



# Champion of the Marsh

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### AIMS/OBJECTIVES

Working as a group (up to 22 people) to verbally and logically organize CHAMPION OF THE MARSH from memory

### SKILLS

Memory, logic, organization, teamwork

### MATERIALS

Scissors, downloaded exercise cut into separate pieces

### PROCEDURE

1. Download page 3 and cut the abridged version of CHAMPION OF THE MARSH into separate pieces.
2. Each student receives one part of the story. (If there are more than 22 students, pair students into groups as necessary. If there are less than 22, give some students two or more parts.)
3. Give each student (or group of two or three students) a minute or two to memorize his or her part/s. If necessary, have the students write their part down to be used for emergency purposes only, i.e. if they forget.
4. After the allotted time, collect all parts of the story.
5. Speaking only, students must work as a group to put the story in chronological order. Once they have all agreed on the order, students recite the story (each speaking his or her part/s) from memory.





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4. Matt picked up a rock and tossed it in the water.
5. A terrible, growling voice screamed, "Owwwwwww!"
6. Matt saw a creature as twisted and gnarled as the roots of an ancient tree.
7. Matt stepped out from behind the tree. "Who you calling a monster?"
8. Matt struggled to keep up as the creature glided through the swamp.
9. Mo stopped by a thicket and signaled for Matt to stay out of sight.
10. Matt stared between gaps of branches at hundreds of creatures in a clearing.
11. The creatures trembled as they watched Matt move into the clearing.
12. Mo laid two arms over Matt's shoulder. "They're bamboozled."
13. Matt shouted, "Wimpy? I'll play your Marsh Bash!"
14. Mo clapped all of his hands together and yelled, "Let the games begin!"
15. Matt was ushered to an area where ten wooden barrels formed a circle.
16. Creatures were scandalized that a monster had beaten them at their own game.
17. Matt tossed the pinecone on the ground. "What's next?" he asked.
18. When Matt's turn came, he hefted the stone and then raced forward.
19. Before launching the stone, Matt stopped short.
20. Matt let out a blood-curdling shriek that made most of the creatures faint.
21. Matt returned to the stump and found Kenny sleeping on a patch of grass.
22. Kenny opened his eyes and saw the laurel wreath on Matt's head.





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