A Big Fish for Max

"I wish I had a fish to eat," said Max.

"Then we will catch a big fish," said Grandma.

"We can walk to the park," said Ruby.

"And Max will catch a big fish."

"Good," said Max. "Yum, yum, yum!"

The path in the park led to the pond.

"Max can fish in this pond," said Ruby.

Max sat. He got a red ball in his net.

But no fish bit.

Then Max got a black ship in his net.

But no fish bit.

And then Max got a clam shell in his net.

"I want to call the fish," said Ruby.

"Then I can talk to the fish."















But still no fish bit.

"Well, we can all walk to the fish shop," said Grandma.

"And we can talk to the fish man."

The fish man had lots of fish in a box.

"We want a fresh fish," said Grandma.

"That fat fish is good."

At home, Grandma put the fish in a hot pan.

Then Ruby put the fish in a dish.

"Yum, yum, yum!" said Max.







Selection Words: Ruby Grandma Max

Words To Read: catch good no put want

The Farmer in the Hat

"I have a hat. I could be the farmer, Old McDonald,

in this play," said Beth.

"No, I will be the farmer," said Dave.

"You can be a pig," said Beth.

"A pig!" Dave made a face.

Grace went up on the stage.

"We could make paper masks," she said.

"Ducks, hens, a pig, a horse!"

"I have the hat!" said Max.

"I will be Old MacDonald, not Beth!"

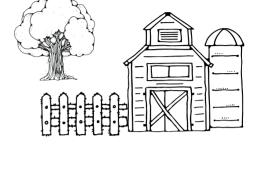
"Let me have that hat!" Dave said.

"Stop!" said Grace. "We must make masks."

Max made a duck on his page. Beth made hens.

Dave made a pig mask on his page.

"That is one odd pig," Grace said.





"It takes ages to make this horse mask," said Jake.



"I can make my mask fast," said Meg.



She made a fat gerbil mask.

"Place that gerbil in a paper cage," Jake said with a grin.

"Take your places up on the stage," said Grace.

"Grunt!" Dave had on his pig mask.

"Squeak!" said Meg.





"Look at the cat!" said Grace.

"That is one odd farmer!"



Selection Words: MacDonald squeak farmer gerbil

Tested Words: be could horse old paper

Who Works Here?

Who works where you live?

People live and work in this neighborhood.

It is such a busy place. Who works in this place?

We will talk to them. They all like to help us.

I make the neighborhood safe.

When you ride your bike, stop and check all ways.

I will help you cross.

I help put out fires. Fires can be bad.

I wish all people could be safe from fire.



I put mail in your box.

People stop and wave and smile.



They like to chat a while.

I drive a big bus. People can ride this bus to work.

I stop and pick them up.



I pick up trash.

When people put it out, I pitch it in this truck.

Who works where you live? Smile at them.

You will like them.





Selection Words: mail neighborhood busy

Tested Words: live out people who work

The Big Circle

Who lived here long ago?

Big T. Rex wakes up.

Now Big T. Rex wants to eat,

but not bones and not stones.

Big T. Rex wants meat to eat.

Here is a herd

of triceratops.







They are going home.

There they can get good grass to munch.

The grass at home will make them fat.

Sniff, sniff. "Hmm," said Big T. Rex.

"My nose smells a baby there.

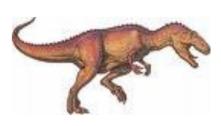
I'm good at hunting. I'll get that baby.

It will make a good lunch."

Big T. Rex rose up on his back legs. 🥿

He ran up the slope and down.





The herd saw T. Rex run up and down.

They had time to make a big circle.



The small animals went inside the circle.

The baby went inside too.

Big T. Rex didn't like this.

Now he couldn't get his lunch.

But T. Rex didn't quit. §





"I'll make that herd run," he said.

But the herd didn't run.

They kept still in the big circle.

Then they gave T. Rex

a poke and a bump.

Together they drove him back.



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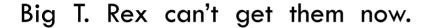
Big T. Rex ran back up the slope and down.

Those triceratops saw T. Rex run.

Now they are safe.

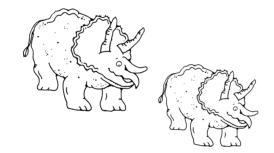


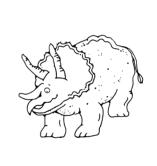
They are going home to munch grass.

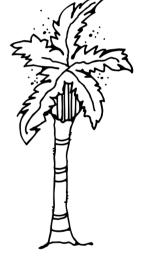


They like being together.









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Selection Words: triceratops meat herd

baby circle

Tested Vocabulary Words: down inside now

there together

Life in the Forest

What lives in the forest?

We can find life all around the forest.

It is a busy place.

Sun shines on the leaves and helps them grow.

Many bugs like eating leaves.

Yum, yum!



The bugs eat and eat.

A woodpecker sits on a branch.

Peck! Peck! Peck!

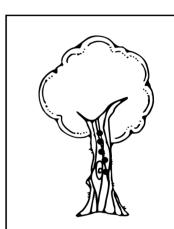
The woodpecker pecks for bugs.

This huge log is soft and damp.

Water has made the log rot.



The sun helped these leaves grow wide and flat.



These holes tell us that a woodpecker has pecked on this tree.

Small bugs made a home in the log.

This bird hops on the log and pecks at it.

It gets bugs from the log.



Nuts grow on trees and then fall all around.

Squirrels find the nuts and eat them.

The black bear eats leaves, grass, and nuts. It likes grubs too.



This bear looked for grubs under these rocks.

Grubs are small bugs under rocks and logs.

Many plants have shapes like tubes. Small hummingbirds like to sip food and water from these plants. Hummingbirds can catch bugs for food too.

The forest is filled with life. Many animals and



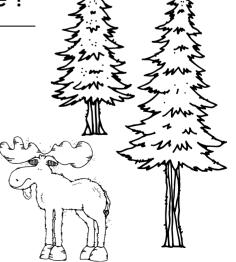
A fox is cute, but it likes to catch small animals like squirrels.

plants call it home. It is a busy place!

Tested Words: around find food grow under water

Selection Words: bear forest leaves

hummingbirds squirrels woodpecker



Unit 2, Story 6 Honey Bees

What happens inside a bee hive?

The sun shines. The honey bees wake up.

It is time for these insects to work. Buzz, buzz, buzz.

In the hive, bees live together like a family.

In the family, there is a queen bee,

many worker bees, and some drones.

This is the queen bee. She rules the hive.

These are the drones.

They help the queen.

Their hive is hidden in a tree.

Worker bees keep this hive safe.

It is not good to make bees mad! Bees will attack.

Worker bees make

wax cells in the hive.

These wax cells are small holes.

Bees save honey in some wax cells.

Little bees live and grow in other cells.











Honey is food for bees. Worker bees feed honey to other bees in the hive.

Bees make honey from nectar.

Bees get nectar from flowers.

Honey bees find flowers with sweet nectar.

They take this sweet nectar back inside their hive.

Worker bees also get pollen from flowers.

Worker bees feed pollen to the queen bee and the little bees. It helps them grow big. When those little bees get big, it is time for a new hive. Worker bees make the new hive. A new queen will also go with them.

When it gets cold, the bees will go inside their hive to sleep and rest.

The bees will wake up when the sun shines.

Tested Words: also family new other some their **Selection Words:** cold flowers honey nectar worker