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What can you see in the tree?



A long time ago, there lived a woodcutter named Wade. Every day, he wandered around the jungle and cut down trees with his axe. He chopped wood for his fireplace and sold it to the people in his village.

Wade cared for the animals and didn't want to hurt them. He always knocked on a tree before he cut it down. A hollow tree meant there could be animals inside. A thick tree meant there weren't any.

"Hello? Is there anyone inside?" asked Wade knocking on a tree.

"Hello Wade! This tree is my home. My family and I live inside it," said a little blue bird.

"Don't worry! I won't cut down this tree. I'll go find another one."



Why did Wade knock
on the tree?

Go to activities
on page 16



ACTIVITIES

for pages 10-11



13  Listen and say.



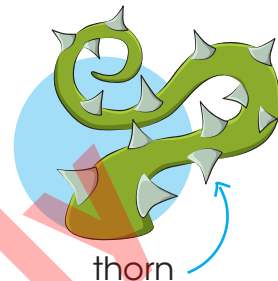
stretch



show



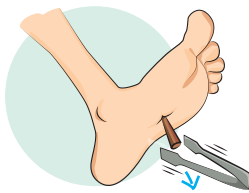
look closely



thorn



paw



remove



blood



brave

14  Read and underline the correct word.

- 1 Leo stretched/covered his foot.
- 2 Wade looked away/closely.
- 3 Leo had a branch/thorn in his paw.
- 4 Wade had to remove/chop the thorn.
- 5 Leo was scared of the blood/axe.

15  What should Wade and Leo do? Read and write in the correct box.

- stretch his leg • remove the thorn • show his paw
- promise it won't hurt • be brave • look closely



- 1
- 2
- 3



- 4
- 5
- 6

ACTIVITIES

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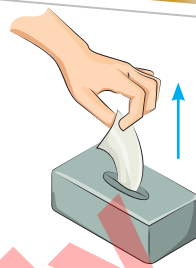
16 Listen and say.



stay still



shake



pull out



deep breath



hold



panic

17 Circle the odd word out.

1 stay still – don't move – walk

2 shake – tremble – stay still

3 hold – pull out – remove

4 tell – panic – be scared

18 Fiona is at the doctor to remove a thorn from her foot. Listen and complete.



Doctor: Hello! What's the matter, Fiona?

Fiona: My **1)** foot hurts. I think I **2)** something while I was playing in the garden.

Doctor: Let me see your foot. Hmm, it's a **3)** We have to **4)**

Fiona: Will it hurt?

Doctor: No, it won't, I promise. Now **5)** and take a deep **6)** That's it.

Fiona: Tell me when you start pulling, doctor.

Doctor: I already did. You are a **7)** girl, Fiona.

WORD LIST

axe	hug (hugged)	scared
bandage	in fear	shake
bird	in pain	show
blood	jungle	stay still
brave	knock on	step on
chop wood	lick	stretch
cry	lion	surprised
cut down trees	look closely	sweat with fear
deep breath	nest	swing an axe
drop an axe	notice	tear (tore)
eggs	panic	thorn
fireplace	paw	tie the wound
foot	piece of shirt	tree branch
go closer	pull out	tremble
grab	purr (purred)	village
ground	remove	wander
hold	roar	woodcutter
hollow tree	run away	wound

KEY STRUCTURES in this story:

- present continuous
- past simple forms
- animal homes
- words related to injuries



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Wade is a woodcutter. One day he finds a big scary lion in the jungle. The lion is in pain. What will Wade do? Will he help the lion or will he run away?



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