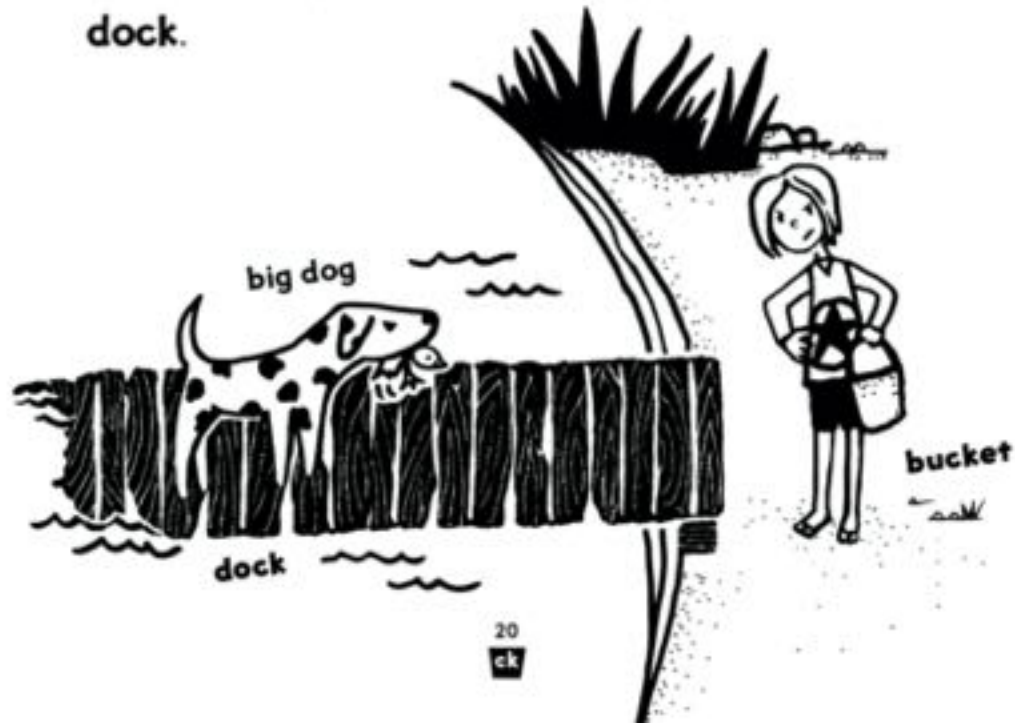


On the Dock

Rocket barked and ran ahead of Meg. The **black**-spotted dog stood next to the pond. He held a small **duck** in his mouth! The **duckling** flapped its wings, but the dog held it firmly.

Meg got closer. "Stop that! Let the **duck** go!" she shouted. The dog growled and **backed** away from her. He stepped onto the **dock**.



This story introduces **sh** as in *shop* and *fish*. The letter combination (**phonogram**) **sh** is one way in English to spell the sound /sh/. Other ways are **ch** in words of French origin (*chef, machine*) and **ci, ti** and **si** when these letters appear side by side in words with a Latin suffix (*facial, relation, tension*). These other spellings are not included in the kid's text in this story.

The phonogram **sh** can appear at the beginning or end of a syllable.

This story focuses on words with the sound /sh/ spelled with **sh**. It also uses **ck** words for continued practice.

For a list of **sh** words, including all the ones used in this story, go to www.tworeadbooks.com.

Swish, the Pet Fish

A story featuring





Meg peered into the **fish** tank. "Hi little **fish**."

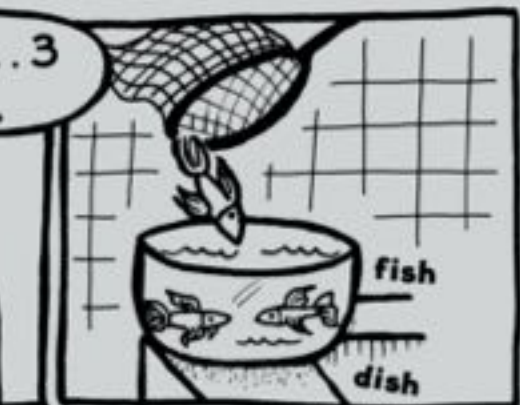
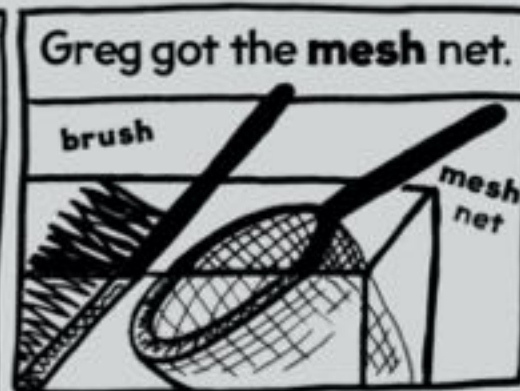


Greg came back upstairs.

"What do we do first?" Meg asked.

"We lift the tank off the stand and place it in the bathtub," Greg explained. "Then we put the **fish** and some tank water in a **dish**. Next we scrub the tank, add **fresh** water and put the **fish** back in."

"OK, that sounds easy," Meg said.



As Meg went to get the **brush**, she hit the **dish**.