

Simple Literature No. 51: Curriculum for
Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping

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How to Use This Curriculum

- 1.** Have students read this book for 20 to 30 minutes each day.
- 2.** When students have finished the book, ask the **Comprehension Questions**. A study guide worksheet is available for practice, but an oral discussion is appropriate for this age group.
- 3.** When you have finished discussing the comprehension questions, have students **Write a Paragraph**. Students should write in complete sentences, spell words correctly, capitalize the first letter of every sentence, and place a period at the end of each sentence.
- 4.** Although these guidelines work for this age group, remember that your students are individuals. Therefore, adjust the curriculum to your students' abilities and personalities.

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Curriculum for *Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping* by Peggy Parish

OVERVIEW

1. Have students read for 20 to 30 minutes.
Reading for half an hour, and not a completed book, is the daily goal. A study guide for this book is available. If you assign it, let students complete the study guide while they are reading the book.
2. When students have finished reading the book, ask the comprehension questions (study guide questions). If you assigned the written study guide, students may read their answers from it.
3. Prompt students to write a paragraph.

SUMMARY

Amelia Bedelia goes camping with Mr. and Mrs. Rogers. She misunderstands phrases like *hit the road*, *catch a fish*, and *pitch the tent*. To "hit the road," she beats a stick on the street, and "to pitch a tent," she tosses it. When she sees a fish, she jumps in the water to catch it. Amelia Bedelia takes everything the Rogers say literally. She puts boats in a row (when rowing a boat), cuts steaks

to look like tents (when told to get the tent stakes), and gently holds paper bags (when asked to get the sleeping bags). Although the Rogers are upset, Amelia Bedelia makes Mr. and Mrs. Rogers a fantastic picnic lunch and gives Mr. Rogers a surprise birthday cake. She is the only one who remembers that it is his birthday. Her kindness to them pleases the Rogers.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. Amelia Bedelia did some odd things. What were some of the odd things she did? Amelia Bedelia thought *hit the road* meant to beat the road with a stick. She thought *catching fish* meant to jump in the lake and grab a fish with her hands. Amelia thought *pitch a tent* meant to toss the tent like a ball. She put potato chips in chocolate cookies to make chocolate chip cookies, cut steak into tent shapes (tent stakes), thought pine cones and coffee on the grill would start a fire, rowed boats by putting them in a row, gently held paper bags as if they were asleep (sleeping bags), and took everything she was told literally. If there is time, discuss how homonyms and slang can be misunderstood by people.
2. Mr. Rogers said it was the best camping trip ever. Why did he say that? Although Amelia Bedelia ruined most of it, she didn't do anything to be mean. She also made a great meal and was the only one to remember Mr. Rogers' birthday. Saying it was the best camping trip ever was Mr. Rogers' way of thanking Amelia Bedelia for her service.
3. Amelia Bedelia made many mistakes, but she never stopped trying. What did you learn from her? Answers will vary. Accept all reasonable answers. Encourage students to remember that everyone makes mistakes and that things can turn out well when people have good attitudes.

WRITE A PARAGRAPH

Have students relate one aspect of *Amelia Bedelia Goes Camping* to their own lives by writing a paragraph: Think about the things you say every day—slang or homonyms—that might confuse Amelia Bedelia. Write down three phrases or words. Then tell a story about what Amelia Bedelia might do if she heard you say these things.

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Instructions: Write your answers in the spaces below.

1. Amelia Bedelia did some odd things. What were some of the odd things she did?

2. Mr. Rogers said it was the best camping trip ever. Why did he say that?

3. Amelia Bedelia made many mistakes, but she never stopped trying. What did you learn from her?