The Frog and the Scorpion

Lesson Objectives

• to discuss main characters
• to experiment with adjectives
Frog lived on the grassy, wet river bank. He was an easy-going sort of chap and loved the lazy days. Spending most of his life watching the world go by, he really enjoyed his life on the river bank.
One day, as he was sitting in the glorious sunshine, Frog saw Scorpion sitting crying on his side of the bank. Being such a nice fellow, Frog decided to go and see what was wrong with Scorpion.
“I need to get to the other side of the river,” sniffed Scorpion, “as I cannot swim and the food I need is on the other side!”

“Well,” started Frog, “I could give you a life over but only if you promise not to sting me Scorpion.”
Scorpion thinks for a moment and assures Frog the he will not sting him as if he does, Frog will drown and they will both die.

Frog hops into the water and Scorpion clambers carefully onto his back to begin the journey to his much needed food.
As they get towards the halfway point of the journey, Frog is starting to feel uncomfortable. He turns around as Scorpion is raising his tail. He stings Frog!
“But Scorpion!” Frog cried out before dying, “now you will die as well, why did you sting me?”
“Sorry,” replied Scorpion, “it’s just how I am, it’s in my nature.”

Do you think Scorpion behaved 'out of character'?