

LEVEL 1 · BOOK 19

# I Have an Itch



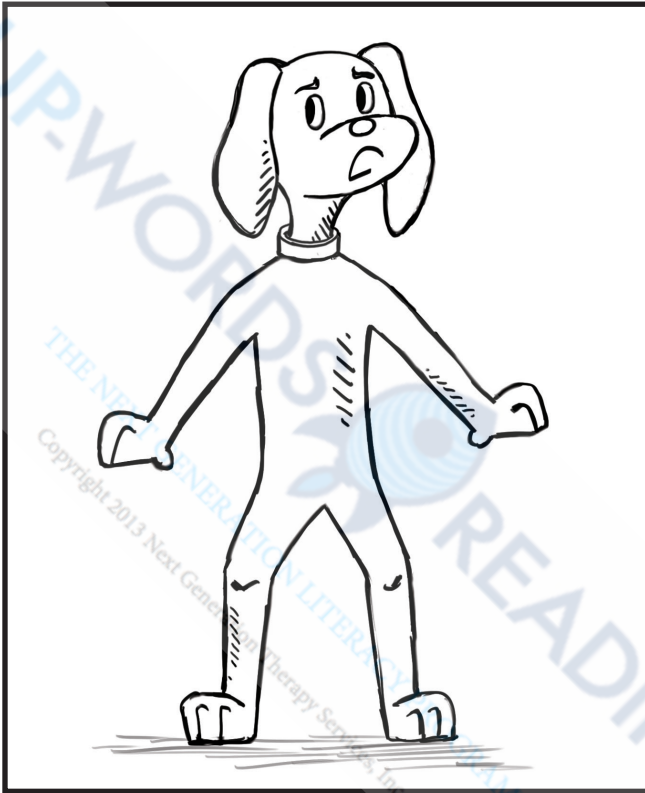
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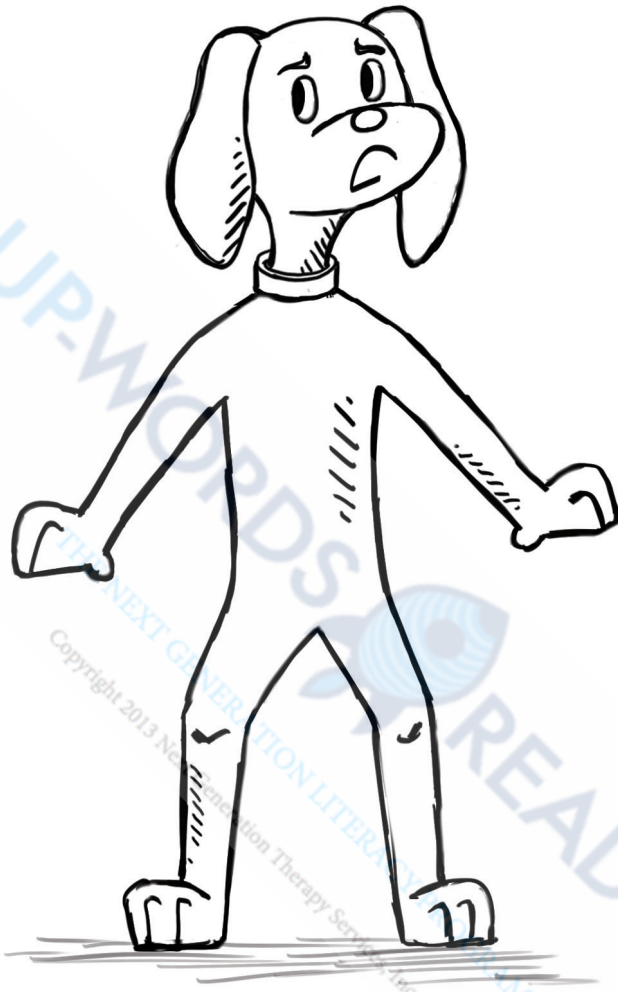
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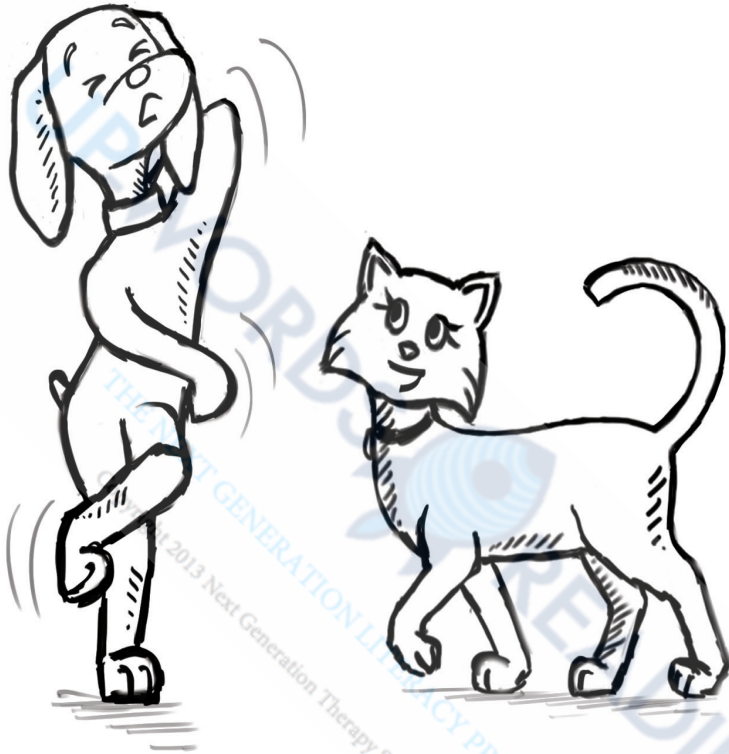


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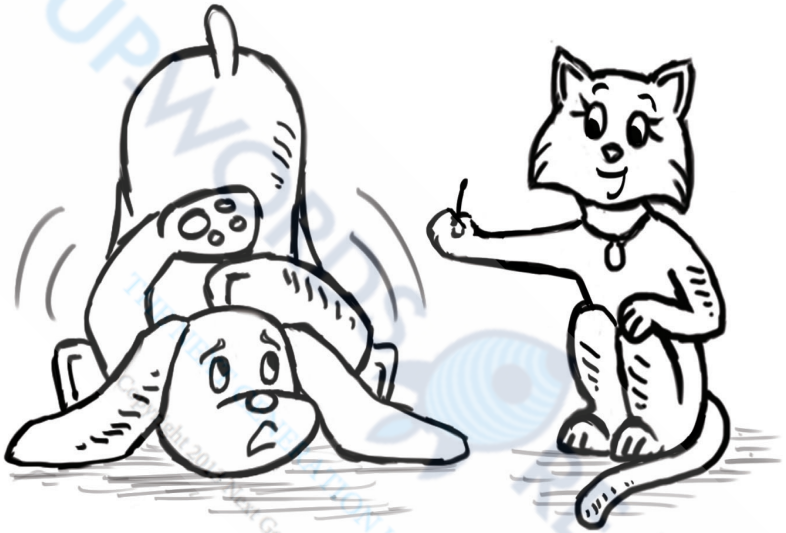


"Scratch it," says Sal.

"It is on my back," Gus says. "I twist and stretch, but I can not get to it."



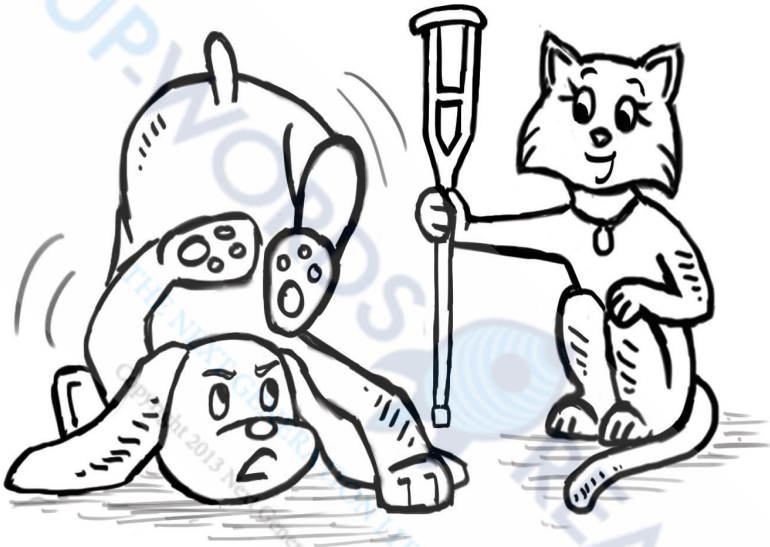
"I itch so much I have to twitch,  
says Gus."



"Can you scratch it with a match?" asks Sal.

"No," says Gus. "It is such a small match it will not get the itch."





"Can you scratch it with a crutch?" asks Sal.

"No," says Gus. "It is such a big crutch it will not get the itch."



"Can you scratch it with a branch?" says Sal. "I will fetch one for you."

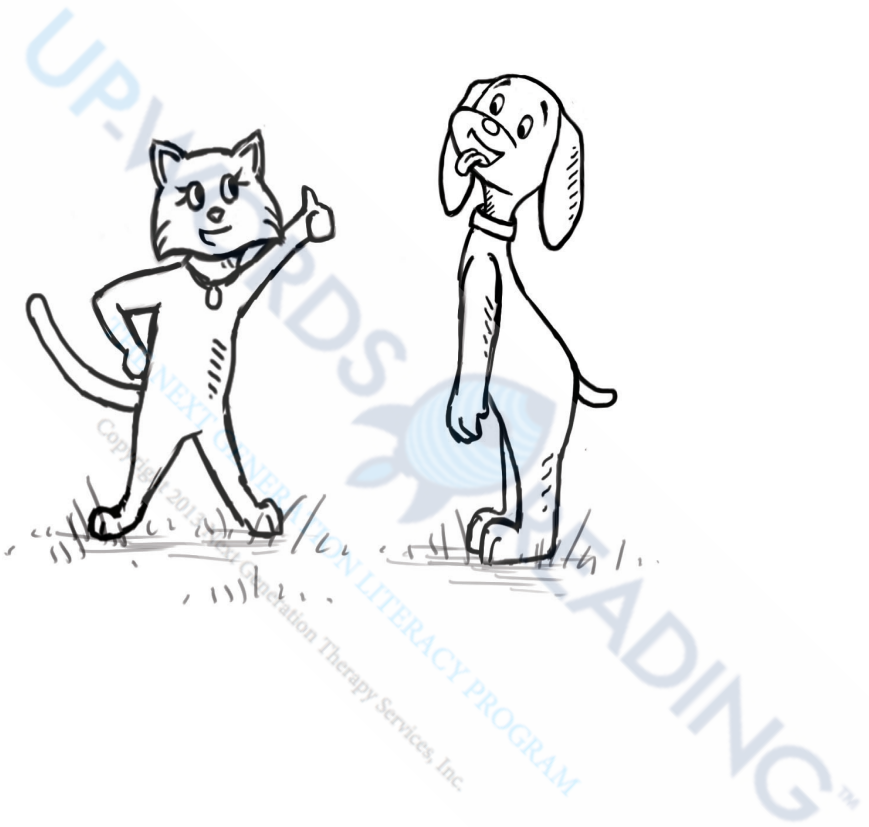


"Which branch?" asks Gus.

"The branch in this ditch looks good," says Sal.



So Gus does scratch -- and  
scratch and scratch and scratch --  
with the branch!

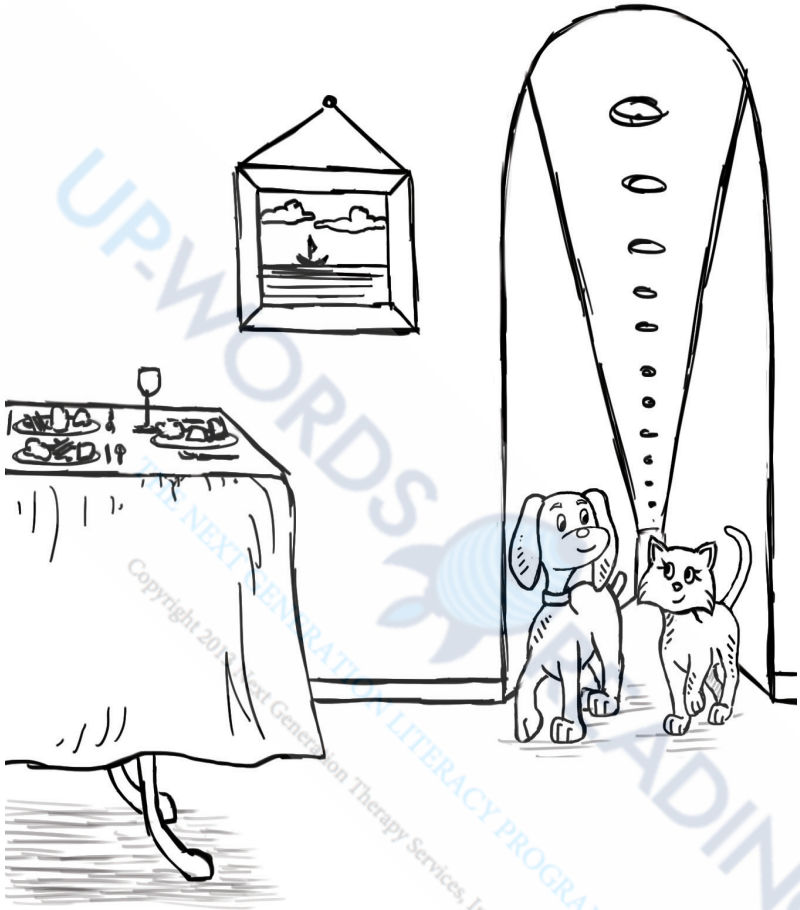


"At last!" says Gus. "My itch is gone!"

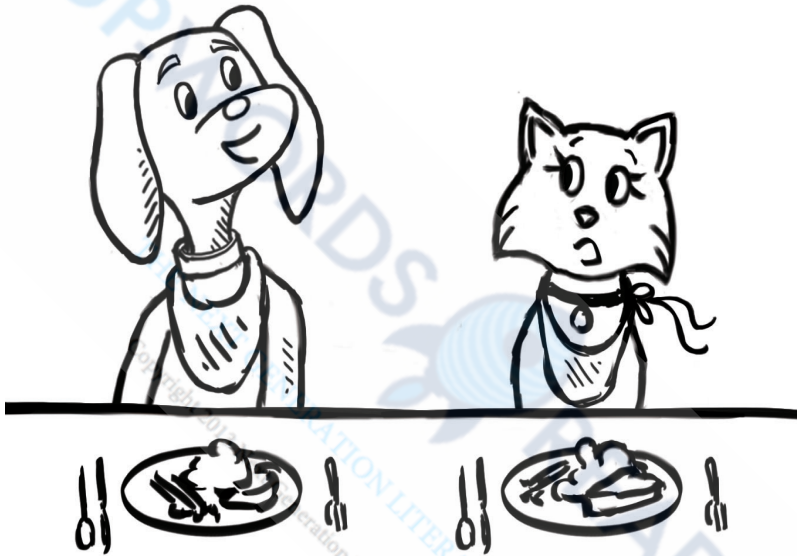
"Good," says Sal. "Shall we go have some lunch?"



So Gus and Sal set off to have lunch.

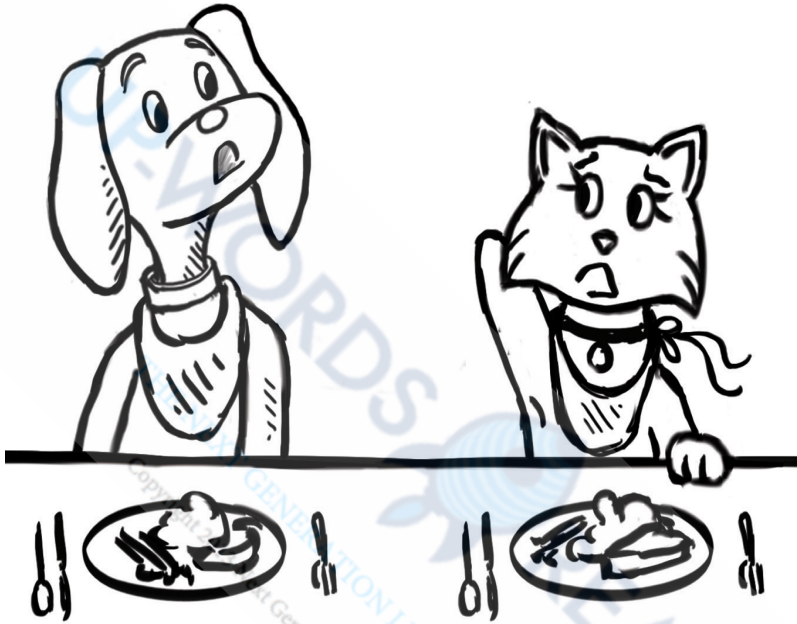


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"Oh no," says Sal.  
"What?" Gus asks.





"I have an itch."

## Comprehension Check

- 1) What is wrong with Gus in this story?
- 2) What are some of the things Sal says Gus could use to scratch his itch?
- 3) What does Gus decide to use to scratch?
- 4) Did the branch help get rid of the itch?
- 5) What did Gus and Sal do next?
- 6) What happens next?

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## Lesson 10

The Catch Rule ("-tch")

### New Sight Words

rich

which

such

much