

Lesson 16: Vowel Teams

On The Trail of Life



My mom and I and Gus the dog went for a jog on the **trail**. It is fall and the **air** is crisp. We put on caps. The sun/shine is on my face, but it **feels** nice.

We see a **snail** on the **trail**. It is snack/ing on a **leaf**. The **snail** did NOT jog like my mom and I did. He has no legs and no **feet**. Then we see a slug on a **green leaf**. He has no legs and no **feet**. **Snails** and slugs **creep**. God **feeds** the **snails** and slugs, and gives to them a place to **creep** and a place to sleep on the **trail** of life.

It is time to rest. So we sit on the stone steps. The **weeds** are tall. A red rose is by the pines. The stone steps had cracks. **Three sweet peas** came to **claim** the sun/shine **near** the cracks. The **deer** will snack on the **sweet pea** pods. It is a **real treat** for the **deer** to **eat sweet peas**.

Next, we go by the **creek**. We see ducks and **geese** float by. The **geese** go to the neck of the **creek**, that is, the place where the creek di/vides, to **feast near** the tall **reeds** and **cat/tails**. The **cat/tails** lean in the **breeze**. A musk/rat swims by. The ducks and **geese** are in the grass **eating seeds** and **feed** on bugs and frogs that hide in the

tall **reds**. Past the neck of the **creek** is a place we call **Blue** Hole. The **creek** is **deep** at **Blue** Hole **due** to all the **rain**. That is the spot we like to swim. Gus, our pet dog, likes to swim. He jumps into **Blue** Hole. He likes to get wet. Then Gus gets Mom and me wet when he shakes his **tail**. It makes mom **squeal**.

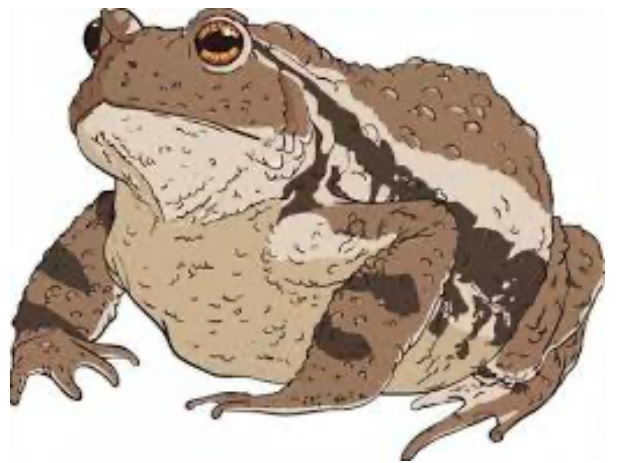


It begins to **rain**. The wet **leaves** on the **trail** get slick. My **toe** did a “trip”, and my **feet** did a “slip”! I **laid** in the **weeds** and sticks. Mom picked me up. My **jeans** got a rip in the side **seam**. I did not **bleed**, but I got a big **blue** **bruise** on the side of my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



We see lots of **deer** on the way home. We see a big a **doe** and a buck **leap** over a wall. Next, we see a flock of **sheep** eat/ing grass. We see **goats** and chick/ens. The **goats** graze in the grass near the **trail** to **eat** **weeds**.

At the end of the **trail**, we see a **great** big fat **toad**. He did a **croak** like he just had a big **feast**. Then he went in a hole **near** the **fruit** **tree**. That must be his home. We see



lots of ants, **bees**, and **flies** on the ripe **fruit**. It is **clear** the toad had a nice **meal** be/side 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 **eat** and **creep** on. God gave the ducks and **geese feet** and wings to get from the **creek** to the grass to **eat seeds**. He gave the **deer sweet peas**, pods, and all kinds of **trees** to have all **year**. He gave the **goats** tall **weeds** to graze on. God has 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 keep jog/ging 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.