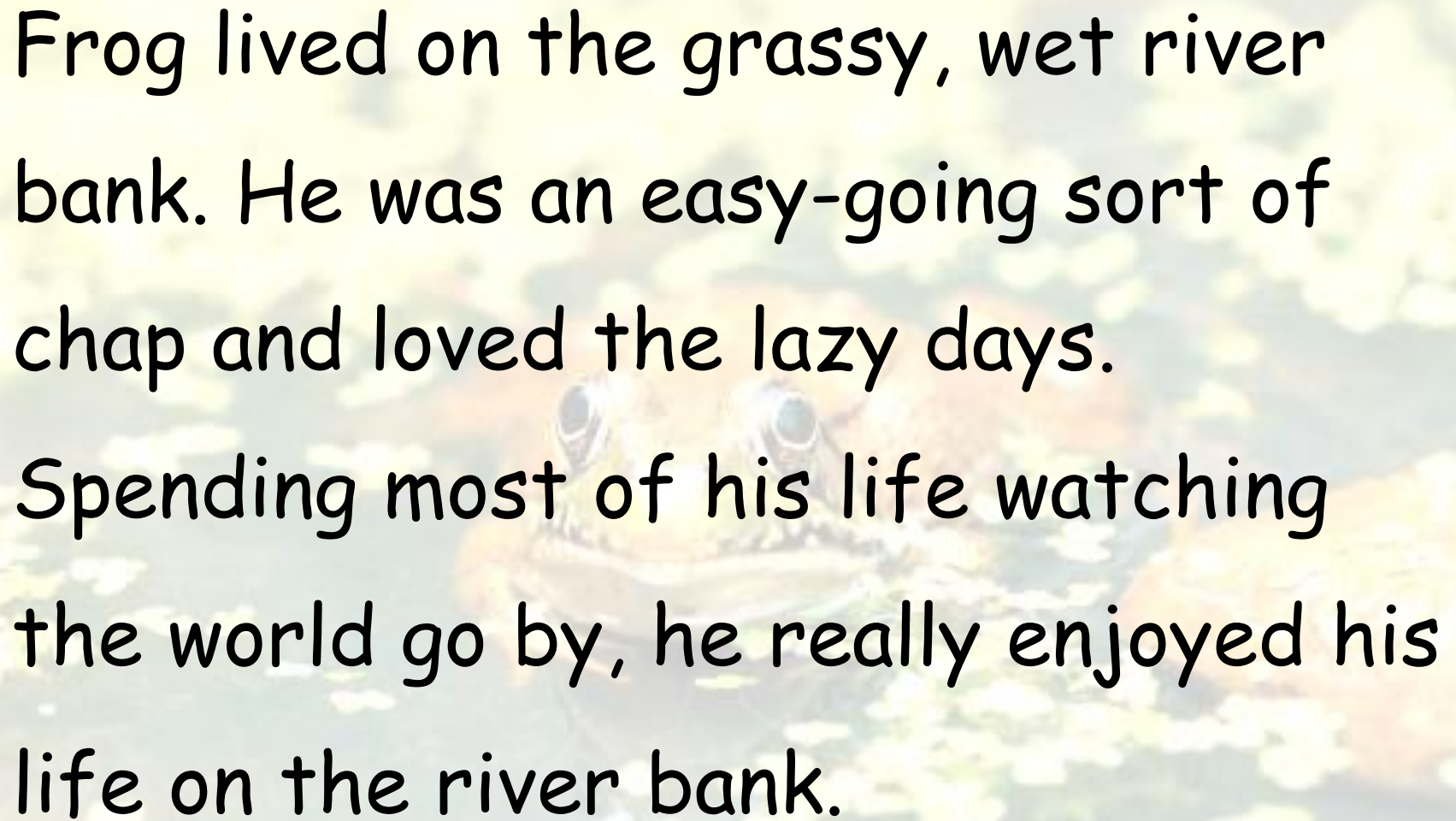


# The Frog and the Scorpion

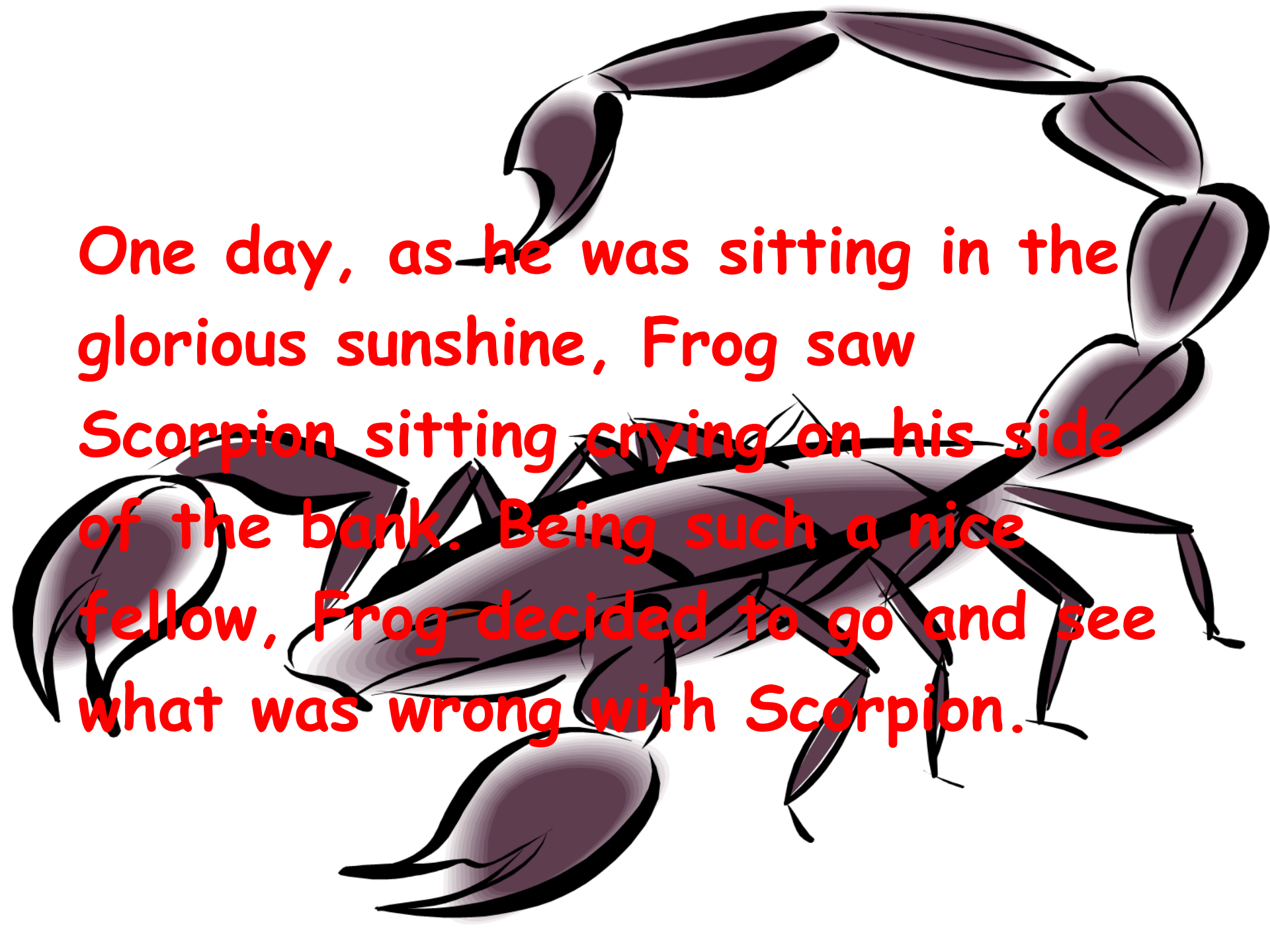


## Lesson Objectives


- to discuss main characters
- to experiment with adjectives

A photograph of a brown frog sitting on a large green lily pad in a pond. The background is a soft-focus view of the water and other lily pads. The text is overlaid on the image in a black, sans-serif font.

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.

A vibrant, stylized illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, a blue river flows from the left towards the bottom right. A large, multi-colored rainbow arches over the river. To the left, a large green tree with several red circular spots stands on a brown trunk. In the background, there are rolling green hills, a bright yellow sun in a light blue sky, and three small orange birds flying. On the right side, a red and white striped playground structure is visible.

• "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!"

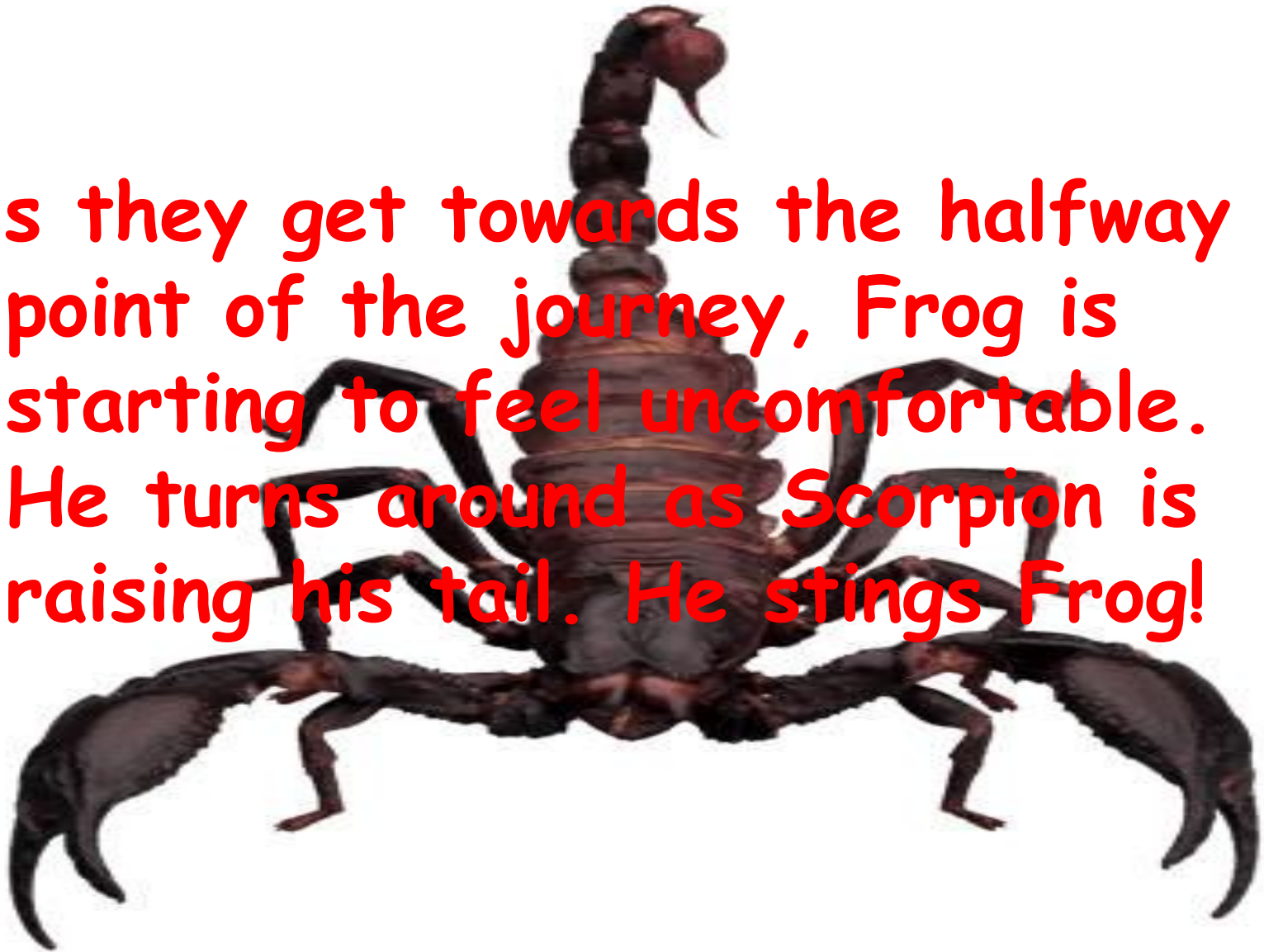
"Well," started Frog, "I could give you a life over but only if you promise not to sting me Scorpion."

• Scorpion thinks for a moment and assures Frog that 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!





A close-up photograph of a brown frog sitting on a large, green lily pad. A scorpion is perched on the frog's back, its pincers and legs visible. The frog's eyes are wide open, and it has a slightly open mouth, giving it a surprised or distressed expression. The background is a soft-focus view of a pond with many other lily pads.

**“But Scorpion!” Frog  
cried out before  
dying, “now you will  
die as well, why did  
you sting me?”**

A vibrant, stylized cartoon landscape. On the left, a large green tree with a brown trunk and several red circular accents. The background features rolling green hills, a bright yellow sun, and three brown birds flying in a light blue sky. A winding light blue river flows through the scene, crossing a brown stone arch bridge. In the distance, a red playground with a slide and two swings is visible.

• "Sorry," replied Scorpion, "it's just how I am, it's in my nature."

Do you think Scorpion behaved 'out of character'?