

Ted and the Trunk



Ted and Wes sat on a bench on the bus. It was a long trip. A big trunk sat at the back of the bus. Bang! Bonk! Ring! "What was that?" said Ted.



"It is in the trunk," said Wes. "I think it is a thing with fangs!" Bang! Bonk! Ring! Ted and Wes clung to the bench. They did not want to look back.



Then the bus stopped. A man, Hal, got up and went to the trunk. Ted and Wes hid as Hal opened the lid. In the trunk was an old clock. Its bell rang and rang.



A long spring stuck out of its back. "It is just my old clock," said Hal. "It has no fangs. But it will not stop ringing!" Ted and Wes laughed. Then they sang with the clock.

Words in This Book

Focus skill

Final -ng and -nk (ring, bank)

Endings -NG and -NK words

long, trunk, think, thing, fangs, clung, rang, spring, ringing, sang

High-frequency words

and, a, the, it, was, is, to, they

Other story words

Ted, Wes, sat, on, bench, bus, trip, big, at, back, of, Bang, Bonk, Ring, what, that, said, in, I, with, did, not, want, look, then, stopped, man, Hal, got, up, went, hid, as, opened, lid, an, old, clock, its, bell, stuck, out, just, my, has, no, but, will, stop, laughed

Talk About It

1. Where did Ted and Wes sit?
2. What did Wes think was in the trunk?
3. What did Ted and Wes do with the clock at the end?

Read It Again

Read the book again. Point to every word from the Endings -NG and -NK list. How many can you find?