And Then
What Happened?

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Green Words (Phonetic):

barked  leash  needed  sheep
steep   then   stream  screamed
farmer  near   peeked  street
fisherman stung  reading  seemed

Red Words (Sight):

his       giant       my

Practice reading these sentences.

A bee stung Fang.
Fang ran.
The sheep ran.
The farmer was mad.
The giant screamed, “STOP!”
Bob was late again. But he always had a story about why he was late.

Bob peeked in the class.
Miss Stanton sat reading.
The class sat reading.
Bob slipped into his seat.
Miss Stanton saw him. “Bob,” she called. “Why are you late today?” Miss Stanton smiled. Bob smiled. They both knew he was going to make up a good story.

Bob said, “A bee stung Fang. Fang ran. I needed to get him.”
“Oh no,” cried Lana. “Is my dog all right? Were you able to catch him?”

Bob said, “Fang ran and ran.
I ran and ran.
He stopped near a sheep pen.
He barked.”
More and more children stopped reading to listen to Bob’s tale. “Oh no!” cried Paco. “And then what happened?”

“The sheep ran up a steep hill.
Fang ran up the hill.
I ran up the hill.”
Miss Stanton sighed. She folded her arms and looked sternly at Bob while everyone listened to his tale. “Oh no!” Derrick said. “And then what happened?”

“The sheep ran on a farmer’s seeds! Fang ran on the seeds. The farmer was mad! The sheep ran. Fang ran. The farmer ran. I ran,” said Bob.
Bob stopped, but the children said, “Go on! Then what happened?”

Bob said, “The sheep splashed in a stream. Fang splashed in the stream. A fisherman was mad. The sheep ran. Fang ran. The fisherman ran. The farmer ran. I ran.”
Derrick said, “And then what happened?”

“A giant screamed, ‘STOP!’
The sheep stopped.
Fang stopped.
The fisherman stopped.
The farmer stopped.
I stopped.
And then I grabbed Fang,” said Bob.
“Good,” Lana said, happy that her dog was safe. “But what about the giant and all those sheep?” asked Megan.

Bob said, “I put a leash on Fang. The giant put his sheep in his sheep pen. Then he said good-bye.”
Lana asked, “What did you do with my dog?”

Bob said, “I had to get Fang back to his street. Fang seemed glad to see his dog bed. Fang licked my hand.”

“And that’s why I’m late for class today,” Bob said. “It was all because of a bee.” Do you think Miss Stanton believed his story?
1. Did Fang run on the farmer’s seeds?

2. Did the sheep splash in the fisherman’s stream?

3. Did the giant like to see the sheep run?

4. Did Bob lead Fang to his street?

5. Did the class like Bob’s tall tale?
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