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- It was a fun day.
- The class was finding out how to be safe at school!



🔊 “Don’t push at the water fountain,”  
said the teacher.

🔊 “Don’t swim in the water,”  
said the teacher.



🔊 Cub helped Tadpole drink.

🔊 “When I grow up, I won’t need help,” said Tadpole.



🔊 “Don’t yell during lunch,”  
said the teacher.

“And don’t eat food from the floor.  
It could be **rotten!**”



- ▶ A breeze blew into the classroom.
  - ▶ It spilled Cub's honey on the floor.
- "Oh, no," said Cub.



▶ Insects running

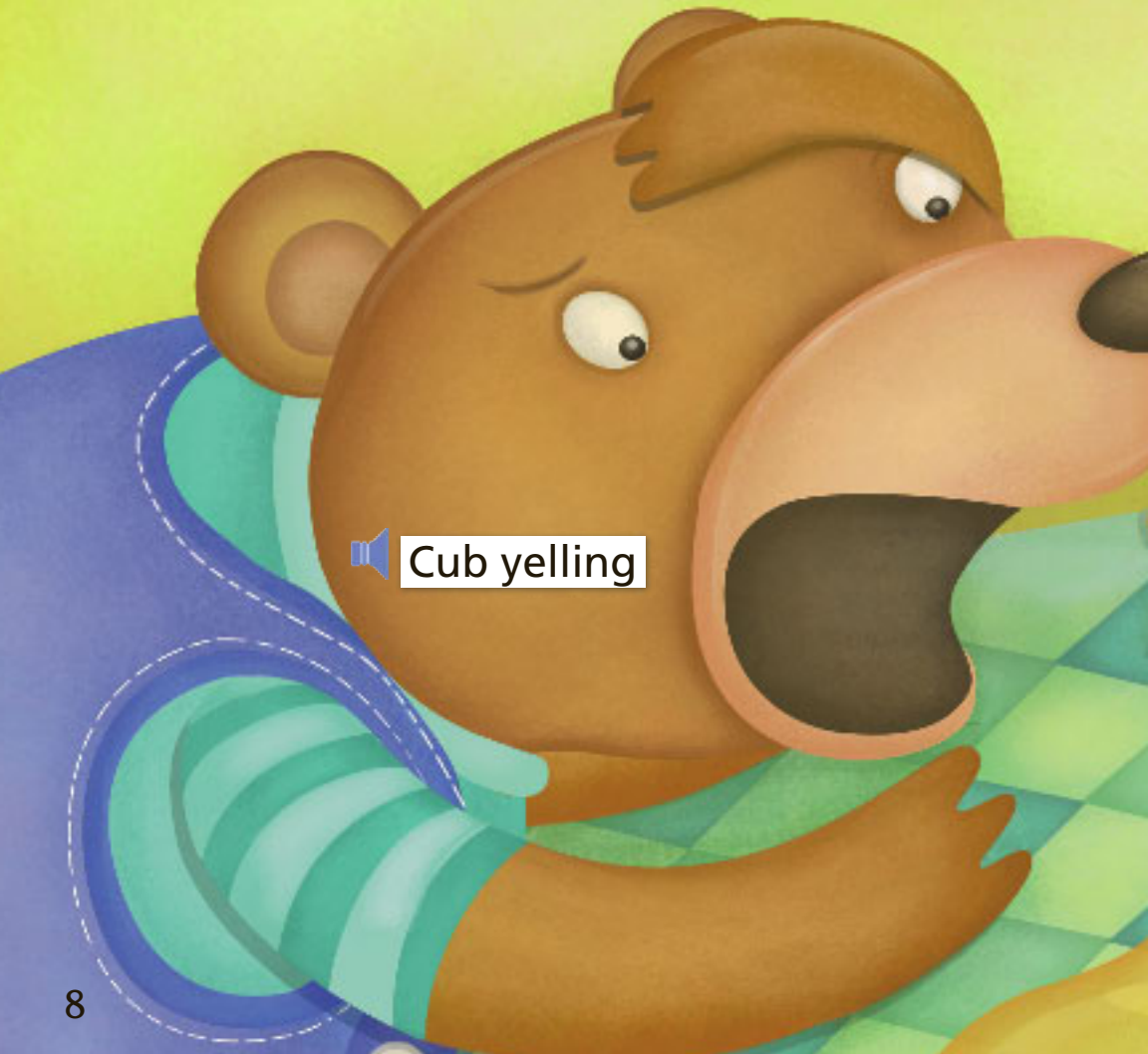
- ▶ The **insects** ran to the puddle of honey.
- ▶ “Don’t run,” said the teacher.
- ▶ But the insects didn’t listen.



▶ Jar of honey



🔊 Cub started yelling,  
“Stop, you’ll get stuck!”



🔊 Cub yelling

- ▶ His voice was very loud.
- ▶ The insects started to cry.
- ▶ The teacher came over.



▶ Insects crying

- ▶ Cub said, "I didn't want to **scare** you."
- ▶ "I wanted you to be safe."  
"You did the right thing,"  
the teacher said.
- ▶ "Thanks, Cub!" said the insects.



# Responding



## TARGET SKILL Cause and Effect

What happens in this story? Copy the chart below. Fill in the event that causes Cub to yell.

Causes	Effects
The wind blows. ?	Honey spills. Cub yells.



## Write About It

**Text to Self** Think about a time when you helped someone. Write a few sentences about what happened. Make sure that all your sentences are about what you helped someone do.



### TARGET VOCABULARY

breeze

dangerous

fountain

insects

judge

rotten

scare

screaming

sticky



### TARGET SKILL

**Cause and Effect** Tell

how one event makes another happen.



### TARGET STRATEGY

**Summarize** Stop to

tell important events as you read.



**GENRE Humorous fiction** is a story that is written to make the reader laugh.

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Humorous Fiction

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Summarize

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