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To Whom it may concern,

The *Oxford Reading Tree: Decode and Develop Series Level 2* title 'Out' contains an illustration of the characters drawing various pictures, including a picture of the sun. The illustrator made the sun red in this image, but this does not represent or make any reference to the Japanese Rising Sun Flag. To avoid any confusion, the illustration has since been amended to a yellow sun, however, we would like to reiterate that the image was always intended to be, simply, a depiction of the sun in the sky.

The setting of the story is an English school, with the young characters seen to be drawing a range of simple images of animals and the sun, as the text clearly states: "*Wilf put in the sun*" and "*Chip put in a dog*". This is a typical school scene and is intended to help children relate this story to their own educational experience.

Oxford University Press is unable to exchange copies of the title 'Out' for the updated version with the yellow sun as the title makes no reference to the Japanese Rising Sun Flag and continues to fulfil its educational purpose.

Sincerely, on behalf of Oxford University Press



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