

HO-31 Reading Passage

Jason and Pete decide to take a walk in the forest. They know that the animals come to the forest pond to drink. If the boys are very quiet, they will be able to watch the animals.

The boys hide behind some tall bushes. When they look over the bushes, they can see the pond clearly.

Soon the boys hear a sound coming closer and closer. It sounds like a deer or perhaps a family of skunks.

Suddenly Pete gets a funny feeling in his chest. "Hic," says Pete. "Hic, hic, hic. I've got the hiccups!"

The boys hear the sound quickly moving away. "I'm sorry," says Pete. "I just can't be quiet when I have the hiccups. Maybe we'll have better luck next time."