

AN AFTERNOON WITH SALAMANDER—TEACHER KEY

One sunny afternoon, Bullfrog packed his backpack with blueberries and a cupcake to visit his friend Salamander. Wearing his favorite sunglasses, he hopped out of his lily pad home and set off on his adventure.

Bullfrog bounced through the barnyard, waving to cows as he passed. He saw butterflies having a mushroom picnic and politely declined their offer of applesauce, patting his backpack to show he had snacks.

As he neared Salamander's house in the woods, Bullfrog heard a strange underwater bagpipe sound. Peeking around an oak tree, he saw Salamander trying to play a tiny saxophone while standing on his head.

"What in the name of lily pads are you doing?" Bullfrog croaked, holding back laughter.

Surprised, Salamander tumbled into a leaf pile. "Oh, hello Bullfrog! I was trying to become a one-salamander band. It's not going well," he chuckled.

The friends had a fantastic day together. They held a cartwheel contest (which Salamander won easily), shared Bullfrog's snacks, and even tried teaching a caterpillar to backstroke in a puddle.

At sunset, Bullfrog headed home, saying goodbye with their silly invented handshake. As he hopped back, he couldn't stop smiling, thinking that the best adventures happen when you least expect them – especially with saxophone-playing, upside-down salamanders!

