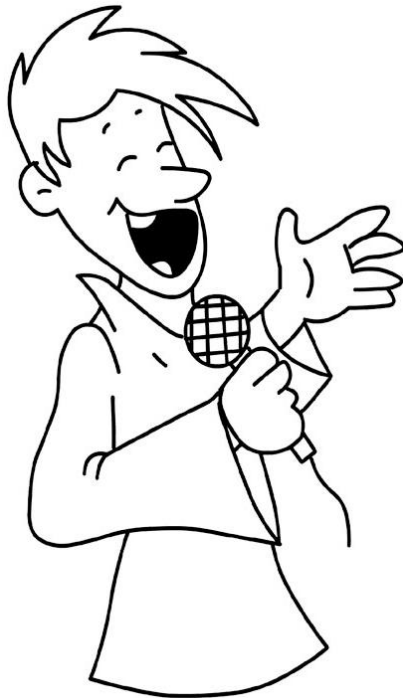


*La Bamba*  
*Reading Booklet*



## Vocabulary

applause	n.	when everybody claps their hands
debut	n./v.	to perform for the first time
duo	n.	two people
embarrassed	adj.	to feel ashamed about something
forty-five record	n.	a small record with one song on each side
limelight	n.	when all the attention is on you
pantomime	v.	to pretend you are singing or acting without sound; lip-sync
rehearsal	n.	a practice for a performance
talent	n.	the ability to do something well
volunteered	v.	offering to help without reward

Write the best vocabulary word under each picture.



## Spelling

Write the spelling word best related to each word.

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|------------|-------|------------|-------|
| 1. pound   | _____ | 11. scared | _____ |
| 2. hundred | _____ | 12. sink   | _____ |
| 3. paw     | _____ | 13. falcon | _____ |
| 4. stop    | _____ | 14. love   | _____ |
| 5. loud    | _____ | 15. wet    | _____ |
| 6. angry   | _____ | 16. hunt   | _____ |
| 7. deer    | _____ | 17. tall   | _____ |
| 8. blame   | _____ | 18. ghost  | _____ |
| 9. boat    | _____ | 19. queen  | _____ |
| 10. head   | _____ | 20. wait   | _____ |

Write a short **one-word answer** to each question.

21. What will a hawk eat? \_\_\_\_\_
22. What would you launch into the ocean? \_\_\_\_\_
23. Who are you loyal to? \_\_\_\_\_
24. What reptile has a claw? \_\_\_\_\_
25. What place is noisy? \_\_\_\_\_
26. What will a coward do? \_\_\_\_\_
27. What costs a thousand NT? \_\_\_\_\_
28. What is a male adult fawn called? \_\_\_\_\_
29. Where does a royal person live? \_\_\_\_\_
30. Where can people drown? \_\_\_\_\_

## The Characters

Write three words describing each character. Then, in one sentence, write who each person is in the story.

Benny

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Petra Lopez

\_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Roybal

\_\_\_\_\_

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Manuel's Father

\_\_\_\_\_

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## The Talent Show

Number the acts in order of when they were in the talent show. Then, paste or draw a picture about each act.

The Karate Kid

La Bamba

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Tooth and Toothbrush

Girls Jumping Rope

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A Trumpet Player

Violin Duo

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## **A Scratched Record**

Answer the questions about the main story problem.

How did the record get scratched? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Why didn't Manuel know it was scratched? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

How did a scratched record affect Manuel's performance?

\_\_\_\_\_

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Now write an alternate ending to the story.

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## Story Parts

Choose a Magic Tree House Book from the library and finish the graphic organizer.

**Book Title**

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**Characters**

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**Setting**

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**Plot**

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**Main Problem**

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**Solution**

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## Brain Power

Write the short answer to each riddle

1. What has a face, two hands,  
but no arms or legs? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What goes up but never comes  
back down? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What has a thumb and four  
fingers but is not alive? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What weighs more, a pound of  
iron or a pound of feathers? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How many 9s are there  
between 1 and 100? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Two fathers and two sons sat  
down and ate exactly three  
eggs for breakfast. Each person  
had one egg. How? \_\_\_\_\_

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7. What has four legs but can't  
walk? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. What goes up and down but  
never moves? \_\_\_\_\_





## Transitive Vs. Intransitive Verbs

When discussing direct objects, verbs can be separated into two groups: *transitive* and *intransitive*. A transitive verb is a verb that has a direct object. For example, in the sentence:

Monkeys eat bananas.

the word *eat* is a transitive verb with the direct object bananas. The transitive verbs listed below usually have direct objects.

On the other hand, an intransitive verb does not have a direct object. It is a complete thought without the direct object. We say:

The man will hop.

It is a complete thought without a direct object. The intransitive verbs listed below usually don't have direct objects. Some of them never have direct objects. If you are not sure whether a verb is transitive or intransitive, just ask the question, "What?" For example, "What does the monkey have?"

<b>Transitive</b>	<b>Intransitive</b>
have	jump
give	run
hit	swim
watch	think
ignore	sit

## Direct Object

A direct object is a word that follows a verb that is the object of that verb. For example, in the sentence:

Jimmy is playing basketball.

the word *basketball* is the direct object of the verb *playing*. There are some important things to remember about direct objects:

1. Direct objects are always nouns or pronouns.
2. A direct object never follows a preposition.
3. A direct object will answer the question "What?" after a verb.
4. "Be" verbs are neither transitive nor intransitive. They are linking verbs. This means that "be" verbs never have direct objects.

Circle the verbs in the sentences below. Then write tran. (transitive) or intr. (intransitive) above each verb. If it is a transitive verb, draw an arrow to the direct object.

1. The pigeons fly wildly in the park.
2. Why is Josh throwing that donut in the garbage?
3. The beaver built a lodge in that river.
4. I saw Kate yesterday. She was buying a CD.
5. Harmony loves cats and rabbits.
6. Don't look at the sun. It will burn your eyes.

# Talent Show

Write a sentence about what each person is doing.

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## Talent Show Writing

Choose one of the pictures from the previous page and  
write a graphic organizer about it.

**Story Title**

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**Characters**

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**Setting**

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**Plot**

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**Main Problem**

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**Solution**

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## Ritchie Valens

Ritchie Valens was born on May 13, 1941 in California. He began recording music when he was sixteen years old. He recorded a lot of different hits, including La Bamba. On February 13, 1959, when Valens was seventeen years old, he died in a small-plane crash in Iowa. That day became known as "The Day the Music Died." Valens became very influential as a rock and roll musician.



Use the internet to find answers to the following questions about Ritchie Valens. Make sure to write your answers in complete sentences.

1. What two other musicians died in the plane crash?

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2. What were two other hit songs from Ritchie Valens?

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3. What instruments did Ritchie Valens play?

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## Geography Category Game

Think of a word that can fit in each blank. You may use the internet to help you find answers if you want.

	Country	City	Body of Water	Mountain	Score
<b>B</b>					
<b>i</b>					
<b>C</b>					
<b>P</b>					
<b>O</b>					
Bonus Points					<u>Total</u>