British Columbia Phonic Primer



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A FIRST PRIMER

BASED ON THE

PHONIC SYSTEM

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PREFACE.

This Primer is based on the phonic system.

There are two kinds of problems in reading: sound problems, in which the teacher sounds the word and the pupils write it; and sight problems, in which the word is seen and the pupils find its sound. At the seat, sight problems are solved; in the class, sound problems should be used chiefly.

Most teachers of the phonic system give in detail all the sounds of the letters and combinations. This is quite unnecessary. The child is not learning new sounds when learning to read: he is learning to recognize in visible form the language he already knows.

Only the principal sounds of the vowels need to be given. The child will vary the sounds by association, and will use them correctly if it pronounces correctly.

Some opponents of the phonic system claim that it confuses the child to find that letters do not always say the same thing, and some teachers of the system use many marks to represent all sounds in the language. Both are wrong. The fact that letters do

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not always say the same thing merely gives variety to the problems, and trains the pupil to include sense as well as sight in deciding the sound of a word. This makes the problems much more developing. It is quite as easy and much more developing to teach oa, oe, ai, ay, ie, ea, ei, at once as to teach oa alone. It is wise to call the vowels girls, and the consonants boys; and it is easy to show that, when two girls come together, the second one often says nothing, and then nearly always the first says her own name.

Script should be used by the pupils from the first day, but it should be used at first in solving *sound* problems, not *sight* problems. This is the reason why script lessons are not printed in the book.

The most interesting script reading may be supplied by simply exchanging slates after pupils have written little stories. Even lists of words made by the pupils may be used in this way.

The letters are associated with pictures of common things, to enable the child to find and remember their sounds.

The three forms of the letters are given. This cannot be confusing if they are not taught till they are needed for use by the children.

The fundamental principle of the book is that pupils gain power by their own efforts, and the object throughout is to give power, not merely to teach words.

The work in the book consists of a series of problems that increase in difficulty and in variety as the child gains control of the powers of new letters or new combinations.

There is no problem in the book that cannot be solved by the pupils themselves, if the teacher gives them proper work at the blackboard to teach the powers and sounds of the letters and combinations. This is the vital principle in all primary reading. The pupils must get the sounds defined in their minds by the teaching at the blackboard, and then they must be trained to solve the problems in the book independently.

Some pupils will be slow in solving problems at first, but the time is well spent if they solve them for themselves.



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FIRST PRIMER.



m-a, ma t-a, ta

a-m, am a-t, at

 \mathbf{m}

t-a-t, tat

m-a-t, mat m-a-m, mam



t-a-m, tam

a

m-a-m-m-a,

mam-ma

t-a-t-a,

ta-ta

ma tam

am tat

at mat mam

a man

a mat

mm m M aaA ttT

mam-ma



Note.—Lists of words are for seat work, without teacher's help, after the powers of new letters are taught at the board. Pupils may use these words in oral sentences:

 \mathbf{s}

sam	sat	sap	map
tap	mat	rat	rap
ram	tar	tap	tam
mast	past	part	trap
mass	pass	spat	maps
papa	mats	Pat	taps

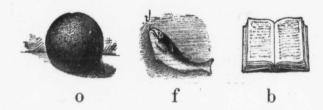


Make words by putting letters before:



p			r
- at	- at	- at	- at
-am	- am	- am	SS
-ar	- ats	- rap	st

LsS ρpP ΛrR



Problems for independent work:

art	arm	mop 1	sop	top
Tom	tot	sot	rot	sort
fat	far	fop	for	farm
fast	Bob	bat	bar	mob
\mathbf{smart}	start	stamp	stars	strap



Pupils make words by using letters before:

a map a tart a top a star a rat a fop a mast a bar

OOO ffF bB



n

man tan pan ran fan nan Nat nap not net cat can



c

men

ten

car	cap	cab
pen	Ben	cot
met	set	Bob
best	bent	sent
fern	pest	pant
cart	step	stop
corn	born	morn
rent	part	form



e

Make words by using letters after:

ma - ma -

ta - ta -

me - me -

co - ca -



ma- ma--

ta - ta - -

pe - pe -

ca - ca - -

nnN

CCC

ℓ e E







ham	hat	hot	hop	hen
harm	horn	den	dot	Don
Dan	mad	bad	bed	fed
hod	nod	pod	rod	sod
sad	pad	had	cod	harp
harm	horn	drop	hard	damp
lap	lad	lot	let	led
doll	elm	held	felt	bend

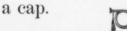
Dan and Sam met Nell.

Ned lent Tom a cart.

Fan had a map and a strap.

Sam sat on a cart.

Tom has a hat; Ned has a





Tom had a top and a horn.

hhH ddD llL

it	is	in		Alto.
sip	\sin	sit		The same
mit	tip	tin		
Tim	pit	pin		665/3,
rip	rim	fit	A C	
fin	bit	bid	4	的組制的
him	hit	hid	- Forter	
dim	did	dip		
hill	mill	fill	bill	pill
915		till	shop	shot
Appen	7			



Make words by inserting letters:

Sam sits in a cart; Tim sits on a cart. Tom hit Tim on his

hand.

Mat has a stamp; Dan has a strap.









Dan.

Snap.

Snap is cross; Snap is smart; Snap stands;

Snap sees a cat; Dan sees a man. Dan is not cross. Dan is short. Dan sits.

Nat shot a deer.



Pat met ten men on a ship.



Sam met ten men in a shop.



I see a fish in a dish. It is not a cat fish. It has fins. It has not. feet.



dig dog leg cog



log hog gash stag

S,

get	got	gad	peg	beg
big	pig	\log	fog	bag
tag	rag	nag	gig	egg

I see a nest.
It is in a tree.
I see an egg
in it.
It is not a big
egg.



A red bird sits on it. I can not see a bird. It is on a tree.

Make as many words as possible with:

a, m, p, r, s, and t.

9 g G



Fan has a doll.
It is a big doll.
Fan's doll has a dress.
Mamma got a bed for Fan's doll.
Fan has a big fat cat.
Fan feeds Kit on a dish.



Kit can see Fan's doll. Kit sleeps on a mat.



Fan's doll sleeps in a bed. Fan sleeps in a big bed.



Fan's cat is not cross; it is a pet. It sat on Fan's bed.

Make as many words as possible beginning with m, p, s, f, and sh; and ending with

t, r, g, n, or d.

th that than than the most than the Be-th



Beth has a cap on the cat.
The cat is a pet.
Beth feeds it, for it is thin.
It can snap at a moth.



The nest. The cat.



The top. The cap.



The moth. The dish.

mug hug dug



turn hunt shun

mud	tub	tug	sup	sun
rum	rub	rug	run	fun
bud	bur	bug	bun	cud
cub	hut	pup	sum	gun
gum	dust	must	burn	shut
rust	crust	trust	hurt	purr
				-

This bird has a nest on a big tree.



The nest has three eggs in it.

I must not hurt the bird or the eggs.

The tree is in the garden; it is a plum tree.

I got a lot of plums on the tree for mamma.

u U



Fred Sharp has a farm.
Fred has sheep on his farm.
Fred has a big dog, Bob.
The sheep feed on a hill.
Bob sits on the hill and sees the sheep.

Bob gets the sheep for Fred.

Fred feeds his dog in a dish in the shed.

The grass is green on the farm.

Fred and his father can put the sheep in the barn.

Teach "e" silent in little and are.

> paddle middle fiddle puddle battle cattle



This dog is Ned.

See the three little cats.

Ned keeps the cats from harm.

Ned can bark.

The cats are in the hat.

The cats can sleep in the hat.

Ned sleeps on a mat in the shed.

The cats sleep in the hat.

Ned and the cats can run fast.



ch

catch chip patch rich march

match chop much such church

Ches and Hans are in the garden. Hans is Dutch. Hans can catch the

apple if Ches drops it in his hat. Hans can stretch up his arms for the apple. Ches got a bad scratch on his hand in the tree. Ches fell from a birch tree and hurt his leg. His father got him a crutch, and his leg got better.

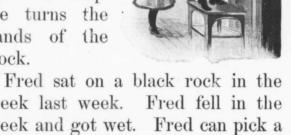




kit kid keen lack seek meek lock rock neck peck rack week

Fred and Nell are at the tall clock in the hall.

Nell tells Fred that the clock will stop, but Fred will not stop. He turns the hands of the clock.



creek last week. Fred fell in the creek and got wet. Fred can pick a lock.

Nell has on a black dress.

k k K

This is Nell Smith. See her red silk cap. Nell has a big sister.

Nell's sister has a red hat and a red dress.

Nell has a garden.

Nell's garden has ferns and buttercups in it.

Nell digs in the garden and plants seeds in it.



Nell got a lot of beet seeds and planted them in the garden.

Nell's sister has an apple tree. It has big red apples on it.

In the garden are three plum trees.

Nell's father planted the plum trees and the apple tree.

Nell picks the plums in a basket.



See Nell and her sister Fan, and the kittens.

Nell has milk in the dish for the kittens.

See the kitten pull Nell's dress.

The kittens run in the garden after Nell and Fan.

Nell and Fan shut the kittens in the barn.

Nell is glad that the kittens can not get the eggs in the barn. wag win west week



with wick witch sweep

WWW

wet was war web wed wit wig will well wasp wash want weep went wish

Will, Sam, Tom, and Dan went on the hill with sleds. The hill was

steep. Will had a big red sled. Tom had a short sled. Dan's sled was green. Sam was sad, for his sled was lost.



Dan will set

Sam on his sled, and it will run fast, for the hill is steep.

a, e, i, o, u long

Show that, generally, when two vowels come together and the second one does not "say anything" the first says its own name, and that when "e" does not speak at the end of a word the vowel before it usually says its own name.



mat—mate pet—Pete
fin—fine not—note
tun—tune sea Joe
pie tie
toe coat

Kate and Joe sit on

sail hear

the sand at the sea shore.

The waves wet Kate's feet.

Kate has Joe in her arms.

He sees his papa and his mamma. Joe likes Kate, for she is kind to him.

Kate has fine fun with Joe on the sand.

Kate and Joe like to eat pie.



See these three fine kittens in the basket. These are not Nell Smith's kittens. These are Kate Dane's kittens. These kittens watch for moths and catch them.

 $Kate \ lets \ them \ catch \ rats \ in \ the \ barn.$

Kate's kittens like milk and fish.

Kate put the blue cloth in the basket.

Kate's kittens were in the garden and got a little rabbit.

The kittens are a year old.

Kate likes to see them asleep in the basket.

ir, in bird; er, in her

Apple Blossoms

The blossoms are on the apple trees in June.

Nell and Tom live on

a farm.

Nell likes to get a branch of apple blossoms for her sick friend Kate Burns.

Kate is fond of Nell, and she is glad that Nell takes her the apple blossoms.

I hope Kate will get well, so that she can go and see

the fine apple trees in Nell's garden.

A bluebird has a nest in a tree in Nell's garden. The nest has three eggs in it. Nell feeds the birds.

too	moon	soon	noon	cool
root	soot	boot	wool	wood
foot	food	good	spoon	spool

In "to" and "do," "o" has same sound as "oo."

Ned took his pole and line to the brook to fish. He put a good hook on his line. The fish bit at his hook, but the line broke and the fish got off.

Ned can shoot too. He went with his father to shoot a coon in the woods. The coon took a hen from her roost.

Ned's dog drove the coon up a tree, and his father shot it. Ned took it home.

ow-ou

cow our
now out
how shout
mow count
bow bound
town sound
down mount



Nell's old brown hen has a lot of chicks.

Nell has three chicks in her hat and on her hand.

The brown chick is on her hand. See the chicks in her hat.

Nell likes to call the chicks, cluck! cluck! like the old brown hen.

Nell can count her ten chicks.

The chicks will soon be big hens.

Nell feeds her chickens and then puts them in the nest.

These are farmer Brown's cows.

Fan milks these fine cows.

Fan makes good butter and fine cheese for her father and mother.



She sells the butter and cheese in the town.

The cows like the green grass.

In winter the cows eat in the barn.

At noon the cows rest under the trees at the side of the

woods if the sun is too hot.

The cows' names are Star and Bess.

The cows do not like to see a dog. I see three milk cans.



Kate has put her milk to cool. Now she will feed her geese. I can count ten fine geese.

Kate will shut the gate as soon as the geese are in the yard.

Look at the feet of the geese. See the webs between the toes.

The webs between the toes of the geese help them to swim.

Kate looks well. She likes life on a farm.

How fine the trees look!

s-ing ring l-ong song



king wing hang rang

ng

g-ong sting stung strong



This bird is singing a fine song for his mate. The branch he sits on swings in the west wind.

Sing a long song, little bird.

I shall not hurt a bird or harm its nest in a tree.

A nest is a pretty home. I like to see the little birds in a nest.

The bird sits on the branches of a rose bush. See the fine roses.

whip what when which white which whist while whale

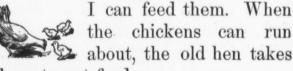


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What is the hen doing? She is sitting on ten eggs. When she sits



three weeks, her chickens will hatch. I like to see little white chickens.



them to get food.

"x" in box, fox, mix, etc.

What is the matter with Dick's foot? He has a thorn in it.

Dick was sent to get the cows. He met a fox and ran after it, and the



thorn ran into his foot.

He will soon get the thorn out. Then he will drive home the six cows. He will not drive the oxen home.

Dick likes to

go for the cows, for he is fond of flowers and birds, and he gets fine flowers for his mother and hears the birds singing sweet songs.

Dick likes to go with his feet bare in the summer time.

nk
ink
wink
think
sink
pink
thank
sank
plank
drink



Mamma and Nell went to the woods.

The birds sang in the trees.

The grass was fresh and green.

Mamma took food in a basket.

Nell got a big bunch of fine red flowers for mamma.

Mamma was glad to get the flowers.

She took them home and told papa how good Nell had been.

Nell likes the woods in June.

Exercises for training pupils to join "a" and "the" to the words coming after them:

a mat a man a cat a cap
a hat a ham a fish a dish
a mast a cart a harp a star
the top the cot the pin the pen
the pot the mop the pit the hen
the harp the horn the shop the ship

I see a deer.
Tom has a fish.
Dan has a map.
Nat hit the cat.
Sam sees a stamp.
Ned has a strap.
Fan had a fern.
Fred hit the hen.



Tom is on the shed.

Ned is on the ship in the storm.

That man has a fat cat and a red hen in the barn on the farm.

Yes yet yell yard you year



y y Y and y = i long.

These three young birds will soon



try to fly. It is fine and warm. The sly cat will try to get them. Your cat is in your yard now. Watch her.

My cat is in

the barn. Let us put your cat in the barn too.

I must try to save the young birds from harm.

You may sing in my tree, little birds. Your nest is made of dry grass and wool.

Watch the young birds when the father bird brings a worm.

O v V; al with l silent

Dick's papa went for a trip on a ship. He got a very fine parrot for Dick. Dick was very glad to get it. The parrot's name was Polly.



The parrot can talk well. If Dick talks to the parrot, it talks back to Dick.

Listen to the parrot: "Polly wants a cracker. Polly wants a cracker.

"Polly very happy, Polly got cracker.

"Dick! Dick! you talk too much.

"Dick! Dick! Polly tell papa! Ha! ha! ha!"

Polly makes lots of fun for Dick and his sister Fanny.



one they

I can count seven sheep and a young lamb.

One sheep is black. The rest are white.

They will rest in the shade of the hill.

They do not like to see the fire.

Baa, baa! black sheep. Have you any wool?

Yes, I have three bags full.



ay; their

It is a fine day in May.

These three little foxes are at the mouth of their den playing. They like to lie in the sun. They seem to have no fear of foes.

What long tails they have!

When the coast is clear, they go away from the den, but they run back very fast if they hear a dog or a man. Papa fox goes away every day to get their dinner.



aw ōw

Caw! caw! caw! I must make a nest of sticks and straw.

Then I may lay four eggs, and sit on them, and hatch out four young crows.

When my young crows grow big, they will fly and get food.

I had three young crows in my nest last year.

One of them went away one day and a man got him and took him home. He did not know how to fly. I can see eight young chickens. One of them stands on a flower pot. They have milk in the pan to drink.



eight

What funny little red and yellow things they are!

"Peep, peep!" they say; "peep, peep, peep!" They have three toes in front and one behind.

How they will scratch soon!

They run away and hide under the barn when they hear a hawk or a crow. c = s

face
lace
race
place
trace



Grace has done the washing.

She is now hanging out the clothes.

She lives in a nice place on a farm.

She works hard, but she looks happy and strong.

She has a fine face.

She sings in church on Sunday.

She milks eight cows morning and evening.

She calls her cows, Co boss! Co boss! Co! Co! Co!

When she calls, they walk home.

o in some, come, other, etc.

Chester's Snow Man

Chester rolled snow into big rolls, and set one roll on another till he had a mass of snow

about seven feet tall.

like a man in shape with his spade, and put in round bits



of coal for the man's eyes and buttons. He gave him a big stick for a cane.

"Good morning, Mr. Snowman," said Chester.

The man did not speak.

The snowbirds came flying and hopping on the snow, near Chester.

"Dear little birds, you need not

fear me. You may come to my shed when the wind blows hard."

They soon came every day, and he gave them crumbs to eat.

He was sorry when they went away in spring.

Note.—Pupils should answer the following questions or ally after reading them silently. Answers should be in full sentences. The teacher should call for answers by numbers. The questions should not be read aloud by teacher or pupil.

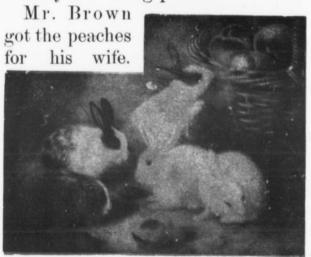
- 1. What is your name?
- 2. Where do you live?
- 3. How old are you?
- 4. What game do you like best?
- 5. What flowers do you like best?
- 6. Where were you born?
- 7. Do you like a holiday?
- 8. What is the name of the King of England.
 - 9. What flag do you like best?
 - 10. What song do you like best?

Keep a long list of such questions on the board or on sheets.

Mr. and Mrs.

What pretty rabbits! One, two, three, four, five of them.

They are eating peaches.

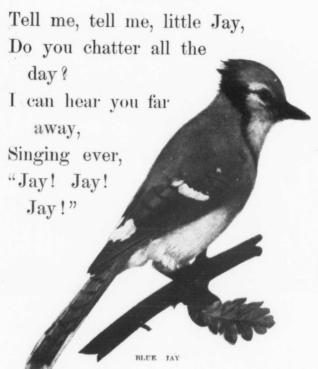


Mrs. Brown wished the peaches for her son and his friend.

The rabbits did not eat all the peaches. If you keep rabbits, be sure to treat them kindly.

What funny, short, little tails rabbits have!

The Blue Jay



Yes, I chatter all the day; When I work, and when I play, You may hear me far away, Ever singing, "Jay! Jay! Jay!"

ou, au, gh silent

high nigh sigh light night sight might tight fight right

plight ought sought fought

Two foolish mice left the nest one

night when their mother was away. The black cat saw them on the steps and was about to spring on them, when a light was made in the hall. They ran to their hole, but they had a bad fright. They were taught a lesson that night, and they are not yet caught by the black cat, though she often waits in the hall for them.

I like little pussy,

Her coat is so warm,

And if I don't hurt her

She'll do me no harm;

So I'll not pull her tail



Nor drive her away,
But pussy and I
Very kindly
will play.

There was a little man,
And he had a little gun,
And his bullets were made of lead;
He shot Bob Sprig
Through the middle of his wig
And knocked it right off his head.

g soft, z Z

Tom and Harry went to see the zoo.

They saw many wild animals.

They thought some of them were very strange.

They saw a large moose. He had large, broad horns. He made a loud call.



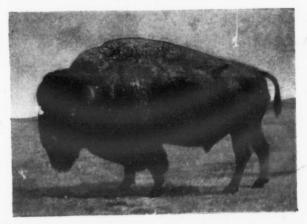
ph = f

They saw an elephant.

They gave him cakes, when he put his trunk

through the bars of his cage.

The elephant put the cakes in his mouth with his trunk.



oy oi

The boys saw a grand old buffalo. His head was very large, and his hair was very long on his neck.

The keeper told the boys they found the old buffalo on the plains away near the Rocky Mountains.

The buffalo was eating hay. If he gets angry he makes a loud noise.

Long ago there were many herds of buffalo on the plains; now there are none left wild. queen queer quill



quick quack quart

9 9 Q

"Quack! quack!" said the mother duck to her little flock; "come to the pond for a swim."

"Peep! peep!" said the little ducks quickly to their mother; "go on, mother, we will follow you."



So they went down to a quiet pond with long grass around it, and water lilies on its surface. jam
James
edge



f j J

(See Frontispiece)

James and Jennie love their pets. Sandy is a wise and kind collie. Nick is a smart fox terrier. Ginger is a yellow cat.

Nick barks very loud because Jennie has Ginger in her arms.

Sandy can go to the woods and bring home the cows.

Nick can catch a ball, and carry a letter in his mouth. He watches for James at four o'clock, when he comes from school.

Nick says, "Bow wow!" Ginger says, "Meow."



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Laura is writing a letter to her papa. He is away in London, in England. She tells him that mamma and baby and she are well, and that baby has a tooth and can bite.

She tells him what she wishes him to bring her from London.

She wrote: "Please bring me a doll, and a ring, and a book, and a hat, and a dress, and a pair of boots, and lots and lots of things."



This is the flag of England. It is our flag too. It has the Union Jack in the corner.

The Union Jack is made of three crosses:—

The cross of St. George is for England. It is a red cross on white.



The Scotch cross is called St. Andrew's cross. It is a white cross on blue.

St. Patrick's cross is the cross for Ireland. It is a red cross on white.



These three crosses make the Union Jack.

Three cheers for the Union Jack!



ch = k

Fannie and Helen have risen very early to look at their toys on Christmas morning.

What a fine Christmas tree they have!

Look at their stockings hanging on the bed. How full they are!

How happy the girls look! Mother and father have come to their room,

and said "Merry Christmas!" The girls are saying, "Merry Christmas, mamma! Merry Christmas, papa!"

Name all the things you can see on the tree.



When mother and father left them, the girls took their toys off the tree and played with them in bed.

"How good Santa Claus is!" said

Fannie.



The busy bee at work all day
Has never time for play,
But still he sings his happy song
Forever as he flies along: "Buzz!"



We made a see-saw yesterday,
The board was good and long;
And all the while we were at play
We sang this pretty song:—
"See-saw! see-saw! so we go up and
down.

See-saw! see-saw! going to the town."



This is little Yellow-head,
Who says he's very well,
And thinks he'd rather take a walk
Than stay inside a shell.



I think, when a little chicken drinks, He takes the water in his bill, And then he holds his head high up So the water can run down hill.

NIEDLINGER



ld; l silent

Harry had tried to make a ship with real sails, but he could not make it sail right.

This good old sailor told Harry he would make a ship for him.

Harry said, "Oh, thank you, Mr. Smith!"

Little Nellie said, "Make me a boat, too, Mr. Smith"; but Harry said, "This shall be your boat too, Nellie, and we will call her the Nell."

Bertha said, one fine morning in spring, "Mamma, do come to the garden; the trees look so nice."

So mamma went with her little girl.

"Hold me up, mamma, so that I may smell the blossoms," said Bertha

Mamma held Bertha high up in an old apple tree, and she pulled a few bunches to put on the table near papa's plate.

Bertha has a little garden of



gh = f

Bessie likes to ring the bell of the telephone and call her papa to speak to her.

He is down at his office.



She says, "Hello! is that papa?

"Come home to dinner, if you can.

"Baby has a new tooth.

"Aunt Jane is here, and Uncle Fred.

"Mamma says bring some peaches.

"Bring me a new hat, and a new hair brush."

Her papa brings Bessie all that she needs, because she is a kind girl.

She makes her papa laugh at her tricks.



Baa, baa! black sheep,
Have you any wool?
Yes, marry have I,
Three bags full;
One for my master,
And one for my dame,
And one for the little boy
That lives in the lane.

Bow, wow, wow! Whose dog art thou? Little Tom Tinker's dog, Bow, wow, wow!



Sam is on a road near a pond. He sees a small green frog.

He watches the frog to see him jump.

Sam says, "Jump, little frog,

jump."

If Sam steps near the frog, it will jump away into the grass.

Sam will not hurt the frog. The frog can swim in the pond. The frog looks like a toad.

