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For Parents and Tutors

The words in this reader comprise all of the letter sounds and spellings learned in Lessons 1 through 71 in *Blumenfeld's Alpha-Phonics*.

When the learner has trouble with a word, have him or her spell it aloud and then read it. Spelling the word forces the reader to look at the letters in their proper sequence and is usually enough to evoke a correct reading. If the reader is still unable to read the word, have him or her sound it out. When the word is irregular, such as *were* or *you*, tell the learner what the word is and point out that it is irregular and does not follow the usual letter-sound rules.

We have inserted words with vowel sounds the reader has not yet been taught but which are easily decoded. These words are added to ease the flow of narrative.

Kenneth and Gwen sat on the grass at the edge of the cliff. The sun was sinking in the west. It was a vivid sunset, with red and pink and orange colors. It was a thrill watching the sun set from the edge of the cliff.

Kenneth and Gwen then had a snack. Kenneth had a plum, and Gwen had an orange. When it was dusk, they left.

The frog swam in the swamp under the bridge. A frog can hop, skip, and jump. A skunk can also hop, skip, and jump. It is fun watching frogs and skunks hopping, skipping, and jumping. But a skunk can be a pest when it smells bad.

Frank and Fred went swimming last summer in the pond. After the swim, they had hotdogs for lunch.

They watched as a swift swan got stuck in a swamp. A small frog skipped and jumped. A skunk got in the act and hopped at the edge of the swamp. The skunk fell in and got wet. It jumped on a log and began to smell. A duck got in the act. It went quacking in the swamp.

When a frog and a skunk and a duck want to help a swan in a trap, it's fun to watch what happens.

A runner can trot in the dust or trudge in the mud. In the spring the running track can get wet. Twigs can fall on the track, and a runner can twist his leg. Runners must watch the track as they run so that they will not slip in mud or trip on a crack.

When a runner gets a stiff leg, he must stop and rest. It is better to rest than risk getting hurt.

Can a prince and a princess dance in France? Yes, but they must ask the King. He will let them dance and sing.

The prince is tall and can sing and dance well. The princess can sing and dance as well as the prince. The prince and princess dance as if they were swans.

The King thinks that the prince and princess are grand.

Frank sent a letter to his mom from summer camp. He put a self-sticking stamp on it. You don't have to lick a self-sticking stamp, and it will not fall off. Frank's mom got the letter and was glad that her son was well.

Frank had a lot of fun at camp. He swam and fished and sang songs with his pals.

The men put a flag on the crest of the hill. Then they sang, “God bless this land.” The kids sang with them. It was spring, and small buds were getting bigger.

A fresh wind spun the flag up. As they watched the flag, they clapped hands. At twelve they sat on the hill and had a picnic. After the picnic, they went for a swim in the pond.

Don has a scab on his scalp. He fell off a wall and hit his head. He is getting well.

Hal was stung on his hand by an insect. His hand swelled, and he had to go to a doctor. The doctor asked, "Was the insect a bee or a wasp?" Hal did not see what bit him. But his hand is getting better. Do not let an insect sting you, if you can help it.

Patrick has a bucket of shrimp and clams. His mom and dad will have the shrimp and clams for dinner.

It is twelve o'clock, and lunch is next on the list of things to do. "Can Fred have lunch with us?" asked Patrick. "Yes, he can," said Mom. They set a blanket on the grass and had a picnic lunch. They had fudge for dessert.

Dad went to the dump with a barrel of trash in his red truck. Next, he went to Kenneth's farm to get a basket of plums for dinner. Then he went to a shop for a box of fudge. Greg was glad that his dad got the fudge. He had it after dinner with a glass of milk. His sister, Fran, had fudge and a plum after dinner.

With a flashing mirror, Greg sent a signal from his raft on the pond to Philip on land. You can flash a signal with the flick of the sun on a mirror. Philip also had a mirror and flashed a signal back to Greg. So Greg got the raft to land and picked up Philip.

Greg and Philip then went fishing on the raft and had lots of fun.

Last spring Kenneth and his twin sister, Val, went on a trip to Paris. Paris is best in the spring when it is warm and there is no fog or smog. Paris is in France and is very big. You can get lost in Paris. But Kenneth and Val did not get lost. They had a map and stuck to their travel plans.

Kenneth and Val said Paris was grand.

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