

ACTIVITY GUIDE

Episode 202: Tall Tales, Landforms, and "tch" Words **Book**: *The Bunyans* by Audrey Wood





Words to Know

A **tall tale** is a fictional story that stretches the truth.

The elements of a tall tale are:

- 1. The main character has a regular job, but is larger-thanlife in size and abilities.
- 2. Details in the story are exaggerated beyond belief. This is also known as a hyperbole.
- 3. The main character encounters a problem and solves it in a funny way.
- 4. The characters use common language and resemble everyday people.

Think About It

In the book *The Bunyans* written by Audrey Wood, the author uses tall tales to describe how landforms in the United States were formed. Look at this illustration from the book and the list of elements from "Words to Know." Identify the elements that make the book *The Bunyans* a tall tale.



Write It

Answer the following questions about the illustration.

What is the regular job of the character? _____

What details are exaggerated in the picture?

What is the problem in the picture and how did the character fix it?

Does the character in the picture resemble an everyday person?

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