

Shared Reader 16

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Toad in the Rain



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Green words

Practises oa

toad	foal
toadflax	coat
soaks	road
oak	соах
goat	bloats

throat croak foams loaf oat

Red w Previous	red words		
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The light dims bit by bit. Pit pat, the rain spits.



Bees hum on bright toadflax. A raindrop lands. Off buzz the bees.



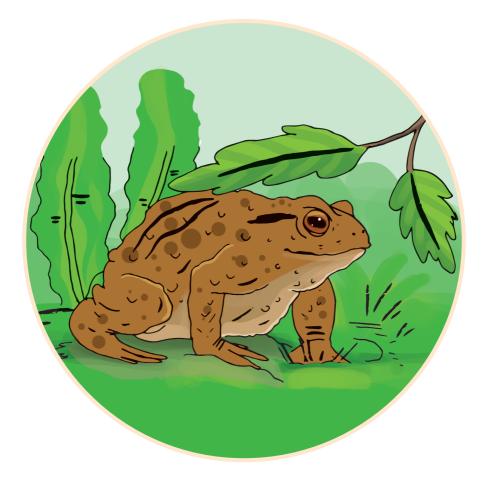
Rain soaks the oak tree. Up high are bright hints of green as the oak gets wet.



Rain soaks the goat and her kid. The kid jumps in fright and runs to its mum.



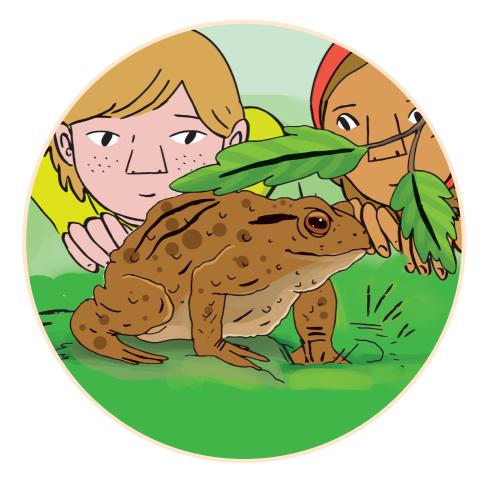
Rain drums on the foal in her coat. She frisks and jigs.



The rain foams on the road. A wet toad pads off to rest by the oak.



Hafsa and Pip tug coats tight. They sit snug, right by the oak.



"A toad," sighs Pip in delight. "If we sit still, we might coax him to us," says Hafsa.



They coax him with a bit of a loaf. *No loaf,* thinks the toad.



They coax him with an oat. *No oat,* thinks the toad.



"Toad, toad," they coax him. "See the ants." Gulp! Toad has an ant.



He bloats his throat. "Croak, croak," says he.

Questions

Can you answer these questions about the story?

1. Is the goat wet?

- 2. Did Hafsa and Pip see a frog?
- 3. Did the foal gulp an ant?

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