



# At the Beach

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## Complex Combinations

This story has explores the sounds " ..ush" & "..ash".  
It has several challenging words, particularly "sickening", "knocked", "rescue",  
"disappeared". Take the time to explain each word.

### Phonic Decoding

The Sound 'ush' - as in the word 'rush'

The Sound 'ash' - as in the word 'dash'

### Carefully Explain

Silent ' k ' as in 'knocked'.

## Try These New Words

rush crush dash crash sand hand  
stand land drifted knocked sickening  
disappeared sprinted playing fishing



We went down to the beach to  
build castles in the sand.

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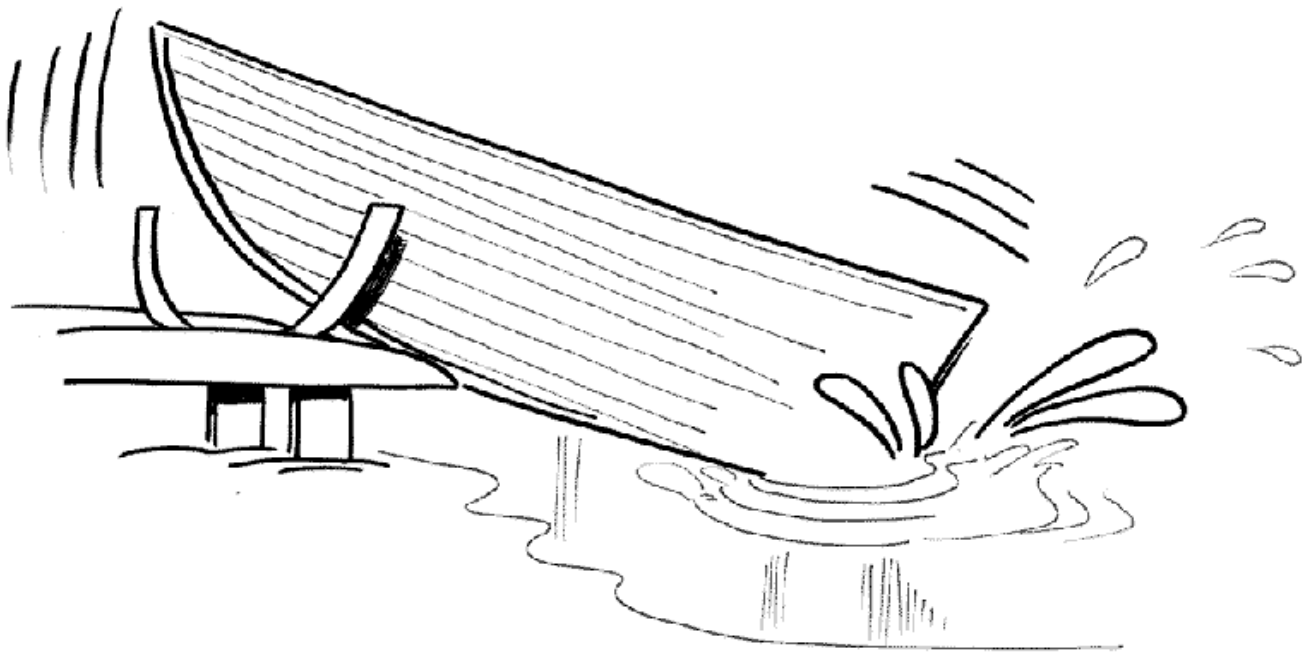
Dad stood on the rocks, with a  
fishing line in his hand.



While the boys were playing on the shore,  
they knocked a boat from its stand.

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The boat crashed down into the water  
and drifted far from land.



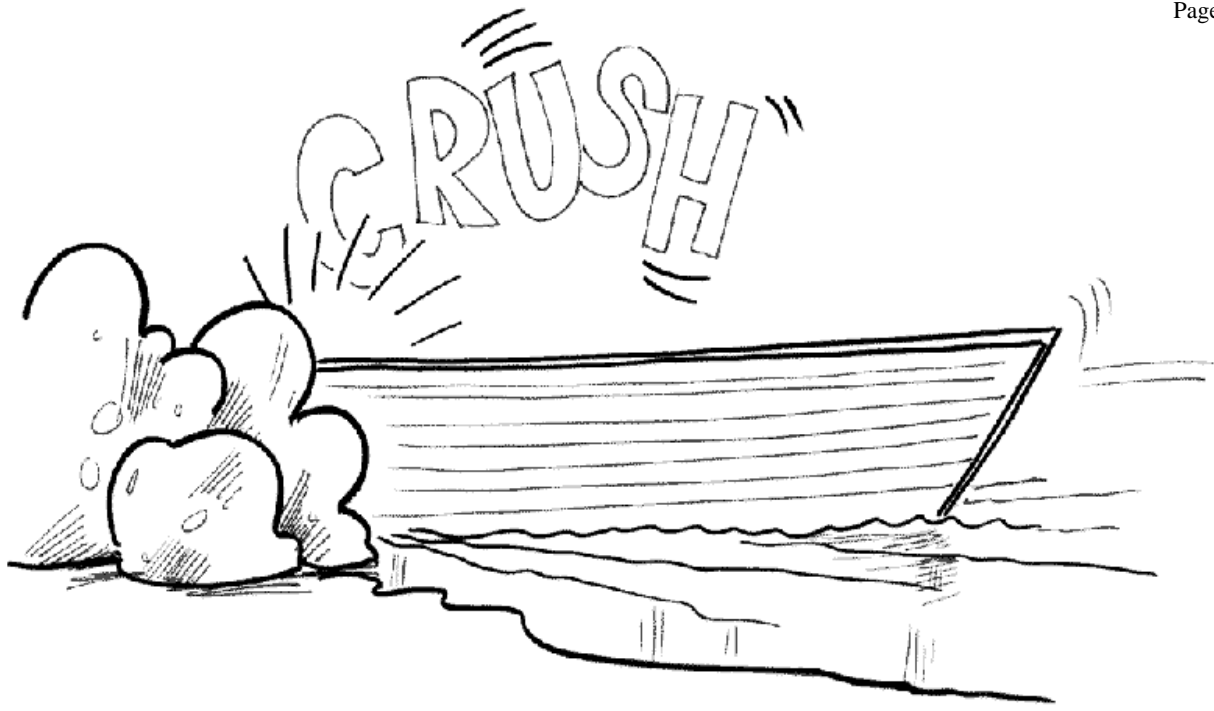
Dad dropped his fishing line and sprinted in a dash.

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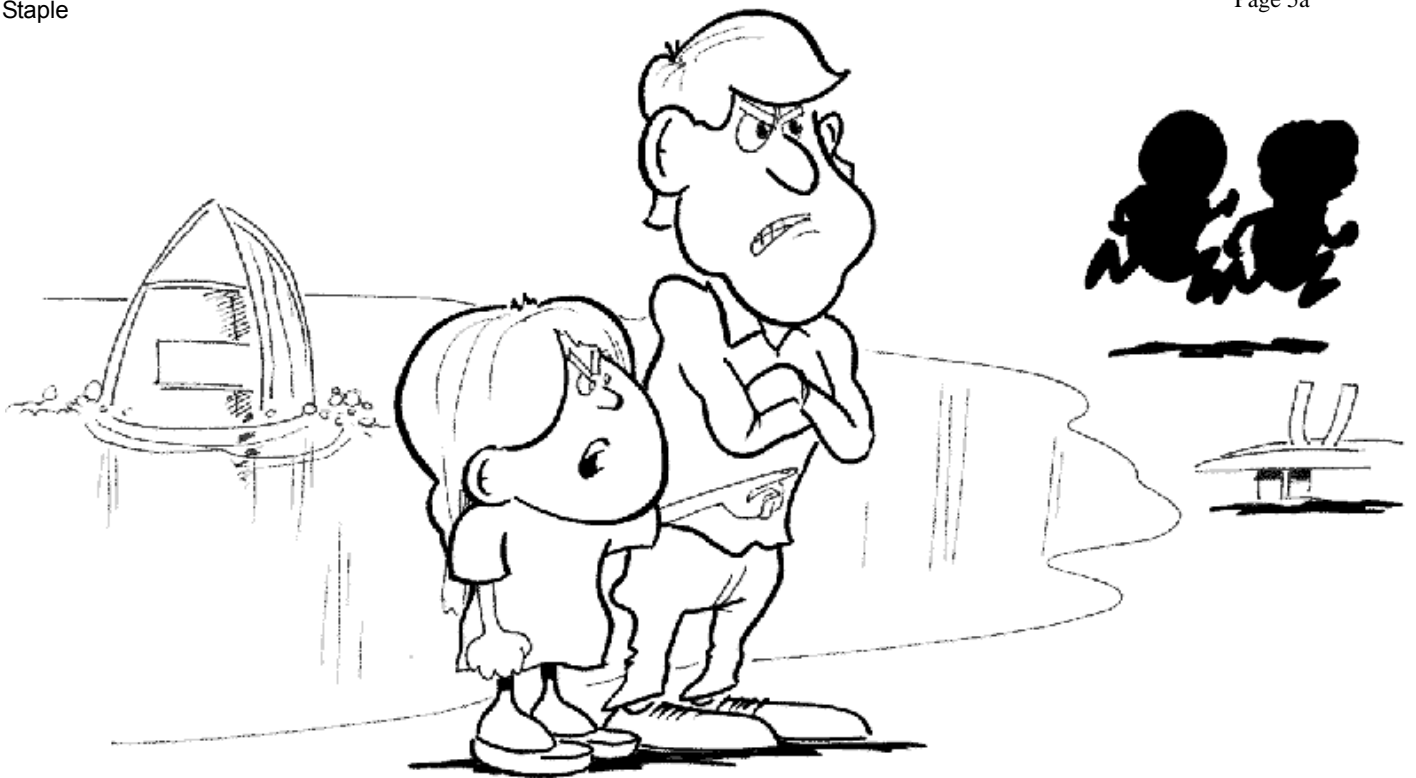
He tried to rescue the boat before it could crash.



But the boat brushed along rocks,  
and we heard a sickening crush.

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The boat filled with water - and the boys  
disappeared in a rush.

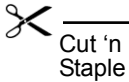
### Extra Words

flash cash rash bash flush gush mush  
laying staying wishing washing

### Comprehension

1. What did the children build on the beach?
2. What was Dad doing on the rocks?
3. What was the boat resting on?
4. What was the sound when the boat hit the rocks?
5. How did the boys disappear?

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Complete the sentences with these words.

down, castles, beach, sand.

We went \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_  
to build \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_.