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Reading Warm-Up List

Story Words

they

wasp

butterflies

salt

protects

play

all

Sound-Out Words

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webbed

thrush

doze

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I like mud—gobs and globs
and blobs of mud.

There are animals that like
mud as much as I do!





River otters like mud.

An otter will make its home next to a river.



Then it can flip and flop and slip and slop
in the mud for fun.


Ducks like mud.



The mud in a pond is loaded with bugs.



A duck wades in the mud. It digs for bugs with its bill and gobbles them up.

A photograph of a frog leaping from a muddy bank into a pond. The frog is in mid-air, its body stretched out, with its long legs extended. The background is a blurred green landscape with tall grasses. The water in the pond is dark and muddy. Another frog is visible in the water in the lower right.

Frogs like mud.

Frogs have long, strong legs and webbed feet.
They can swim well in mud-filled ponds.

Mud is a big help to frogs. Some animals think that frogs are a terrific snack.



But this frog is well hidden in the mud. Other animals will not eat it for lunch.

The thrush likes mud.
She makes a nest
of mud and twigs
and grass.



The mud makes
her nest snug
and strong.



The potter wasp likes mud.



She makes little pots of mud.



Then she drops her eggs in the pots.



New wasps wiggle from the pots.

Butterflies like mud.



Butterflies gather to sip mud from a puddle.



Mud has salt and other things in it that butterflies need to eat.

Pigs like mud—a lot!



When it is hot, pigs doze in the mud.

Mud protects a pig's skin from the hot sun.



Piglets like to clomp and stomp in mud.

WE like mud.
We like to swish and splish and
splash and dash and play in
mud all day!



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