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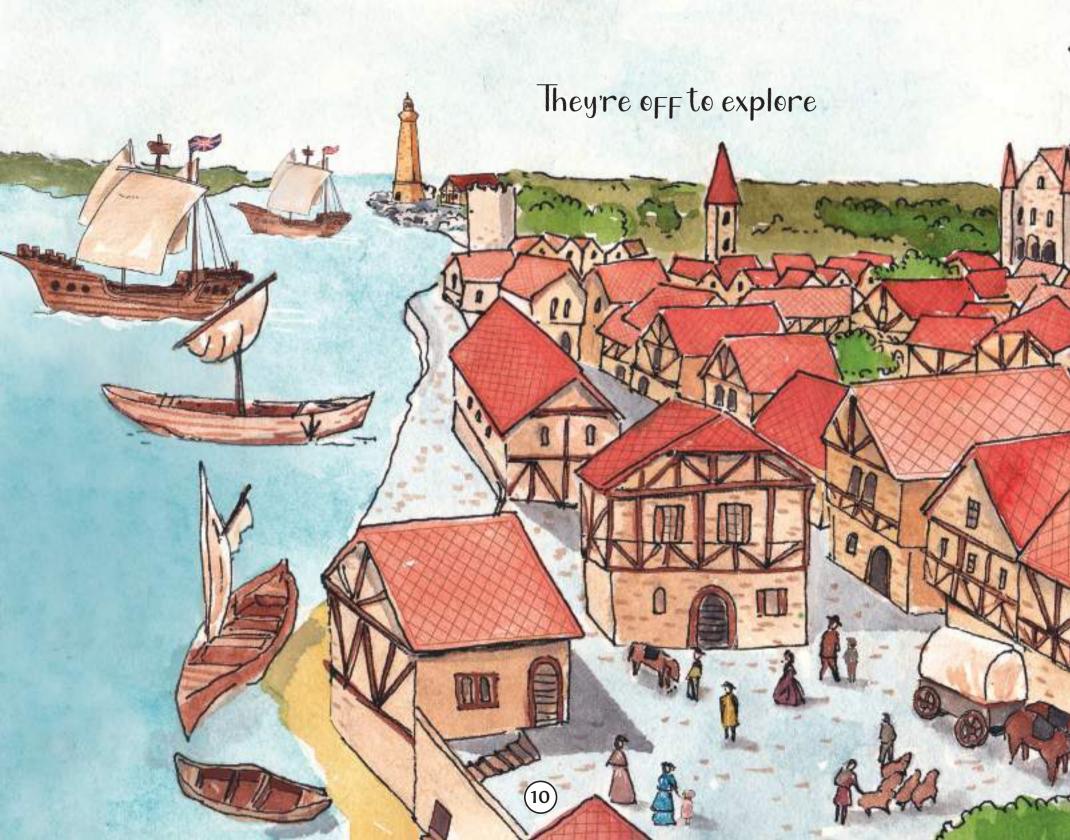
The lumber cut down To build ships to cross the seas Progress moves Forward.

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