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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.



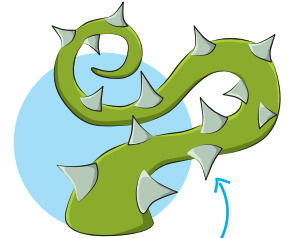
stretch



show



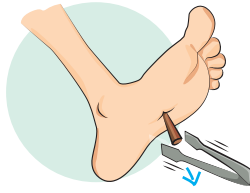
look closely



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.



- 1
- 2
- 3

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



- 4
- 5
- 6

ACTIVITIES

for pages 12-13



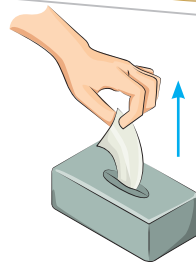
16  Listen and say.



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

bandage

bird

blood

brave

chop wood

cry

cut down trees

deep breath

drop an axe

eggs

fireplace

foot

go closer

grab

ground

hold

hollow tree

hug (hugged)

in fear

in pain

jungle

knock on

lick

lion

look closely

nest

notice

panic

paw

piece of shirt

pull out

purr (purred)

remove

roar

run away

scared

shake

show

stay still

step on

stretch

surprised

sweat with fear

swing an axe

tear (tore)

thorn

tie the wound

tree branch

tremble

village

wander

woodcutter

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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