daily News, is interviewing Otis Jackson about his campaign for mayor.

SUZI: Mr. Jackson, what is the most important issue in this campaign?

OTIS: The quality of life in Wickam City. We haven't been doing enough to protect the environment.

SUZI: Can you give an example?

OTIS: Sure. The opposition wants to build a large toy factory in City Park. But I say we need the park more than we need a new factory.

SUZI: Mr. Bascomb says you're too inexperienced to be mayor. He says you've never held public office.

OTIS: Neither has he. At least I've been talking to the people and trying to understand their problems.

SUZI: Mr. Bascomb has been spending a lot of money on his campaign. Does that worry you?

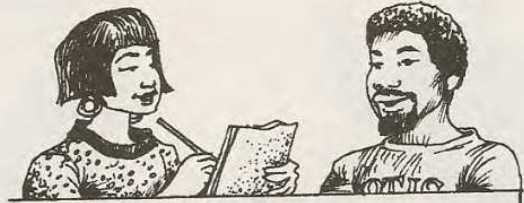
OTIS: No, not really. You can't win the election with money alone.

SUZI: Are you satisfied with your campaign so far?

OTIS: Yes, I am. The people have been giving me a lot of support. They're wonderful.

SUZI: Your volunteer workers are very impressive. I don't think you have anything to worry about.

OTIS: Neither do I. But it's up to the voters. We'll see.



PRACTICE 1 • Imagine you are Mr. Bascomb. Tell what you have been doing to win the election.



1. make/speeches
I've been making a lot of speeches.



2. hold/meetings



3. give/interviews



4. talk to/voters



5. shake/hands



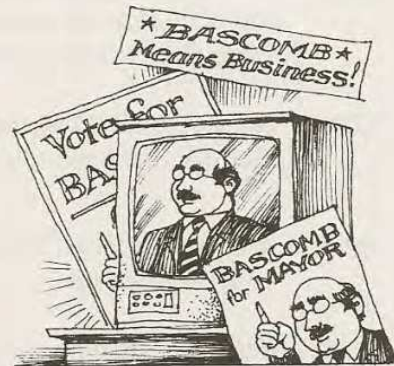
6. kiss/babies



7. make/promises



8. hire/campaign workers



9. buy/advertisements

PRACTICE 2 • Talk about Mr. Bascomb. What has he been doing to win the election?

PRACTICE 3 • In addition to Mr. Jackson and Mr. Bascomb, there is a third candidate for mayor: Mr. Farley. So far, he hasn't been trying very hard to win the election. Imagine you are Mr. Farley. Make negative sentences about your campaign.

1. make/speeches I haven't been making many speeches.

PRACTICE 4 • Talk about Mr. Farley. What has he been doing wrong?

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