

Let's Go Fishing



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Green Words (Phonetic):

grinned	tripped	greeted	it's
happened	trapped	reeled	under
creeping	dropped	propped	agreed
dragged	gear	let's	across

Red Words (Sight):

again	they	onto	oh
how	what	why	

Practice reading these sentences.

Fran dragged the fishing pole across the grass.
A big, strong fish tugged on the pole.
They tripped into the creek.

One day in June, Fran walked with her mom to the creek behind her farmhouse.



It was hot. Fran and her mom sat under a tree.
Fran splashed her feet in the creek. Then Fran grinned
and hopped up.



Fran greeted her pal, Deena.
“Hi, Deena!” said Fran.
“It’s hot,” said Deena. “Let’s go fishing!”
“O.K.!” agreed Fran. “Let’s get the fishing gear.”

Fran's dad kept fishing gear in a small shed near the creek.



The kids ran to the shed.

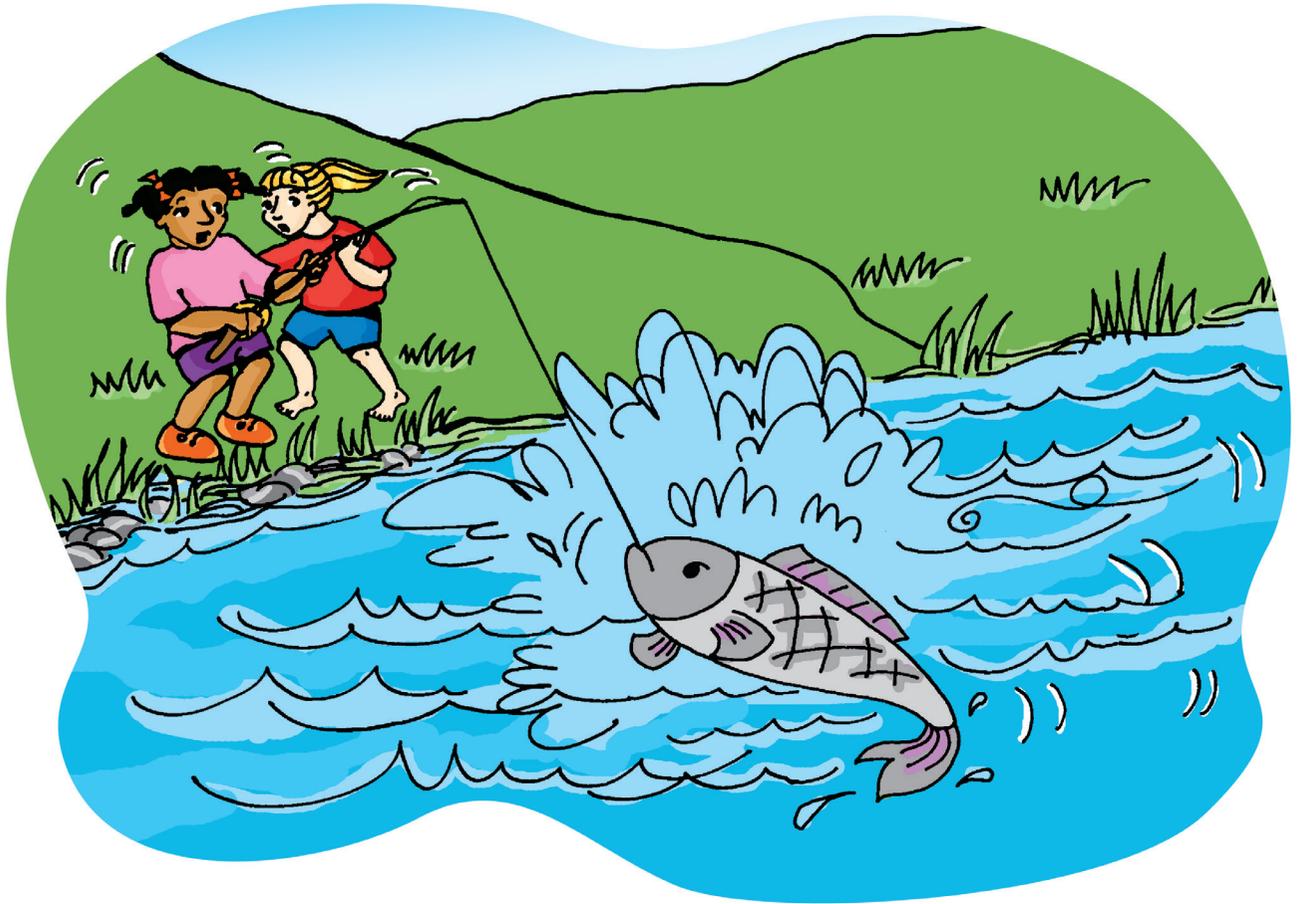
Deena grabbed the fishing net.

Fran dragged the long fishing pole across the grass.

The kids dug for  under the tree.
worms



Deena and Fran propped the fishing pole on a rock.
The fishing pole snapped back fast!
“A fish!” screamed Deena. “I can reel it in!”
Deena leaped up. She tugged at the pole.



The big, strong fish began to drag the pole
into the  water .

Deena said, “Fran, help me hang onto the pole!”

The pole was slipping fast! Fran grabbed it.

The big fish pulled and pulled at the line while the girls tried to hang onto the pole.



Fran and Deena tugged and tugged.
SPLASH! The kids tripped into the creek!
Deena dropped the pole.
“Oh, no!” said Deena. “The pole is lost!”

Fran and Deena, dripping wet, helped each other to their feet in the water at the edge of the creek. They were upset to see that the pole was floating away.



Deena spotted the pole. A rock had trapped it.
Mom helped Fran and Deena grab the pole.
“Do we still have the fish?” asked Fran.



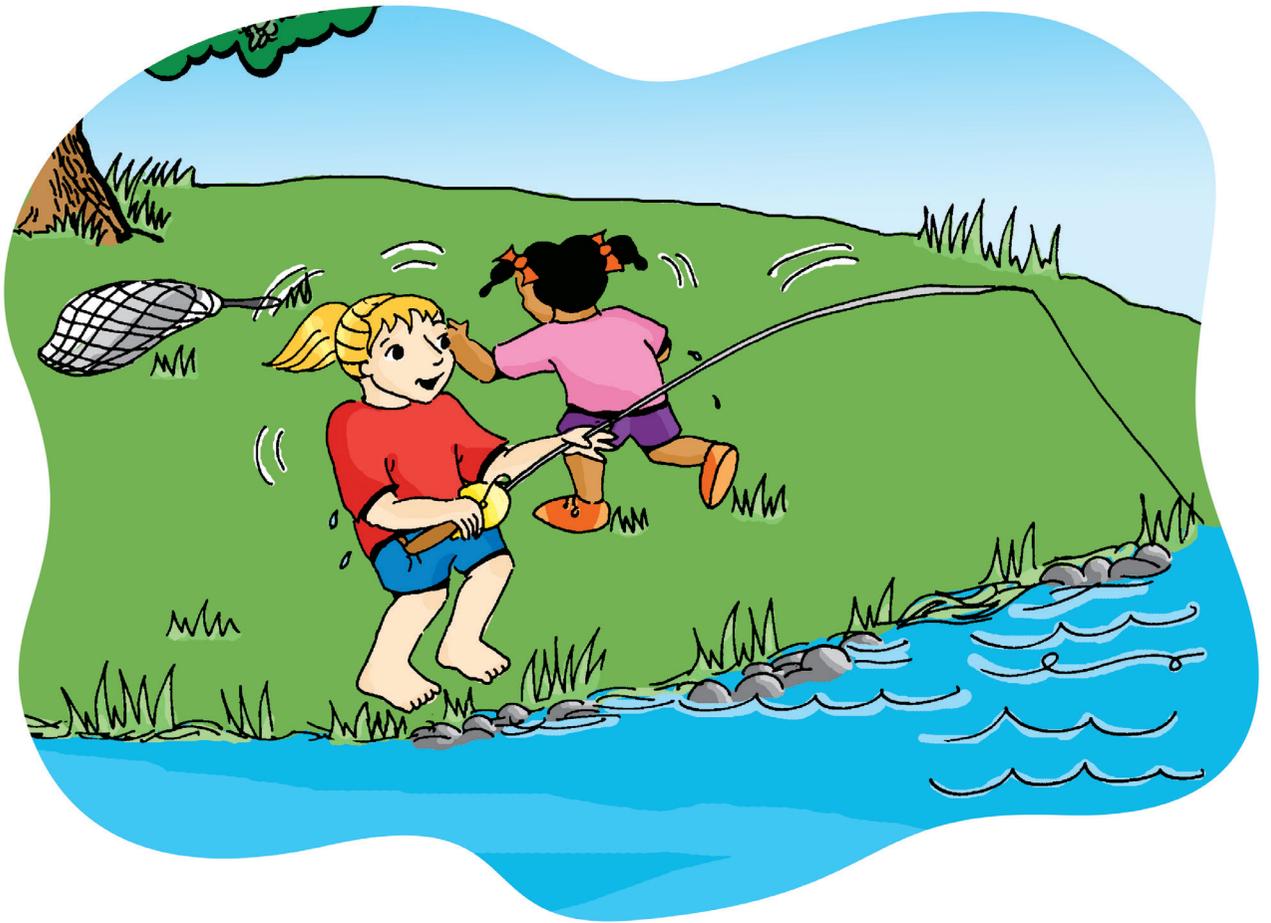
“No,” said Mom. “No fish is tugging on the pole.”

Fran and Deena were sad.

“The big fish is lost,” said Deena.

“But we can fish again,” said Fran.

Fran put another worm on and started fishing.



Fran felt a tug on the pole.

“Oh,” yelled Fran. “Look at the pole! Is the fish back?”

“Yes,” said Deena. “I can see the pole bending.”

Fran said, “Grab the net. I can reel in the fish.”



Deena grabbed the net. Fran reeled in the fish.
Mom helped Deena dip the net in the creek.
They dragged the net up on the grass.
“Oh, look,” said Deena.

Fran, Deena, and Mom could not believe their eyes. They all started to laugh.
What do you think they caught?



“It is not a fish,” said Deena.

“A big crab is in the net,” said Fran.

“We got a big crab, not a big fish!”

Mom and the girls laughed and laughed. All of a sudden, Fran squealed.



“Help,” screamed Fran. “The crab is creeping from the net! He can nip my feet.”

Fran ran to the tree.

The crab ran back to the creek and slipped in.

Mom, Deena, and Fran grinned.

Deena and Fran couldn't wait to tell Dad about the surprise they had on their fishing adventure.

1. Why did Fran and Deena go fishing?

a. It was hot.

b. They needed to eat a fish.

2. Why did the pole slip into the creek?

a. The kids did not like fishing with a pole.

b. The fish was big and strong.

3. What happened to the crab?

a. It ran back to the creek.

b. It bit the big, strong fish.

4. How did Fran and Deena feel at the end?

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