

1. A high trumpeting sound echoed through the trees of Burn's Bog and woke ~~Baby-baby~~ Boglin Bear with a start. "Mom, what was that sound?" asked Boglin. But his mom was fast asleep. He knew his mom was tired, so he laid his head back down to sleep.

2. "Ar-ar-ar-...!" The sound came again. Boglin was startled.

"There is no way I will be able to sleep now," he thought. Boglin ~~was curious as~~ ~~to~~wondered where the sound was coming from. He decided to investigate. He crawled past his mom and climbed down the tree.

**Comment [NAW1]:** I'm not sure of your audience's exact age range. If they've learned contractions, you might want to switch to contractions wherever possible. They are a bit easier on the reader.

3. Boglin followed the strange sound through the bog.

~~After several minutes,~~ ~~h~~He crept through a row of bushes. There he saw a large, glistening pond. In that pond was the largest bird Boglin had ever seen.

"Ar-ar-ar-...!" The bird's call echoed across the water. The bird was playing in the water and having a lot of fun. ~~The bird splashed.~~ ~~He and~~ jumped. ~~He~~and flapped his wings.

**Comment [NAW2]:** The pronouns were a little unclear, and this is more parallel with a line at the end of the story.

4. The bird grabbed a stick with his beak and tossed it across the pond.

*Thud.* The stick ~~struck~~ ~~hit~~ Boglin in the middle of his forehead.

"Ow," said Boglin. He rubbed the bump on his head.

5. "Oh my goodness. I'm ~~terribly, horribly, incredibly~~ sorry. I didn't see you there," exclaimed the bird.

**Comment [NAW3]:** These words might be a bit long for your readers.

"That's okay," giggled Boglin. "It didn't hurt that much. My name is Boglin Bear."  
"Hi Boglin," said the bird. He flapped his wings excitedly. "I'm Sandy Crane. It's really, truly, honestly wonderful to meet you."

6. "What were you doing in the water? It looked like fun," said Boglin.

"I was dancing," said Sandy. "Why don't you try it?" Sandy started to dance again. Boglin ~~mimicked his movements.~~ ~~The two new friends~~ jumped. They bowed. They bobbed their heads. They hopped from rock to rock.

**Comment [NAW4]:** Maybe "danced too."?

7. *SPLAT!*

Boglin and Sandy heard a loud sound. They stopped dancing.

"What was that?" asked Boglin.

"Oh," said Sandy. "That was Betty Beaver splashing her tail on the water. She must be in trouble! Quick, Boglin! Let's hurry. Let's pick up the pace!"