

Last night, Ben's mom found
his favorite book,
"Amphibians of the World."
Ben rereads the book.

两栖动物

(Li ǎ ngq ī
d ò ngw ù)

Ben brings the book to school the next day. Ben sees a golden toad in the book. Ben tries to draw (试图借鉴/Shìtú jièjiàn) the golden toad. He learns (可以学习/Kěyǐ xuéxí) golden toads are endangered.



endangered

Ryan invites Ben to his
birthday party (生日聚
会/Shēngrì jùhuì).

Ben doesn't care (不关心Bù
guānxīn).



invites, 邀请 (Y ā o q ǐ ng)

Ryan wants to see the Ben's book. He is too excited (太激动了/Tài jīdòngle). Ryan and Ben get into trouble because they were talking. Ben is angry at Ryan again.

gets into trouble

闯祸 (Chu ǎ nghu ò)

Ben goes behind his house after school. He finds a trail to Ms. Tibbets's house.

trail 路径

(Lù jì ng)

Ben is curious. He wants to look in the cage. He opens the cage. The snakes are huge! The snakes have a rattle on their tale!

curious

好奇 (Hào qí)

Mrs. Tibbets comes home.
Ben is scared (惊/Jīng). Ben
closes the cage, but the cage
opens.
Mrs. Tibbets gives Ben a net.

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Been feels very bad
because he lied (谎
言/Huǎngyán) to Mrs.
Tibetts.



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Ben's homework is writing about the desert. Ben tries to write about the desert, but he can't start.

desert 沙漠

(Sh ā m ò)

Mrs. Tibbets calls Ben at home. She asks about (打听/Dǎtīng) the snake cage (蛇笼/Shé lóng). She tells Ben the snakes are gone. She asks Ben, " Did you open the doors?" Ben says no.



Mrs. Tibbets says the snakes belonged (属于/Shǔyú) to her dead husband. Mrs. Tibbets is very sad.

Mrs. Tibbets tells Ben's mother about the snakes.

At school Ben does not want to talk to Mrs. Tibbetts.

belonged 属于
(Shǔ yú)

Ben catches (抓/Zhuā)
toads behind his house.
He keeps a toad in a
terrarium.



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Ryan comes to his house. He gives Ben back his book.

Ryan drew (绘图/Huìtú) a picture of a golden toad.

Ryan's picture is very good.

g i v e s b a c k

还 给 v (H á i

g ě i)

Ryan thinks (相信/Xiāngxìn) Ben is a good friend. But, Ben thinks Ben has not been a good friend to Ryan.

Ben puts the picture on his wall (卧室的墙上/Wòshì de qiáng shàng).



Ben starts to (开始 /Kāishǐ) read his book. He sees a picture of the spadefoot toad in the book.

Ben wants to see the toads with Mrs. Tibetts, but he can't. He feels too guilty (太内疚/Tài nèijiù).

Ben doesn't do his homework.

too guilty

太内疚 (Tài
nèi jiù)