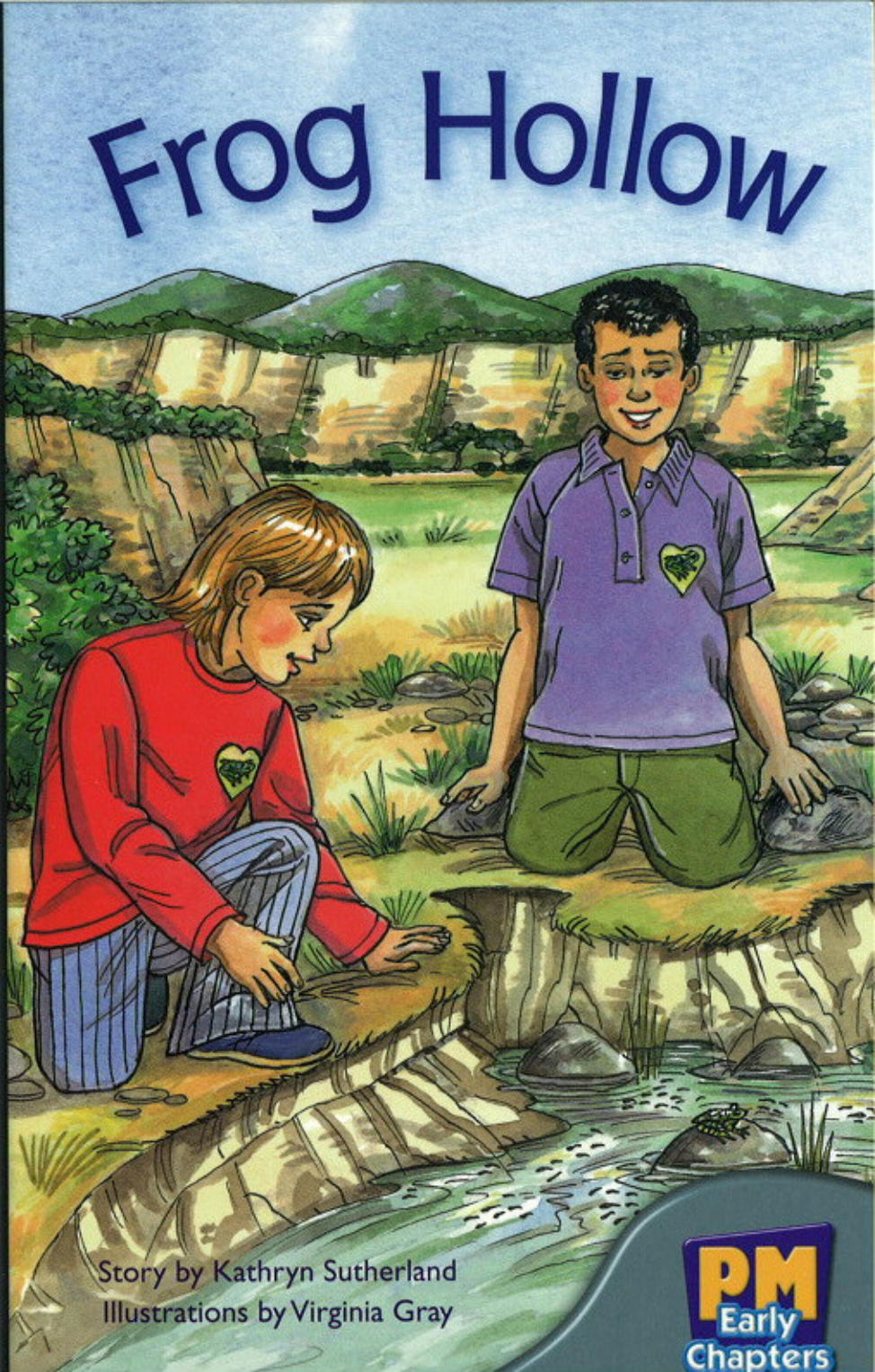
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Reading Record	Pages 2–6	226

Key Teaching Points

- Talk about the importance of water to all living things.
- Ensure the students understand Dad's explanation on page 14.
- Discuss how Tilly and Hassan used the internet effectively.

Key Questions

- Why was Dad worried about the little fish? *(Inferential)*
- Why do you think Tilly loved the frog pond? *(Inferential)*
- Why did Tilly write a letter to the newspaper? *(Literal)*
- Why do you think the frogs didn't come back in winter? *(Inferential)*
- Explain why it is important to save wildlife. *(Applied knowledge)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Identify and list prepositions; e.g. *towards, across, beneath, near.*
- Use dictionaries to find the meanings of these words: *protect, wander, reserve.*
- Explain that conjunctions join two ideas in a sentence; e.g. *but, because, so.*

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Chapter 1

The Hike



It was a bright, sunny morning. Tilly and her friend, Hassan, were in the car with Tilly's parents, driving towards the mountains to go hiking.

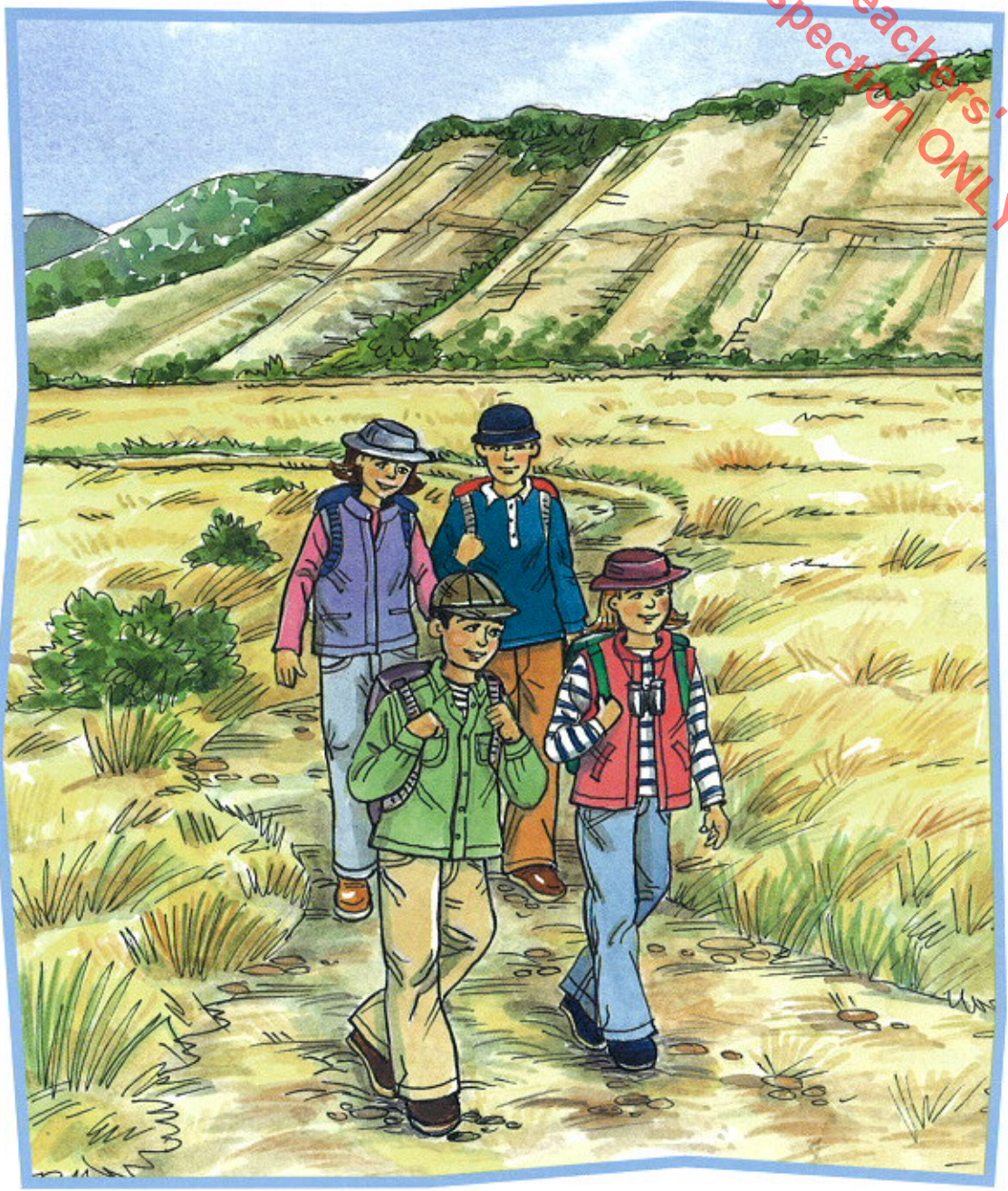
"I can't wait to show you the frogs and tadpoles at Frog Hollow," Tilly told Hassan. "It's my favourite part of the hike."

When they arrived at the car park, they put on their backpacks and started walking across an area of dry grass.

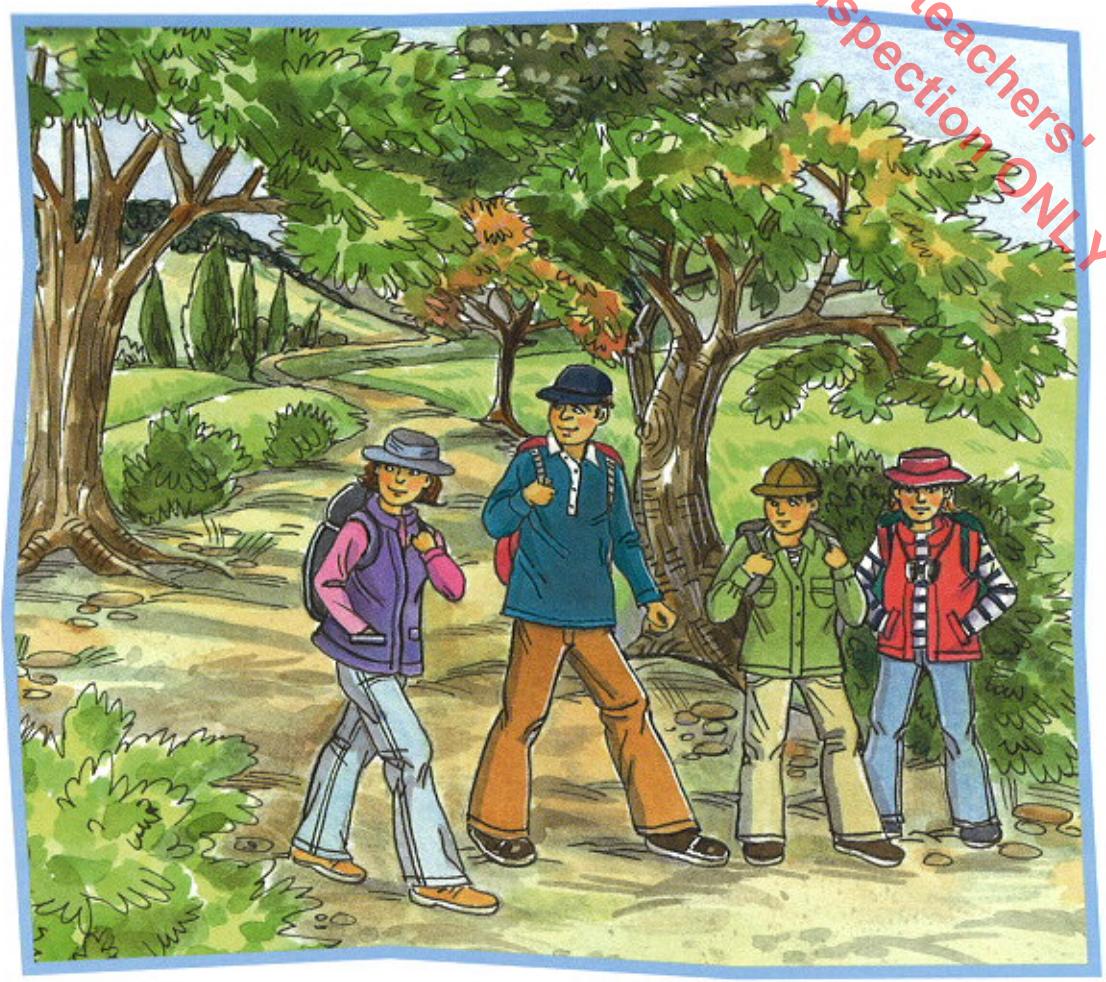
"Wasn't it green last time we were here?" Tilly asked her parents.

"Yes, but we've had much less rain this year, so everything is brown and dry," Mum explained.

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They followed a track around the mountain, sometimes walking beneath tall trees and sometimes across rocky ground. Hassan said, "I like it out here more than in the city. In my old country, we lived in the mountains and I used to catch frogs in the ponds."

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"You can't catch frogs on this walk, Hassan," Tilly's father explained. "This area is a reserve, which means we leave all wildlife where it is."

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Soon, they came to a narrow stream, and Dad said, "This stream doesn't look good. I hope the water level in the stream near Frog Hollow isn't this low."

Near Frog Hollow, the stream was just a slow trickle of water. "I can't hear any frogs," Tilly said anxiously. "We should be hearing them by now!"

