

Paul Bunyan's Pancakes



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Green Words and *Challenge Words:

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* used	backwoods	cute	thawed
branch	cabins	* animal	* loved
* huge	settlers		

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sawmill	spun	flour	steamboat
pancakes	mixed		

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* bacon	squirted	* table	tune
* shovels	* golden	mules	* leftover

Red Words to practice every day:

grew	enough	ready	nothing
breakfast	poured		



Paul Bunyan was a HUGE man. He was taller than the tallest tree. He used a tree branch to brush his teeth. He brushed his thick, black beard with a small pine tree.



Paul needed lots of room. So he made a camp in the backwoods.

Paul's job was to cut trees into logs. He was so big, he could cut ten trees at one time! The settlers used the logs to make cabins.



One day, snow fell as he was cutting trees. Paul saw an animal frozen in the deep snow. He took it back to camp to warm it by the fire.

It was a cute baby ox! It thawed out, but it stayed blue from the cold. So Paul named the ox Blue Babe.



Blue Babe grew very, very HUGE, just like Paul Bunyan. He was so big that his back feet were too far away to be seen! Ten ax-handles could fit between his horns. Blue Babe loved to help Paul.





Blue Babe pulled the logs to the river and pushed them in. The logs floated to a sawmill. The settlers got the logs at the sawmill.

But the settlers needed even more logs. So Paul asked one hundred men to help him.



Paul needed to feed all the men who came to help. He decided to make lots of pancakes for breakfast. But how could Paul make enough pancakes to feed one hundred men?



First, Paul made a huge, flat pan. Blue Babe pulled it to camp. He dragged it up a hill.

But the pan rolled down the hill! It began to spin like a big penny. It spun so hard that it dug a deep hole in the hill.



Next, Paul made a fire in the hole to heat the pan. While the fire heated the pan, Paul mixed the pancake batter. He poured one hundred bags of flour into a lake. He added two hundred eggs! A big steamboat mixed the batter. It steamed back and forth all night long.





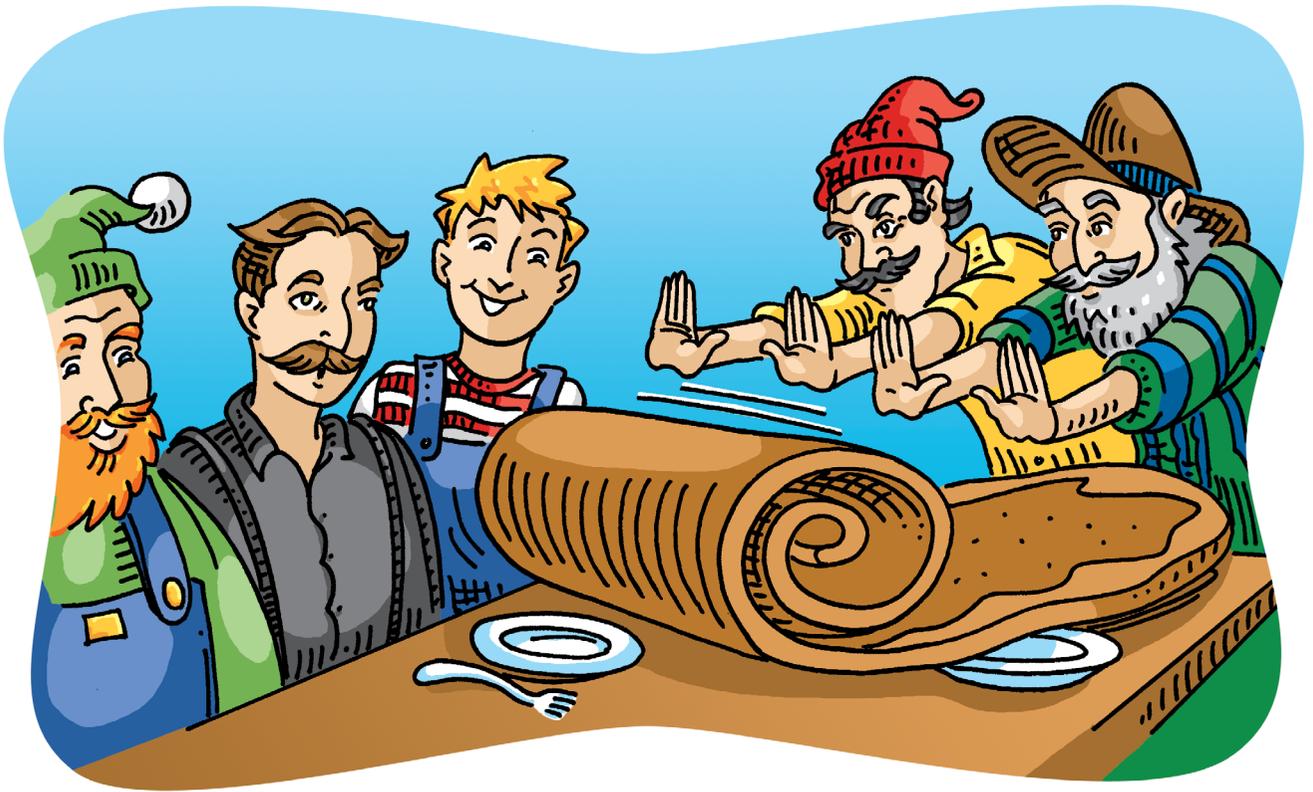
At last, the batter was mixed and the pan was hot. Now they needed to grease the huge pan.

Paul gave the men cubes of bacon fat. They stuck the fat on the bottom of their boots. Then they skated back and forth on the hot pan! This is how they greased the huge pan.



Then some of the men got a fire hose. They squirted the batter from the lake onto the hot pan.

The pancakes began to cook. The men used their shovels to flip the pancakes. Then they flipped the golden pancakes onto a cart.



A team of mules dragged the pancake cart down the middle of a huge table. Two men rolled the big pancakes onto the men's plates.

The men liked the pancakes! They sang a happy tune as they ate. Then they were ready to help Paul cut logs.



The men gave the leftover pancakes to Blue Babe. You can bet nothing was left after that!

Then Blue Babe helped. At last, they finished the job. The settlers had their logs. And Paul had a place to make pancakes!

1. Why was Blue Babe a good friend for Paul?

2. Write the answer on the blank line.

Paul Bunyan was a _____ man. thawed

The baby ox _____ out by the fire. huge

Blue Babe _____ to help Paul. loved

1. Why did Paul mix so much pancake batter?

2. Write the answer on the blank line.

Settlers got their logs at the _____.

A. steamboat

B. cabins

C. sawmill

1. How did Paul get the pancake batter into the hot pan?

2. Circle the right answer.

After breakfast, Paul Bunyan's men were ready to work.

This means they:

A. were too tired to work

B. were glad to work

C. wanted to read books

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