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PHONICS

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Toad

Set 7 Story 7

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ow   o-e   oa   o

Speed sounds

Vowels *Say the sounds in and out of order.*

a	e	i	o	u	ay	ee	igh	ow
	ea				a-e	ea	i-e	o-e
					a	e	i	oa
					ai	y	y	o
					aigh			

oo	oo	ar	or	air	ir	ou	oy	ire	ear
u-e			oor	are	ur	ow	oi		
ue			ore		er				
ew			aw						

*Each box contains one sound but sometimes more than one grapheme. Focus graphemes are **circled**.*

Green words

why   knock   straight   voice   quite   bowl   slow   low   those

spoke   hope   home   toad   oak   road   cloak   throat   roast

toast   loaf   coat   Joan

a`gain    my`self   a`live    prin`cess   pal`ace    dinn`er   a`fraid    bed`time

un`kind    be`low   pill`ow

a`float    pett`i`coat    slow`coach   coal-black   oat`cake

sail → sailing	bounce → bouncing		turn → turned
happy → happiest	marry → married		boast → boasted
hope → hoping	croak → croaky → croaked		moan → moaning
groan → groaning	foam → foaming		

Red words

father   one   watch   should   there   come

said   who   anyone   whole   water

Challenge words

pretty   loathsome

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Introduction

Do you sometimes promise to do something and then wish you hadn't? What do you do – keep your promise anyway or try to get out of it?

Princess Joan is playing in her garden one day when she drops her ball into the lake. A croaky toad offers to return it to her. In exchange he wants to eat from her plate, drink from her cup and sleep in her bed. Joan agrees and as soon as she has the ball back, she runs off.

What will the toad do?

Vocabulary check

Discuss the meaning (as used in the story) after the children have read each word.

	definition:	sentence/phrase:
boasted	bragged, showed off	She was very pretty and her father boasted about her good looks.
roaming	wandering, walking	I was roaming round the palace grounds.
shadowy	dark and deep	I watched it sink below the shadowy water.
croaky	rough	Then a croaky voice spoke to me.
jeered	sneered, crowed	'Slowcoach!' I jeered.
gnome	fantasy creature	I was turned into a toad by a gnome.

Punctuation to note in this story:

1. Capital letters to start sentences and full stops to end sentences

2. Capital letters for names

3. Exclamation marks to show anger, shock and surprise

4. 'Wait and see' dots...

5. Speech marks

6. Apostrophes to show contractions: shouldn't wouldn't

Toad

Princess Joan lived in a palace by a lake.

She was very pretty, and her father the king often boasted about her good looks.

This is Joan's story.

One day, I was roaming round the palace grounds, bouncing my ball amongst the oak trees. I went down the narrow road to the lake. I watched the sailing boats, and then I began throwing the ball into the air and catching it again.

But the ball fell into the lake.

Cross with myself, I watched it sink below the shadowy water.

Then a voice spoke to me – a croaky voice, quite close by:

"What's wrong, Princess Joan?

You woke me up, with your moaning and groaning!"

It was a toad!

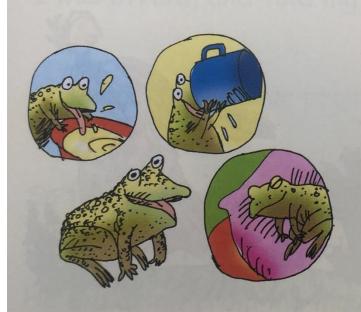A loathsome, yellow-brown toad,

afloat on a bit of wood.

I told him what had happened.

"I will get your ball back," he croaked.

"But what will you give me?"

"My clothes, my cloak, my petticoat, the bows in my hair ...?"

"I don't want those!" croaked the toad.

"But if you will let me eat from your bowl,

drink from your mug, and sleep on your

pillow –

I will be the happiest toad alive!"

I stroked his knobbly throat, and pretended to agree.

(Why should a princess want to live with an ugly old toad?)

The toad dived into the lake, and swam back with the ball.
I grabbed it, and ran home.

The toad couldn't keep up.

"Slowcoach!" I jeered.

At dinner time, there was a knock on the door.
It was the toad!

"I've come for what you owe me," he said.

I was afraid, and told my father the story.

"You must keep your promise!" he said.

So the toad *did* eat from my bowl – ugh! -
roast beef, toast, oatcakes and a whole loaf of bread!
He *did* drink from my mug – sweet, foaming cocoa.

Then the toad said, "It's bedtime now.

Pick me up, Joan, and let me sleep on your pillow!"

This was too much! I began to weep.

But my father was angry now.

"Always be kind to someone who has helped you!" he bellowed.

"Even if it's only a toad!"

Sobbing, I picked up the toad and ran to my room.

I dropped the toad on my pillow ...

and straight away, he was turned into a prince!

A handsome prince, with coal-black hair and a velvet coat.

He bowed low, and said, "I was turned into a toad by a wicked gnome. You have set me free, Joan. And now I hope you will be my wife!"

So we were married, and we now live happily together.

But I will never again be unkind to anyone – not even to a toad.

Questions to talk about

FIND IT

✓ Turn to the page

✓ Read the question

✓ Find the answer

PROVE IT

✓ Turn to the page

✓ Read the question

✓ Find your evidence

✓ Explain why

Page 9:	PROVE IT	Why is the beginning of this page written in italics?
Page 10:	PROVE IT	What was Princess Joan moaning about?
Page 11:	PROVE IT	Do you think the toad is clever? Why? What would you ask for?
Page 12:	PROVE IT	How does the princess try to trick the toad? How do you think the toad felt?
Page 13:	PROVE IT	Why do you think the King makes Princess Joan stick to her promise?
Page 14:	PROVE IT	Why is Princess Joan crying?
Page 15:	PROVE IT	Would you marry Princess Joan?

Questions to read and answer

(Children complete without your help.)

1. How did Princess Joan lose her ball?

2. What did the toad look like?

3. Why did the toad agree to get the ball?

4. Why was the King cross with Princess Joan?

5. What happened to the toad when Joan dropped him on her pillow?

Speed words

Children practise reading the words across the rows, down the columns and in and out of order clearly and quickly.

myself	bouncing	bedtime	someone	happiest
palace	toast	road	boats	moaning
groaning	croaked	watched	should	couldn't
anyone	there	father	through	doesn't