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New Words 5.5

c.v.c Words

Sets 1-5

rod
cubs
guns
men
sets
Ken
Rob
jam
Will

Sight Words

walk
tadpoles
frogs
mother
wombat

Word Building

sticking
talking
spotty
spiders'
become
faring
working

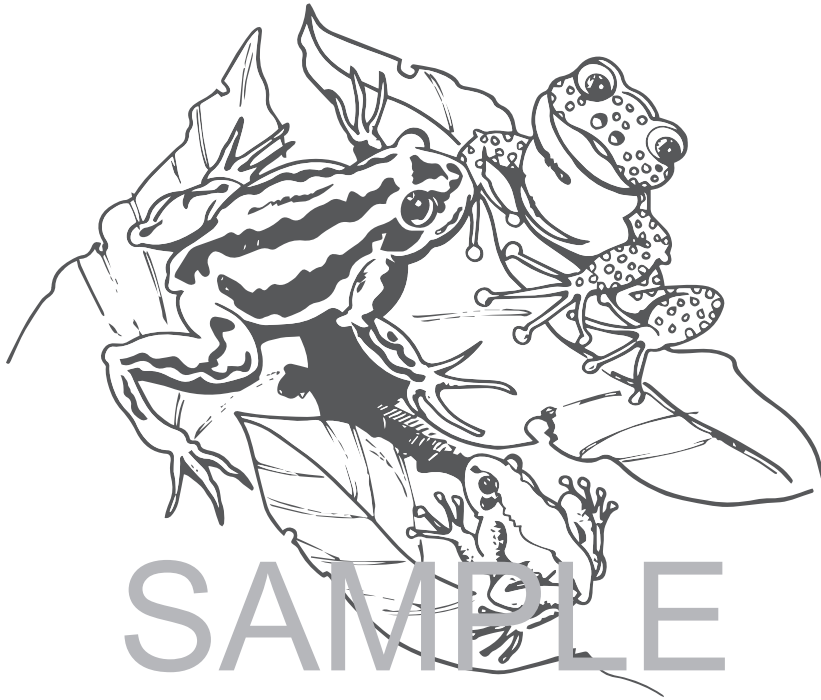
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There is a creek down the back. On hot days we walk down there. As we walk to the creek we try not to run into spiders' cobwebs. We don't like the webs sticking to us. We go down there to play and catch tadpoles and yabbies. We look for wombat holes and fox holes.





My little brothers, Ken and Rob, walk up the creek to catch tadpoles. They catch the tadpoles with nets and jars. They stick the tadpoles in jam jars and tins. Some of the tadpoles have big back legs.



Tadpoles become frogs. The creek has big frogs, little frogs and spotty frogs. Frogs like to talk, but they stop talking when we walk up to them. Frogs lay eggs under sticks in the creek. Ken and Rob put frog eggs in the tadpole jars as well.

My big brother, Will, likes to go to the creek. He likes to catch yabbies there. He sits on a mossy log to catch them. Yabbies like to stay in the creek under logs and sticks. You have to be clever and quick to catch yabbies.





My mother walks down to the creek with us. She takes some work to do, but she keeps falling asleep. The creek is a good spot for sleeping. It is not a good spot for working!



My dad walks down to the creek with us when he is not working. He takes his rod and sets it up. He says he is going to catch something to eat. But, he falls asleep too !

Ducks nest in the dry grass. The mother duck takes her little ducks to the creek to catch food. They look for little frogs, tadpoles and frogs' eggs.



Mother duck says, "Quack, quack. Quick, look out !
Keep up with me !"



The mother fox takes her cubs to the creek as well.
They roll and play in the dry sand. The mother fox
looks out for yapping dogs and men with guns.

As the sun sets, we all walk back up the hill. When the sun has set, the fat wombat comes out of his hole. He comes out to eat grass. After eating the grass, the fat wombat takes a walk.





With no kids about, lots of animals come down to the creek. They come out to play and to catch things to eat.

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Comprehension and Discussion Questions

Pre-reading discussion questions

1. Who has a creek near their house?
2. What can you do at the creek?
3. What animals live in or near the creek?
4. How do you know if the water in the creek is clean?
(Look for tadpoles and frogs).
5. Discuss the frog life cycle.

Literal questions (during reading)

1. Page 3: What do the boys try to avoid on the way down to the creek?
2. Page 4: Where do Ken and Rob go to get tadpoles?
(Up the creek.) What does 'up the creek' mean?
3. Page 5: What sort of frogs can be found in the creek?
4. Page 5: What goes into the tadpole jars with the frogs?
5. Page 6: Where does Will look for yabbies?
6. Pages 7/8: What usually happens when the mum and the dad go down to the creek?
7. Pages 9-12: What kind of animals might you see at this creek?

Post-reading discussion questions

1. Page 5: Why are frogs quiet when people come near?
2. Page 6: 'You have to be clever and quick to catch yabbies.'
What does this tell you about yabbies?
3. Why do the parents keep falling asleep at the creek?
4. Would you like to spend time at a creek like this? Why?

First Books Series

Set 1: a, m, s, t, i, f

- 1.1 Sam and Max
- 1.2 Rats and Cats
- 1.3 Pat the Rat
- 1.4 Kim and the Hat
- 1.5 I Want it
- 1.6 Matt and Tim
- 1.7 The Sand Pit
- 1.8 Out You Go!

Set 2: d, r, o, g, n, l

- 2.1 Mad Max
- 2.2 A Hot Dog
- 2.3 Ross Runs
- 2.4 Too Hot! (A Play)
- 2.5 Missing Out (A Play)
- 2.6 Catching Bugs
- 2.7 Big School
- 2.8 Let the Bugs Go!

Set 3: u, c, n, k, b, v

- 3.1 Big Sums
- 3.2 The Bug and the Bun
- 3.3 I Get Scared
- 3.4 My Dog Gus
- 3.5 Gus Goes to School
- 3.6 My Big Sister
- 3.7 It's Not Fair!
- 3.8 Look at Me!

Set 4: e, p, j, w

- 4.1 Big Red Hens
- 4.2 The Sick Pig (A Song)
- 4.3 Bill Cuts His Leg (A Rap)
- 4.4 Hens and Eggs
- 4.5 Jeff's Pups
- 4.6 Red Spots
- 4.7 Sleeping in My Tent
- 4.8 The Big Smell (A Play)

Set 5: y, u, q, z

- 5.1 Look Out Duck!
- 5.2 Very wew (A Song)
- 5.3 Fox on a Box (A Play)
- 5.4 Big Holes (A Song)
- 5.5 Our Creek
- 5.6 Mother Fox
- 5.7 Eating Out
- 5.8 I'm Just Going To!