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swell	spring	strongest	corner
blond	called	smelled	even
chart	crosses	scratches	travel
drank	bringing	freshest	blanket
frogs	spotless	printed	prefer
horse	planted	shorter	problem
twelve	helpful	finish	barber
splash	twisted	begin	spider

opened	visiting	invented	polished
thundering	happened	gardener	pretended

where	friend	full	what
two	there	done	were
off	none	want	talking
one	walk	come	someone

Carmen and Frank were best friends. They went on a rafting trip last spring that they will never forget.

The trip didn't get off to a good start. As they were dragging the rubber raft to the river, the corner hit something sharp. Carmen patched the rip with a plastic strip that she had in her backpack.

After the raft was fixed, the kids put on vests and started drifting in the river. All of a sudden, the wind picked up and the sky began to get dark. The wind got even stronger. They were being splashed, so it was hard to see where they were going. They were drenched.

As they were trying to cross the river to get back to land, the raft crashed into a massive rock. The raft started to sink!

The kids had to think fast. Carmen jumped onto the rock. "Quick. Grab my hand," she yelled to Frank as she helped him onto the rock.

"We are stranded on this rock. What will happen to us?" sobbed Frank. The two friends were shivering. They felt helpless and were trying not to panic.

Then Frank had a plan. “I am a strong swimmer. I will go get help. Trust me.”

Carmen was trying to talk some sense into Frank. “I don’t think that is a smart thing to do. We have to sit on this rock until someone passes by.”

At that moment, a man in a raft passed by. Carmen yelled at the top of her lungs, “Help!” The man helped the two kids onto his raft. “You are a hero!” yelled the kids. The man grinned. He handed them blankets and got them back to land. Carmen and Frank were so thankful that the trip ended well.

Next spring, they will plan a trip somewhere far from a river.

Comprehension questions:

What was Carmen and Frank’s problem?

What was Frank’s plan to solve their problem?

Did Carmen think it was a good idea? Why or why not?

How was their problem solved?



Proficiency Test #5 (Spelling Dictation)

north plant swims twelve class spelled
smarter smallest harmful spotless crushed pretend

Fill two glasses with fresh milk.

Where were some of the students walking this morning?

What are you bringing to drink at the park?

Are you done talking to your friend?

None of the trash cans are full of paper.

There is one spot that won't come off my shorts.



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PROFICIENCY TEST SUMMARY

Errors noted below become instructional goals.

READING

Phonetic Words

One-syllable root words

Root words + suffixes

Multisyllable words

Red Words

Text Reading (fluency & comprehension)

SPELLING

Phonetic Words

One-syllable root words

Root words + suffixes

Multisyllable words

Red Words

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