

Lesson 16: Vowel Teams

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On The Trail of Life



My mom and I went for a jog on the **trail**. It was fall and the **air** was damp. We put on our caps. The sun/shine was on my face, but it felt **great**.

We saw a **snail** on the **trail**. It was snacking on a **dead** bug. The **snail** did NOT jog like my mom and I did. He had no legs and no **feet**. Then we saw a slug on a **green leaf**. He had no legs and no **feet**. **Snails** and slugs **creep**. God gave the **snail** and the slug what they **need**. God **feeds** the **snails** and slugs, and gave to them a place to **creep**, a place to hide, and a time to rest on the **trail** of life.

On the **trail**, we came to the **old** home place. The **weeds** were tall, and a red rose **peaked** from behind the pines. It was time to rest. So, we sat to rest on the **old** stone steps. The stone steps had cracks. **Three sweet peas** came to **claim** the sun/shine **near** the cracks. The **sweet pea** pods will **boast** a tan **hue** for the fall. The **deer** will snack on the pods. It is a **real treat** for the **deer** to **eat sweet peas**.

Next, we went by Sand/stone **Creek**. We saw some ducks and **geese float** by. The **geese** were **headed** for the neck of the **creek**, that is, the place where the creek divides, to **feast near** the tall

reeds and cat/tails. The cat/tails lean in the breeze and smack the musk/rat as he swims by. The ducks and geese feed on bugs and frogs that hide in the tall reeds.

In the late fall, when the ducks and geese are in the field gleaning seeds, Sand/stone Creek will freeze. My dad and I will run and slide on the ice. Past the neck of the creek is a place we call Blue Hole. In June, the



creek gets deep at Blue Hole due to all the rain. That is the spot we like to swim. Gus, our pet dog, likes to jump into Blue Hole. He likes to get wet. Then Gus gets all of us wet when he shakes his wet fur and tail. It makes mom squeal.

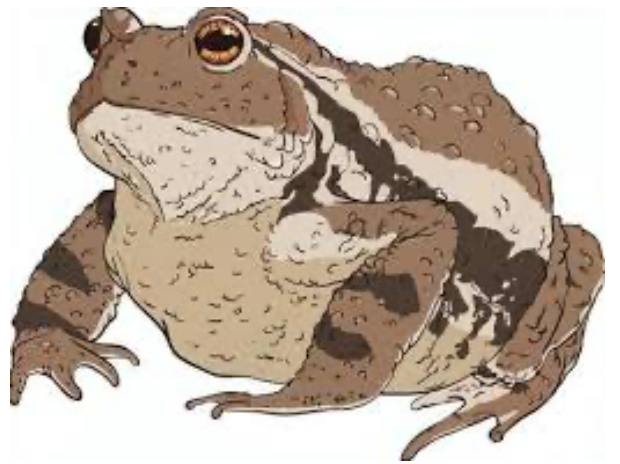
It began to rain. The wet leaves on the trail got slick. My toe did a “trip”, and my feet did a “slip”! I laid in the weeds and sticks. Mom picked me up. My jeans got a tear in the side seam. I did not bleed, but I got a big blue bruise on the side of my leg. It was time to head home.



We saw lots of deer on the way home. We saw a big white/tail doe and a buck leap over a wall full of green and blue moss. Next, we saw a flock of sheep at the Cain place. Mr. Cain had a lot of sheep, goats, and chickens. Mom and I like to go in dad’s truck to get eggs from his wife. We can/not see the Cain home

from the **trail**. We can just **see** the **field** of **sheep**. We saw Mr. **Cain** dump the **feed** mix for the **sheep**. The **goats** graze in the **field** near the **trail** to **eat weeds**.

At the end of the **trail**, we saw a **great** big fat **toad**. He did a **croak** like he just had a big **feast**. Mom said he **raised** his **head** to **heaven** so God will **con/tin/ue** to send him a **meal**. Then the fat **toad** went in a hole near the **fruit tree**. That must be his home. We saw lots of ants, **bees** and **flies** on the ripe **fruit**. It was **clear** he had a nice **meal** beside his home on the **trail**.



God gave the **toad** a nice home and a **great feast**. God gave the **snails** and slugs all kinds of flat **leaves** to **creep** on. God gave the ducks and **geese feet** and wings to get from the **creek** to the **fields** to **glean seeds** in the fall. He gave the **deer sweet peas**, pods, and all kinds of **trees** to have all **year**. God gave us a truck so we can get chicken eggs at the **Cain** place. And he gave the **goat** tall **weeds** to graze on. God had a plan for the **sheep** as well.

God is the best. He makes it **rain**. He **feeds** us. He **sees** us fall and picks us up and we **con/tin/ue** to jog on the **trail** of life.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS:

1. What season was it when the girl and her mom went for a jog?
(Winter, spring, summer or fall?)

2. How did the toad get so fat?
3. What is the main idea of this story:
 - a. All kinds of animals are in the woods.
 - b. GOD provides for all creatures.
 - c. Running is a fun sport.

PROJECT: Philippians 4:19 says, “But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” GOD will take care of you. What is something that GOD has provided for you? Take a moment to tell Him “Thank You”. Now, what is something you need? Take a moment to ask Him to provide it.