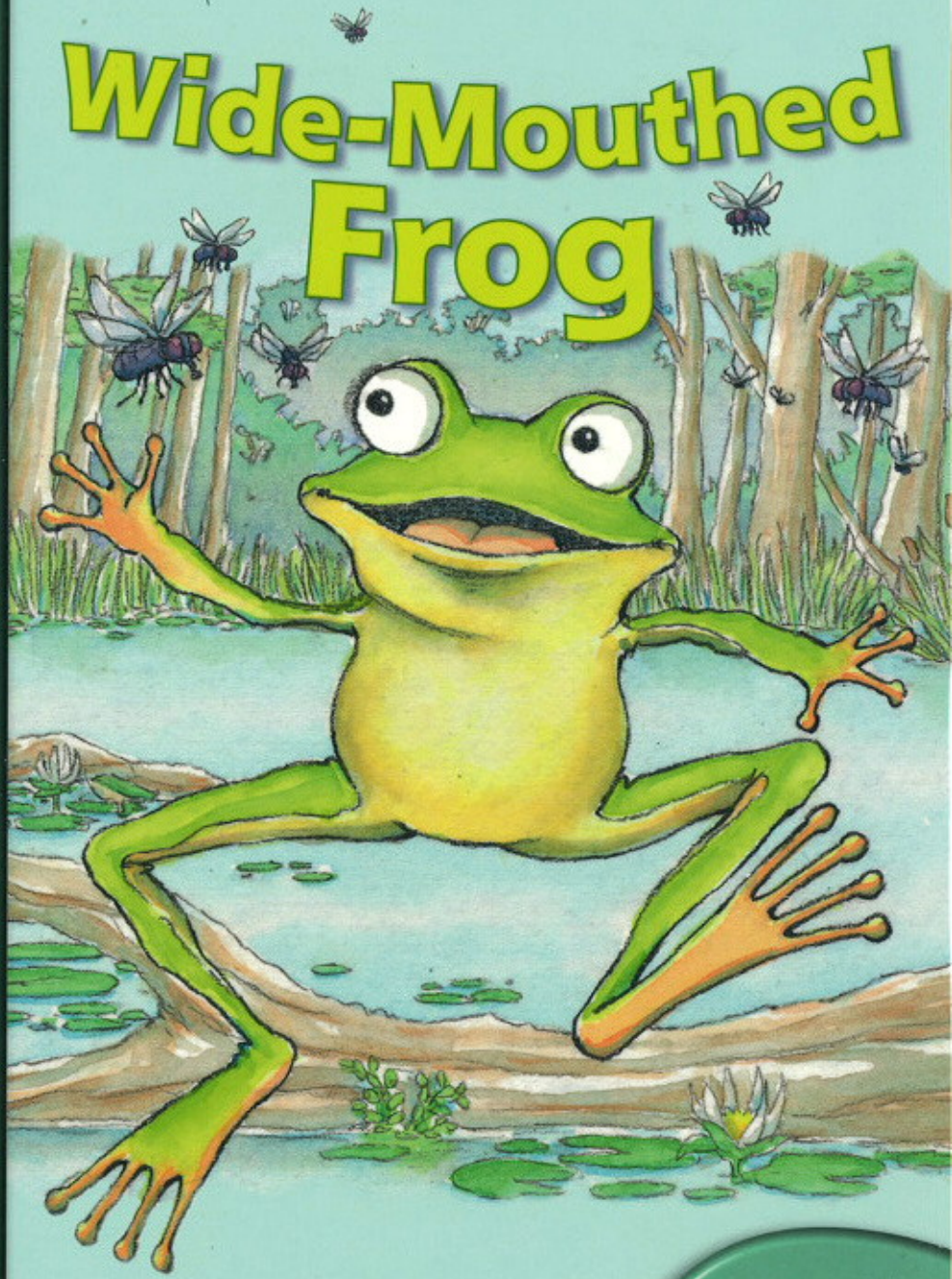
Wide-Mouthed Frog



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Running Words	Complete text	447
Reading Record	Pages 2–4	155

Key Teaching Points

- Explain that this story is a fable and therefore has a moral.
- Link the moral to the way people sometimes behave.
- Study the frog's actions in each illustration.

Key Questions

- Why did the frog decide he wanted to change his diet? *(Literal)*
- Who did the frog meet first? *(Literal)*
- Why did the frog think the crocodile was a log? *(Inferential)*
- Why did the frog pull his mouth into a very tiny circle? *(Inferential)*
- Why did the frog decide that flies were his favourite food after all? *(Inferential)*

Vocabulary Enrichment

- Discuss the root words of adverbs in the text; e.g. *late/lately*.
- Explain that adjectives add to the meaning of nouns; e.g. *grumpy voice*.
- Reinforce double and triple blends; e.g. *fr-*, *gr-*, *spr-*.

Links with other PM Books

PM Plus	Level 18	The Mouse-deer and the Crocodiles
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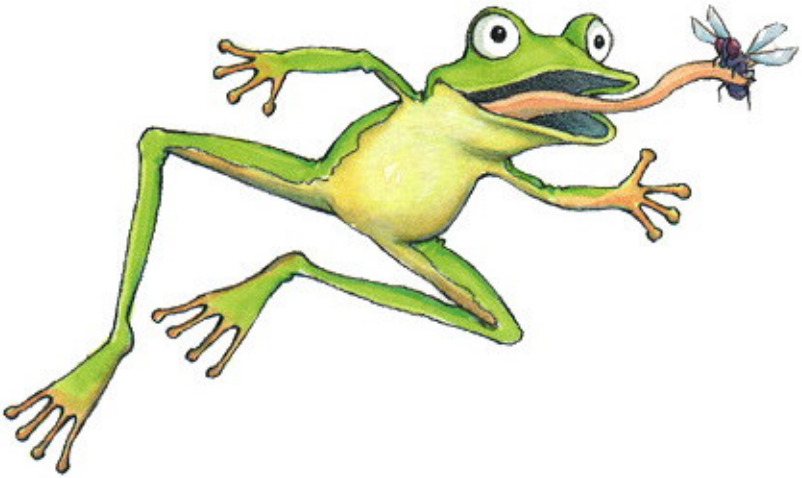
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Chapter 1

A Change of Diet



Wide-Mouthed Frog lived in a pool
near the forest.
He swam in the deep green water,
and he jumped from log to log to catch flies.

"Flies are so delicious!" he said,
and he smiled a very wide smile
with his very wide mouth.

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One day, Wide-Mouthed Frog said,
"I **do** like flies, but I've been eating them
for a long time.
I think a change of diet would do me good!
I'll go and find some other animals,
and I'll ask them what they eat."



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Wide-Mouthed Frog hopped along
until he met a bear coming out of the forest.
He looked up at the huge bear
and said very politely, "Hello, Mr Bear.
I've come to ask you what you like to eat."

The bear looked down at Wide-Mouthed Frog
and growled,
"Well, you don't know much about bears,
do you? I eat honey!"

"Oh," said Wide-Mouthed Frog.
"I wouldn't like to eat honey!"



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Chapter 2

A Log in the River



Soon, Wide-Mouthed Frog saw an eagle,
high in a tree.
"Hello, Mr Eagle," he shouted,
in his biggest voice.
"I've come to ask you what you like to eat."

The eagle swooped down
and said to Wide-Mouthed Frog,
"Well, you don't know much about eagles,
do you? I eat birds and mice."