The Field Trip

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Green Words (Phonetic):

- ants
- wet
- frog
- kicks
- hand
- with
- nip
- net
- pants
- box
- off
- picnic
- pond
- dips
- sand
- Matt’s

Red Words (Sight):

- her
- out
- put
- to

Practice reading these sentences.

- Matt sees a frog in the pond.
- Matt’s pants get wet.
- Nan digs in the sand.
- Ants get on her hand.
Miss Tad’s class is going on a field trip to the pond. They will find water bugs and plants to study in science class.

Miss Tad packs the picnic box.
Matt packs cans in sacks.
Nan packs shovels.
Nick packs mats.
The students go to the picnic area on a school bus. The students get out, and Miss Tad tells them to start their science project. What do you think she does while they are busy?

Miss Tad puts the picnic on a mat.
The kids dig in the sand.
Matt is at the edge of the pond. He has his net. What does he find in the pond?

“A frog is in the pond!” says Matt. Matt dips the net in the pond.
The frog is in the net.
The frog hops out.
Matt is sad.
"The frog is back in the pond!" says Matt.
The frog splashes Matt when it jumps back into the water.

Matt’s pants get wet.
Matt sits on the sand.
Nick sits with Matt.
All of a sudden, the two boys jump up. What is the matter?

Ants nip the kids!
Ants run on the sand.
Matt kicks sand on the ants.
Nick kicks sand on the ants.
The ants don’t like having sand kicked on them, so they run away.

The ants run to the picnic mat.
Ants get on Nan.
Ants get on her hand.
Nan puts the ants in a can.
Nan gets some ants for science class. But there are too many ants at the picnic.

The frog hops on the picnic mat! The ants run off the mat.

The frog saves the day. The kids eat their lunch in peace!
1. Did Matt see ants in the pond?
   yes
   no

2. Did the kids dig in the sand?
   yes
   no

3. Did Nan put ants in a can?
   yes
   no

4. Did the ants get the picnic?

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