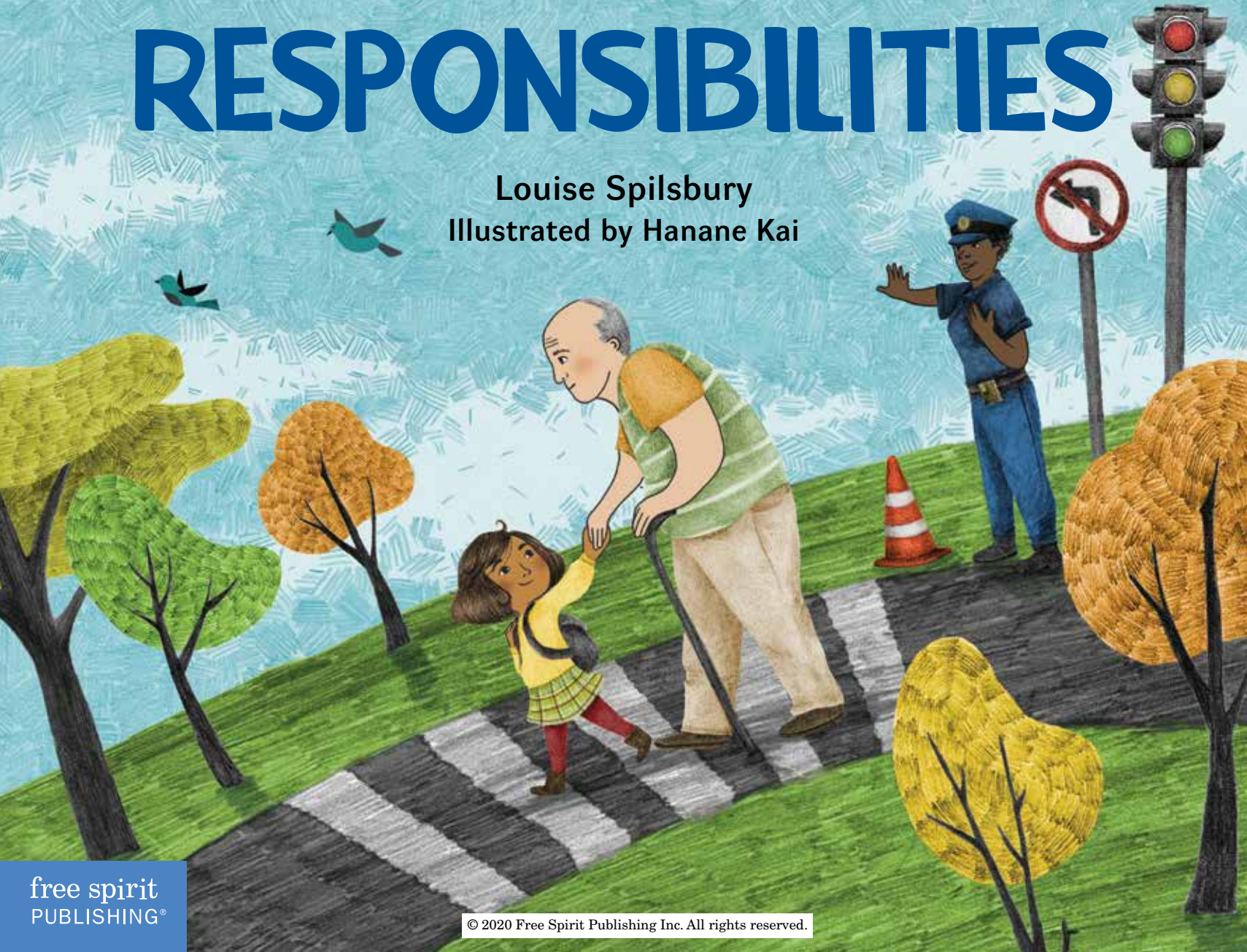


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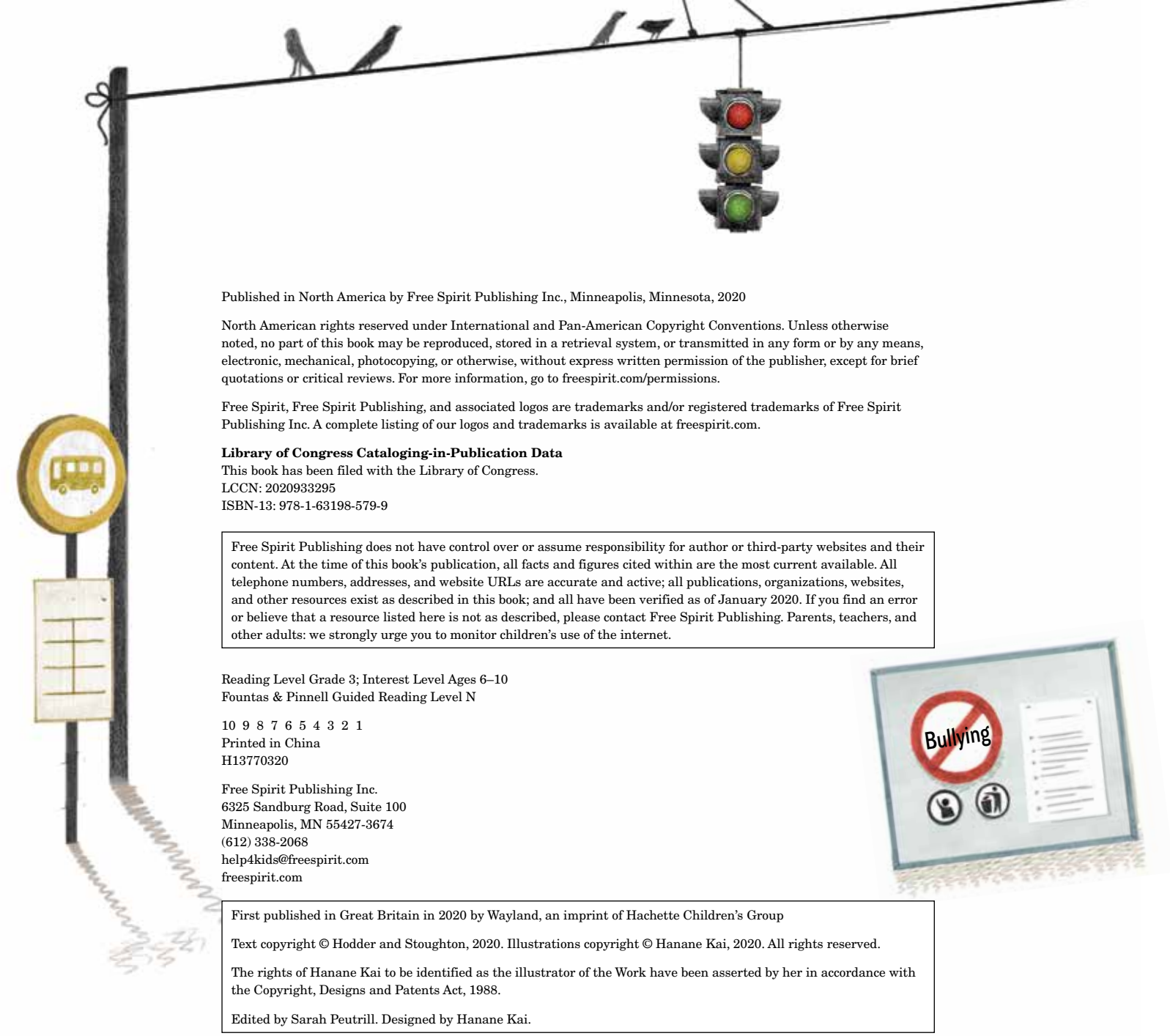
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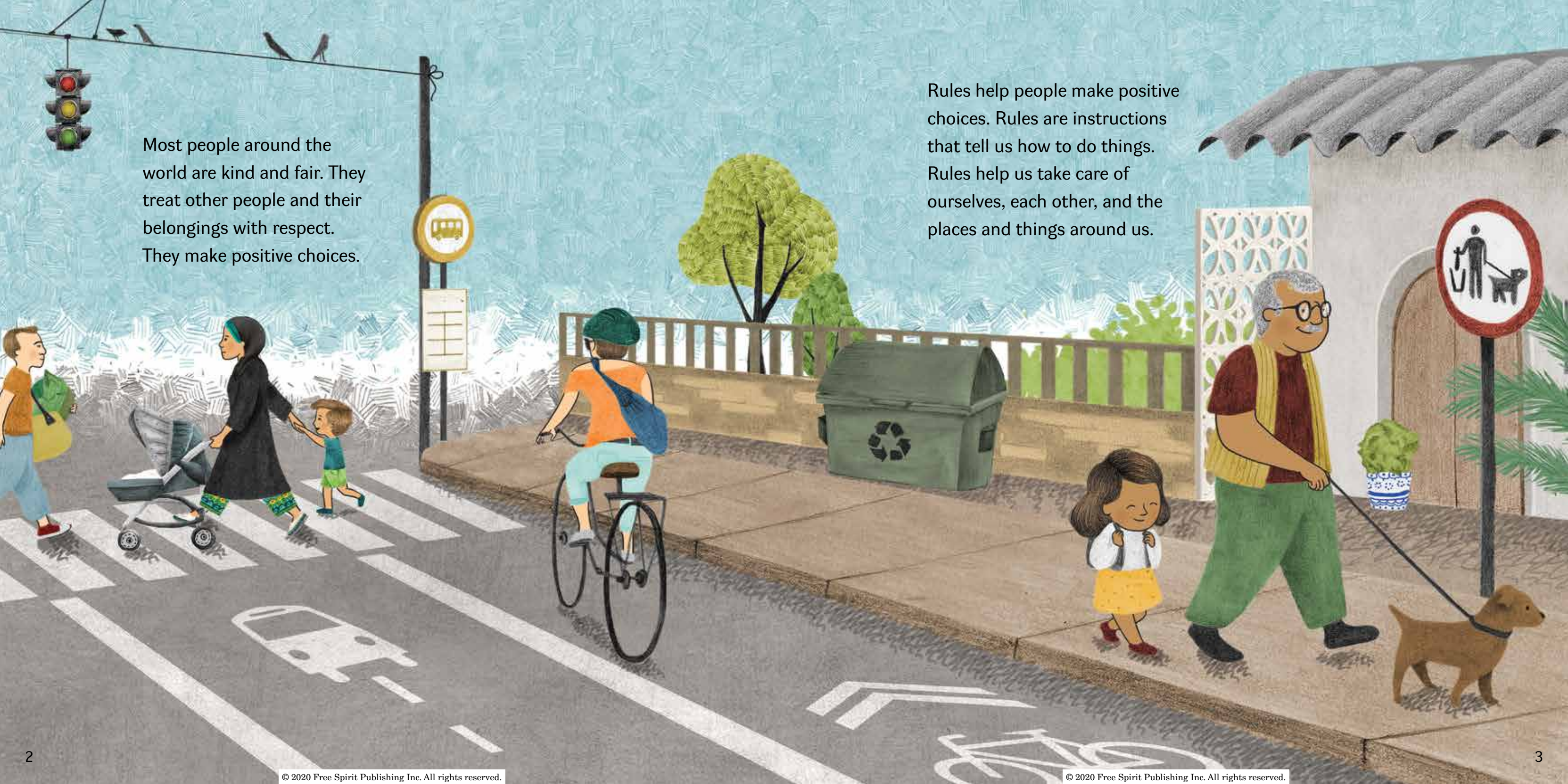


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A colorful illustration of a street scene. On the left, a woman in a black hijab and patterned skirt pushes a stroller with a child, walking across a crosswalk. Another woman in a brown top and blue pants walks nearby. In the center, a man in a green cap and orange shirt rides a bicycle. On the right, an older man with glasses and a yellow scarf walks a brown dog on a leash, accompanied by a young girl in a white shirt and yellow skirt. The background features a building with a grey roof, a green recycling bin, a tree, and a traffic light. A signpost with a bus stop sign and a dog-walking sign is visible.

Most people around the world are kind and fair. They treat other people and their belongings with respect. They make positive choices.

Rules help people make positive choices. Rules are instructions that tell us how to do things. Rules help us take care of ourselves, each other, and the places and things around us.

What is the first thing you do when you get a new game? Learn the rules! It's hard to enjoy playing a game without knowing and following its rules. Games have rules so that everyone plays them fairly.

Imagine playing soccer without any rules. Some players might pick up the ball and run with it instead of kicking it. A team might choose to have three goalkeepers instead of one. Without rules, games wouldn't be any fun!



## Find Out More

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## Glossary

**blame:** the responsibility for doing something wrong

**charity:** a group that helps people in trouble or in need

**community:** a group of people living in the same place

**consequence:** a thing that happens because or as a result of someone's actions

**court:** a place where a judge and sometimes a jury decide how to punish people who break laws

**fine:** a sum of a money that a court decides someone must pay as punishment for breaking a law

**germs:** very, very tiny living things that can spread disease

**government:** the group of people who control and make decisions for a country

**international:** between or involving more than one country

**jail:** a place where people are sometimes sent as a punishment when they have broken a law

**laws:** rules that people in a city, region, or country must follow

**respect:** to care about other people's feelings and opinions