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Workshop 3



Ontario Reading and Writing

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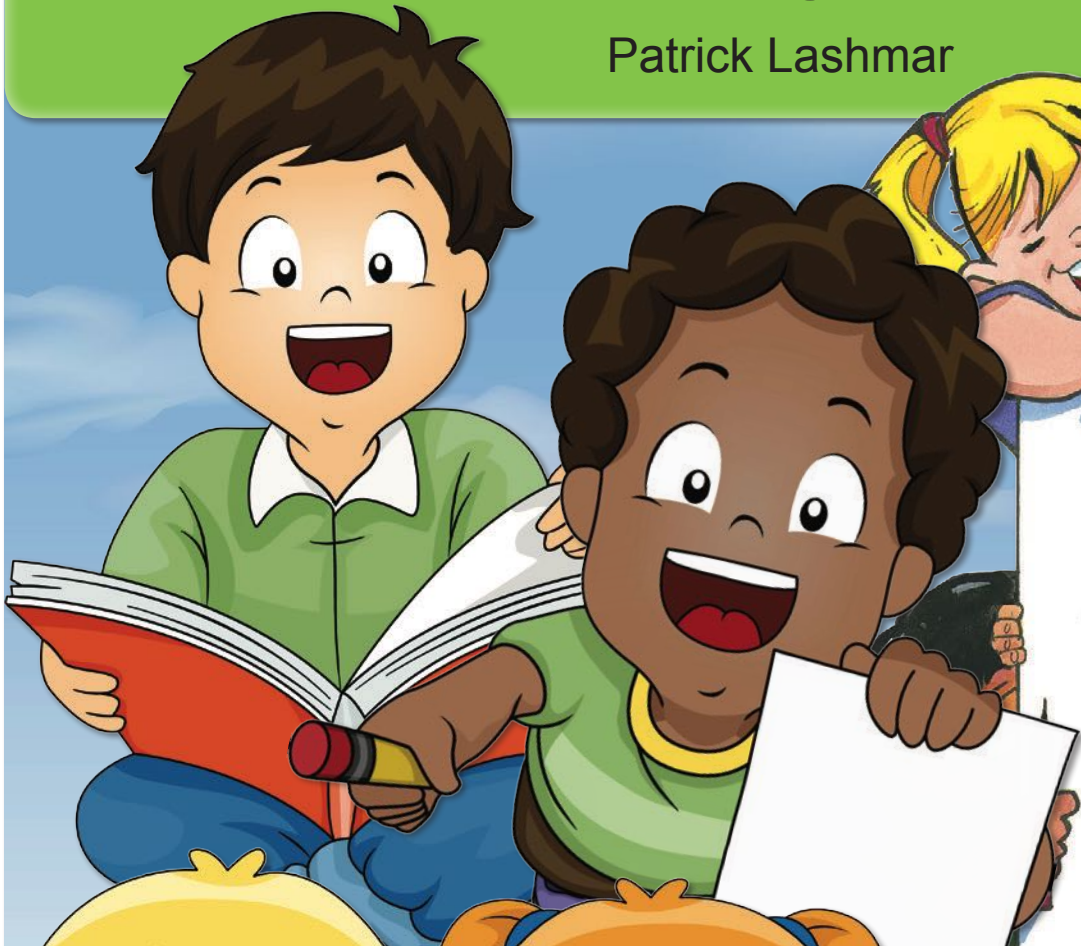


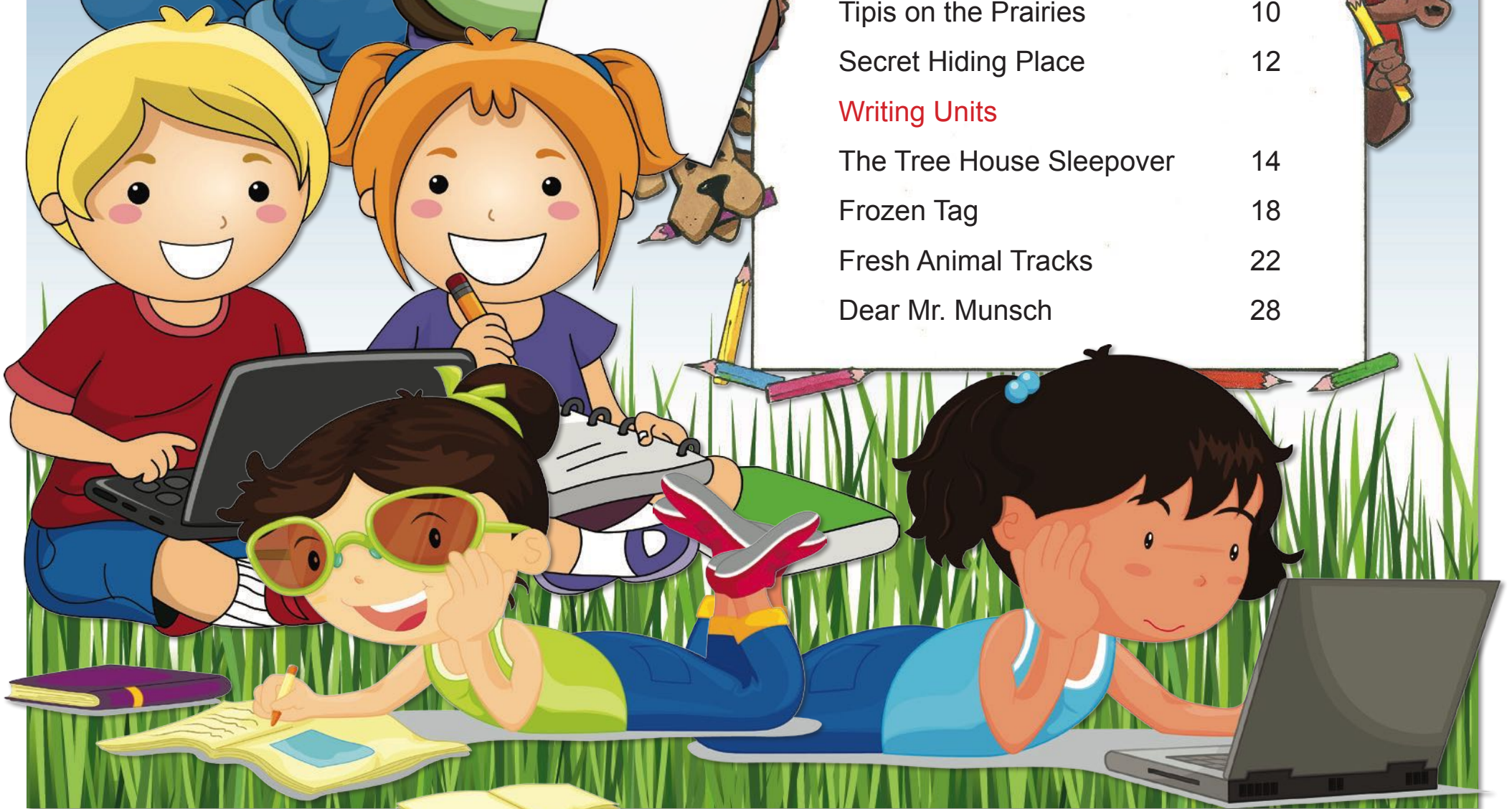
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Read the adventure story below.

The woman was screaming. Her eyes were closed. Her mouth was wide open. She hung on so tightly. She screamed again. She was scared.

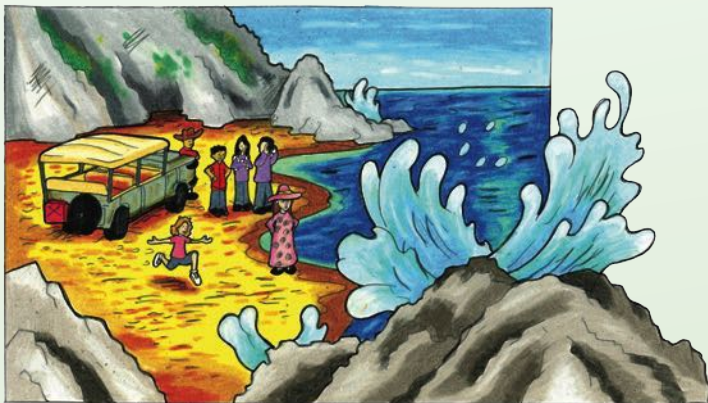


I laughed. It was Saturday and I was helping my dad. He drives a safari truck in Barbados. Barbados is an island in the Caribbean. He takes tourists out in the truck. We travel through parts of Barbados that tourists don't usually see.

On Saturdays, Dad takes me to help him. My name is James. Dad drives on mud tracks and through cane fields. My dad drives fast. He races fastest over the biggest bumps and through the biggest puddles. Most tourists laugh. They hold on tight. But they don't scream.

Early in the morning, we pack the lunches in coolers. We drive around to the resorts to pick up our passengers. I help them into the truck and tell them to fasten their seat belts.

We drive narrow back roads. We take short cuts through fields of sugar cane. The cane is taller than



my dad. It's like being in a cave, a blowing, waving, long, narrow, green cave.

We stop at lookout places that don't have paved roads to them.

At Little Bay, the surf rolls in under solid sheets of rock. The surf explodes into the sky through holes in the rock. If we get too close, the spray from the rocks soaks our clothes. I love the sound of the waves rippling on the beach.

We drive over a mountain into a green valley. Beside a field, we stop to look at a herd of sheep. Many of the sheep are with their lambs. They look normal to us but tourists always say they look like goats. Our sheep don't have heavy wool coats because it's too hot in Barbados.

We drive along the top of a high hill. Here the road becomes narrow and rocky. I warn the tourists the road is rough. They don't know how rough. It is so rough and steep that sometimes you can't see anything ahead. Dad doesn't slow down. Instead, he speeds up! We sail up and over a high point into air. Then we land hard on the other side and keep going.

That's when the lady screamed. The rest of us shouted and laughed. One tourist said it's like the scariest roller coaster he's ever been on.



Technology Link

With your teacher or a family member search online to learn about Barbados. Locate it on a map. Learn about the people, the capital city, the weather, favourite foods, and music.

Reading for Meaning

1. James is in the truck because he:
 - a. gets paid
 - b. is helping his dad
 - c. likes to drive
 - d. his baby sitter was sick
2. Barbados is:
 - a. the capital of the U.S.A.
 - b. a large city in Canada
 - c. the name of James' dad
 - d. an island in the Caribbean
3. James' Dad drove the tourists in his:
 - a. bus
 - b. motorcycle
 - c. Jeep
 - d. safari truck
4. Who is telling the story?
 - a. James
 - b. James' dad
 - c. The lady
 - d. another tourist
5. The woman screamed because:
 - a. she saw a snake
 - b. she read a scary story
 - c. they were driving fast
 - d. she hit her head on the window
6. One tourist said the ride was like:
 - a. being on a rocket
 - b. being in a race car
 - c. riding a race horse
 - d. a scary roller coaster

7. Write three facts you learned about Barbados from reading this story?

8. This is a story. How is it different from a fairy tale?

9. If you took people on a tour around your community, list at least six places you would take them.

Understanding Form and Style

1. All the people in the story are called the:
 - a. characters
 - b. setting
 - c. plot
 - d. tourists
2. A story plot has three parts. They are:
 - a. words, sentences, paragraphs
 - b. beginning, middle, end
 - c. characters, setting, plot
 - d. title, subtitles, paragraphs
3. Look at the illustrations in this story. Choose one. Tell how it helped you understand this story better.

Reading with Fluency

1. Which word below rhymes with car?
 - a. cat
 - b. nap
 - c. star
 - d. rat
2. The roads on the tour are:
 - a. smooth and flat
 - b. paved
 - c. all made of gravel
 - d. rough and steep
3. Which word means the opposite of tightly?
 - a. lightly
 - b. stiff
 - c. loosely
 - d. heavily
4. The root word for "biggest" is:
 - a. big
 - b. bigger
 - c. huge
 - d. big