

I Can't Believe You SAID That!

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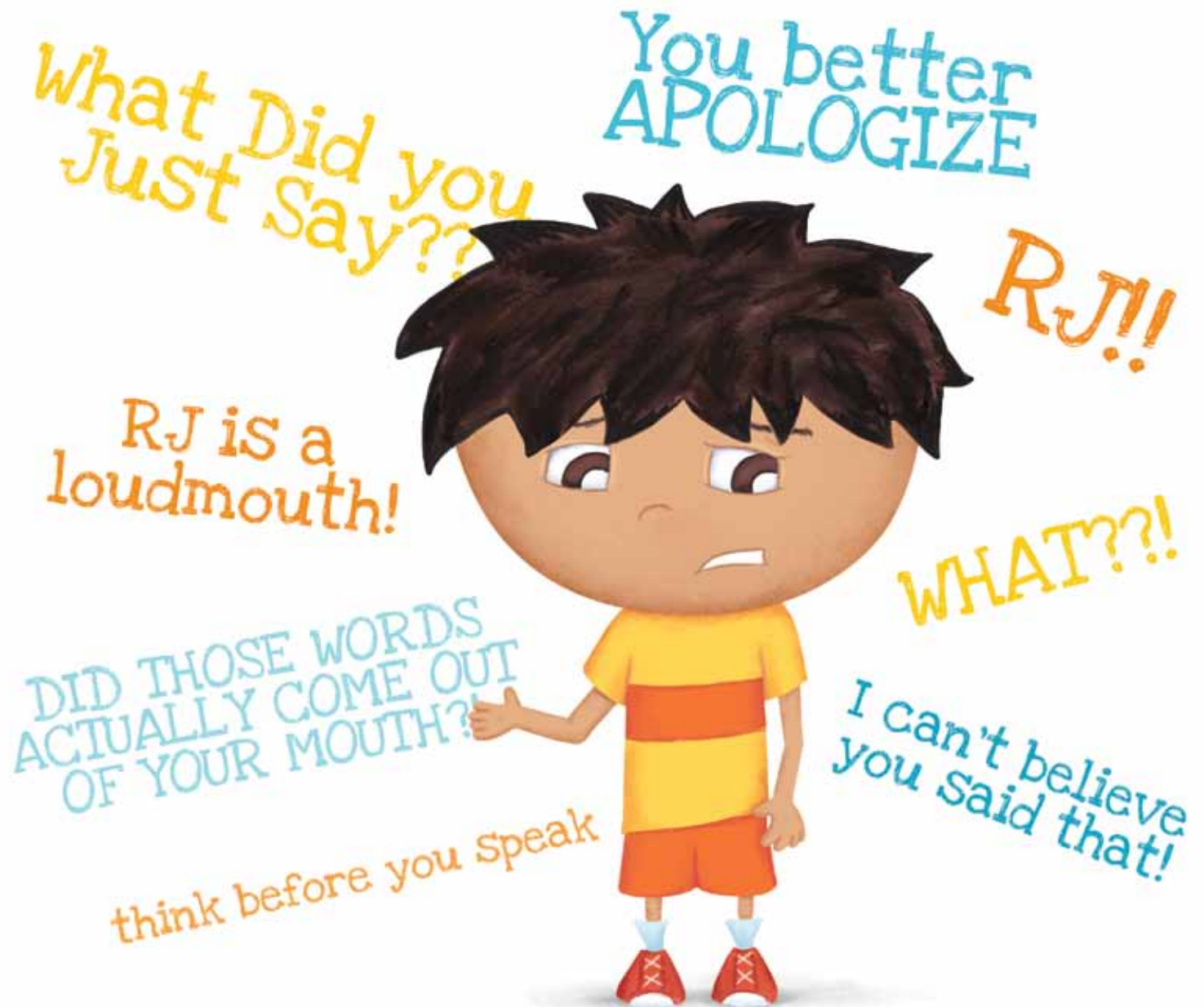
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My name is RJ.

Sometimes, I say things that get me into trouble
and I don't know why because I'm just being honest.



Last week, my dad and I picked my grandma up at the airport.

On the way back to our house, I noticed how **spotted** my grandma's hands and arms were, So I asked her,
"Gram, how come your skin looks like a Dalmatian?"



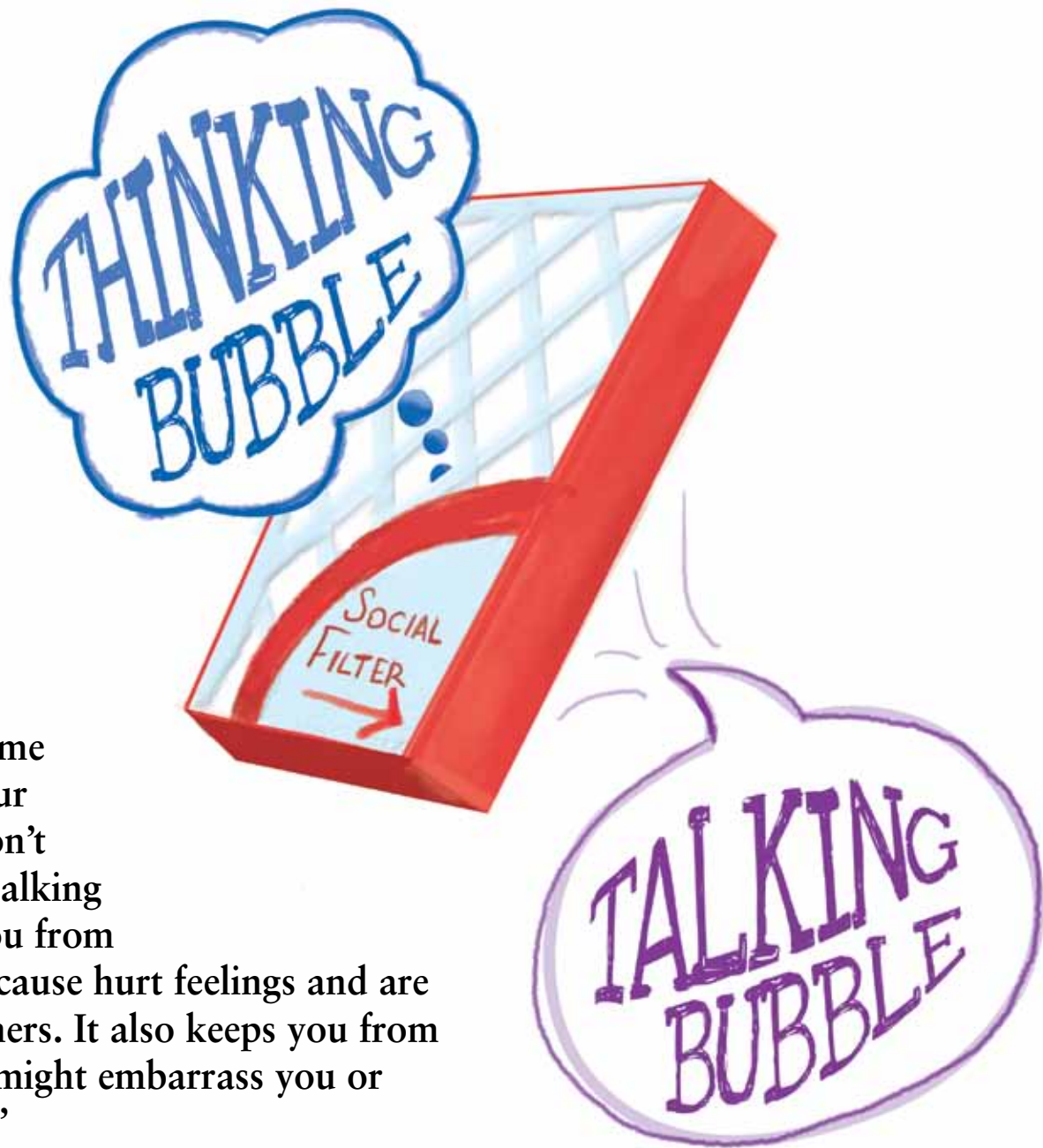
“RJ!” my dad said. “I can’t believe you just said that!
That wasn’t very nice! Apologize to Gram right now!”

“But, Dad, LOOK!”

“RJ.”



“I’m Sorry, Gram.”



“Your social filter makes sure that some of the words in your thinking bubble don’t make it into your talking bubble. It keeps you from saying words that cause hurt feelings and are disrespectful to others. It also keeps you from saying things that might embarrass you or those around you.”

“RJ, I think sometimes you forget to turn your social filter on.”

“You need to learn how to choose more appropriate words to say.”

Today at school, I used my Social filter.

BoSSy Bernice came to School with a brand new hair-do. She told everyone that her Great Aunt Betty had taken her to a hair stylist.

My thinking bubble filled up with:

Your hair
looks really weird.

Your Great Aunt Betty must be
really nice if she wants to hang
around you. I know I Sure don't!

It looks like the eagles
have been nesting in
your hair!



I used my social filter and only let some
of my words into my talking bubble, and then I said:

"Your great aunt
must be nice, Bernice."

