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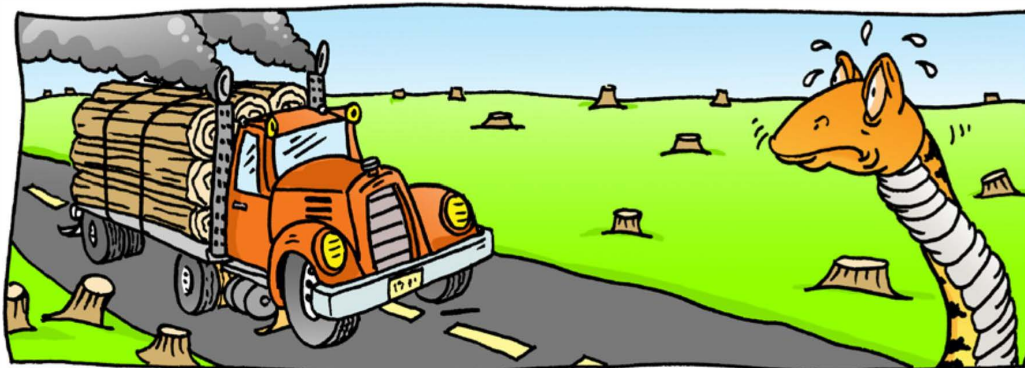
New phonic element	VCe long /ā/
Words with new phonic element	<i>ape, ate, brave, cave, Jake, Kate, lake, lane, late, make, name, pave, safe, snake</i>
Reviewed phonic elements	initial and final blends; short vowels; consonants
Story words	<i>face, jungle, king, logger, place, slept, truck</i>
Reviewed story word	<i>tree</i>
New high-frequency word	<i>every</i>
Special considerations	inflectional endings -ed, -er, -ing; double consonants; plural ending -s; possessive apostrophe 's

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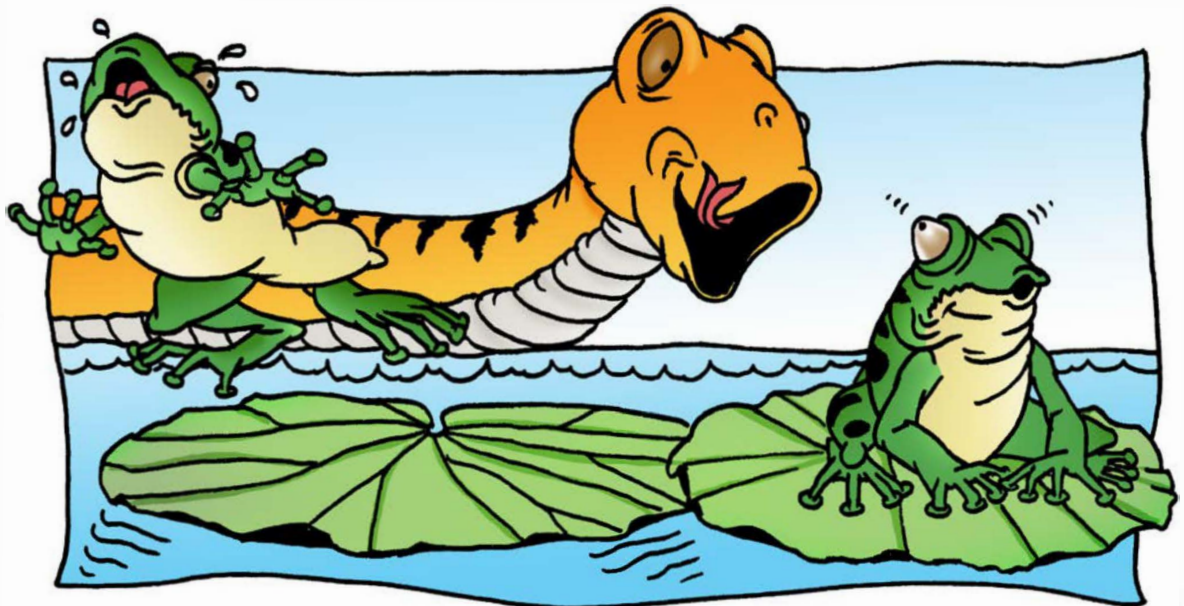
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In the jungle there lived
a snake and an ape.
The snake's name was Jake.
The ape's name was Kate.

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Jake slept in a cave.
He ate lots of frogs from the lake.

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Kate liked to play in a big fig tree.
Kate ate lots and lots of figs from the tree.
Kate and Jake liked the jungle.

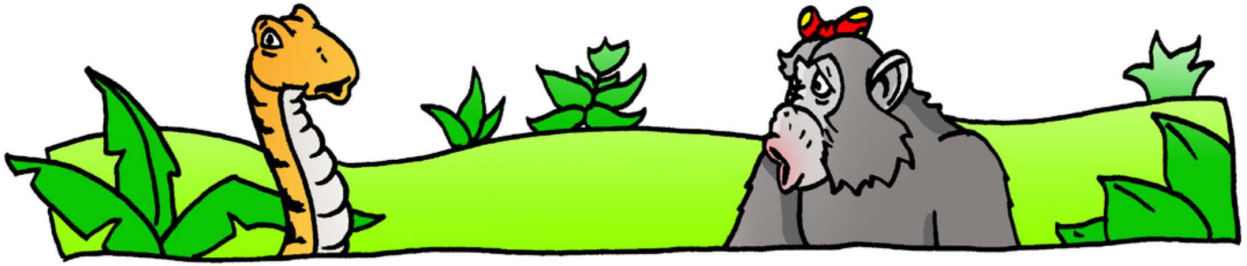
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But they saw bad stuff in the jungle.
Loggers were cutting down the trees.

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Jake came out of his cave.

Kate came down from a tree.

They came face to face.

Jake said, "The place is not safe.

We must take brave steps to save the jungle."

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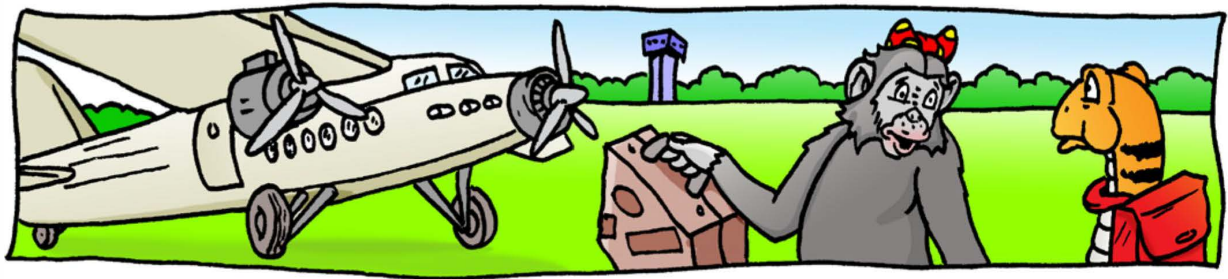
"I do not like that they cut
down the trees," said Jake.

"And I do not like that they pave
the lanes for their big trucks."

"We must be brave.

We must make them stop
or it will be too late," said Jake.

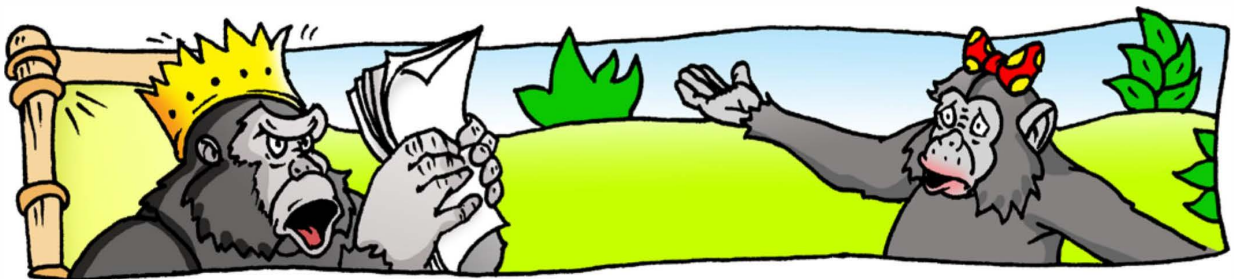
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“I will take a plane
to see the king of apes.
For the sake of the trees,
he will make them stop,” said Kate.
“We apes need a place to live.”

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Kate went to the gate
of the king of apes.
She told the king that trees were
being cut at a fast pace.

“If it does not stop, apes will not have a safe place to live,” Kate said. The fate of the jungle is in your hands. You must stop them or it will be too late.”

The king of apes saved the jungle. He made the loggers stop cutting down the trees.



From then on, Jake and Kate were good mates. They liked to sit by the lake in the sun.