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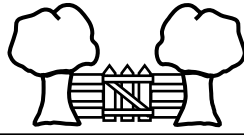
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THE MYSTERY OF THE BIG PAW PRINT

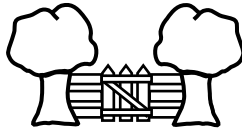
The Story in Brief

Abe sees something huge pass his window one night. What kind of beast could it be? That's what Abe and the other members of the Scallywags Club want to know!

The Scallywags, fearing that the beast is dangerous, build a trap in the vacant section where they find a gigantic paw print. Maybe they'll catch Bigfoot! Instead a jogger almost falls into the trap. She is furious. The lady notifies the Scallywags' families and they are grounded.

Later, Tom and Abe become more suspicious of their neighbour Al. They hide behind some bushes late at night and wait. Soon Al comes out of his unit, not with a beast, but with a huge Great Dane. Al explains that big dogs aren't allowed in the flat. So until Al moves, he must hide Ajax.

The mystery of the big paw print is solved.



Name _____

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Short Vowels

Read the words in the word box. Think about the short vowel sounds you hear. Then choose a word that makes sense in each sentence. You will not use all the words.

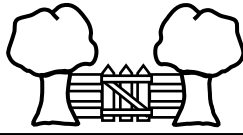
animal	jumped	brush
suggested	check	flashes
brought	crack	something
finish	built	print

Example: The vacant section was full of brush.

1. Abe saw _____ of light from his window.
2. _____ ran past Abe's window.
3. Abe told the Scallywags about the _____.
4. The boys hurried to _____ the trap.
5. The Scallywags _____ their sleeping bags.
6. Toby _____ that the Scallywags make a plan.
7. Abe found a paw _____ in the vacant section.
8. The boys _____ up the dirt around the hole.
9. Gaby's mum came to _____ on her.
10. Al opened the door a _____.



Now write your own sentence about *The Mystery of the Big Paw Print*. Use the word that is left in the word box.



Name _____

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Base Words

Read the underlined word in each sentence. This word has been made by adding a prefix or suffix to the base word. Write the base word on the blank line after the sentence.

Example: Gaby lived across the street from the caravan park. live

1. The sun shone brightly the next morning. _____
2. The Scallywags hurried to Gaby's room. _____
3. The trees in the vacant section were scary. _____
4. The paw print was the biggest one the Scallywags had ever seen. _____
5. Abe's mum agreed to let the Scallywags sleep over. _____
6. It was lucky that Gaby had a shovel. _____
7. The Wags covered the hole with leaves and sticks. _____
8. The lady could have broken her neck. _____
9. Toby would find out if any pets were missing. _____
10. Tom had heard the growl earlier. _____