

# Decodable Tales



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Level 6

10



# Panic in the Garden

Sounds:

oi

(soil)

oy

(boy)

oo

(book)

oo

(moon)

ou

(loud)

ow

(cow)

er

(term)

ir

(stir)

ur

(turn)

ar

(star)

or

(for)

Word warm up:

dirt

food

herb

short

mower

garden

shouting

morning

enjoys

swooping

Sight words:

they

there

are

I

go

have

was

you

me

we

your



I am Carl and I am a bug that hangs out in a big garden with my mum and dad. Mum and Dad go out each day to get food and tell me to stay in this herb garden. They tell me not to leave as there are lots of things that can hurt me or kill me. Dad thinks that I might get stuck in a web and eaten, and Mum thinks that the mower might suck me up. I think that Mum and Dad panic too much. I am a big bug and can look out for risks.

Mum and Dad left this morning and I agreed to stay on the dirt and under this leaf. The sun is up and it is just too tempting to go and see my pal Harper. Harper is in the shrubs next to the big peach tree. If I just go and play with Harper for a bit, then get back under this leaf, Mum and Dad will not suspect that I have left this spot. Harper enjoys it when I visit. It is just a short trip. I'll get up to the top of this herb plant, cross that branch and then drop to the dirt next to that tree, then I will be at Harper's spot.



So off Carl went up the herb plant. Just as he was reaching the top, a bird was swooping down and collected Carl in its feet. "Help! Help!" Carl was shouting. Just then a person started clapping and shouting 'Shoo bird! Shoo!' and the bird let go of Carl. The bird went out of the garden and far away. Carl fell a long way down but his landing was soft. Carl was thankful that he did not get eaten by the bird and that the person was in the garden just at the right second.



Shoo... bird...



SAVED!



Carl was glad that the flower he landed on was soft but when he went to stand up, he was stuck. Carl was not on a flower. He was on a web! “Help! Help!” Carl shouted. Just then, Carl spotted a dark shadow lurking in the distance. Was it a redback? Was it a huntsman? Carl was trembling. The dark shadow was on the web and it was going to eat Carl. Carl tried to twist and turn to get free but it did not help. Carl kept screaming and shouting.







As the dark shadow crept up to Carl, Carl felt a yank. His pal Harper spotted him in the web and had gotten a stick to help rip the web and get him out. “Are you nuts Carl? You must not visit me in the day. Go back to your herb garden and we can play at night when I can get to you without risks”. Carl felt bad. He ran back to his herb garden and waited in the soil under the leaf until his Mum and Dad got back. Carl will follow his Mum and Dad’s wishes from now on.

## Did you understand what you read?

1. Why did Carl's mum and dad tell him to stay in the herb garden under the leaf?
2. Why did Carl leave the herb garden?
3. What happened to Carl when he left his herb garden?
4. Who saved Carl?

## Learn a New Word: lurking

Lurking means to be hidden and lie in wait.

The spider was lurking in the dark shadows.

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or (for)

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we me

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