



## **Ned's Pup**

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 1 and *In the Valley*, page 16

New word: **dinner**

Ned has a pup.  
The pup's name is Queen.  
Ned and Queen are in the valley.  
They are at the river.

Queen gets a snake.  
"No, Queen, no!" yells Ned.  
Ned gets the snake.  
He puts the snake in the river.  
The snake is not hurt.

Ned and Queen are in the river.  
They are jumping and kicking.  
Queen gets a fish.

"No, Queen, no!" yells Ned.  
Ned gets the fish.  
He puts the fish in the river.  
The fish is not hurt.

Ned and Queen are at their tent.  
They have dinner.  
Ned has an egg and an apple for dinner.  
He has wings for dinner.  
Queen gets an egg.  
"No, Queen, no!" yells Ned.  
Queen runs and runs.  
She has an egg for dinner.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the name of Ned's pup.  
Ned and Queen are at the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Queen gets a \_\_\_\_\_.  
Queen has an \_\_\_\_\_ for dinner.

# Picking Strawberries

By Joan Lange Keller

Skill Book 2 and *City Living*, page 25

New word: **strawberries**

Carmen and her sister, Kim, lived in the city.

They were going to a farm to pick fresh strawberries.

"I heard it is fun to pick strawberries," said Carmen.

When they got to the farm, the farmer said, "I will give you two boxes to start.

Put the strawberries you pick in the boxes.

When they get filled, I will give you other boxes.

A filled box is 50 cents."

The girls started to pick.

The strawberries were big and red.

They quickly filled the two boxes.

But the sun was hot.

"It is very hot to fill a lot of boxes," said Kim.

"Yes," said Carmen.

"But let's fill two other boxes."

The girls filled the other boxes quickly.

Then they stopped picking.

They were happy they did not get sick from the hot sun.

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The girls filled four boxes with big, red, fresh strawberries.

“Thank you for letting us pick strawberries,” they said to the farmer.

“It was a lot of fun, but hot,” said Kim.

“This is two dollars for four filled boxes,” said Carmen.

The girls went back to the city.

“Let's visit Mother and Dad and give them two boxes of strawberries,” said Carmen.

## The Birthday Party

By Linda Del Bene

Skill Book 3, Lesson 17

Sam is planning a party. Sam is planning a party for Saturday night. It will be a birthday party for his sister Ellen. Ellen will be 30 this year.

Sam's party will start at 8 on Saturday night. He will fix dinner for Ellen's friends. Ann and Cal and Bob and Pam will be at the party. Jill and Kim and Ned will be there.

There will be singing at the party. Everyone will be singing Happy Birthday to Ellen. And there will be cake. Sam will bake a big birthday cake for Ellen. Everyone will be singing, and Ellen will cut her birthday cake.

Ellen will be 30 on Saturday, and she will have a big party.

# The Swimming Pool

By Ron Wise

Skill Book 3 and *Changes*, page 17

New words: **swimming** (swim ming), **pool**

Maria and two of her friends are going to the swimming pool. Maria's father drives them there. He tells them, "Have fun at the pool. I'll come back to pick you up at four o'clock. Be ready."

Maria pays two dollars to get into the pool. Rosa pays two dollars. Carla pays two dollars.

The sun is hot, and the girls go into the pool. "I like swimming," Maria tells her friends.

"So do I," says Carla.

"I love to go swimming when it's hot," says Rosa.

The girls see Pablo and Glenn at the pool. Pablo and Glenn go to classes with them. The boys and girls play in the water. Then they race each other in the pool. After that they sit near the pool and say what they have been doing while they have no classes.

Then they go back into the pool and swim some more.

Maria hears a woman yelling to her. She is a woman who works at the pool. "Maria, your father is here! He says it's time for you to go home!"

Maria and her friends tell the boys they have to go home. Then they get into Maria's father's car.

"Did you have fun at the pool?" Maria's father asks.

"Yes, we did!" Maria, Rosa, and Carla answer.

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