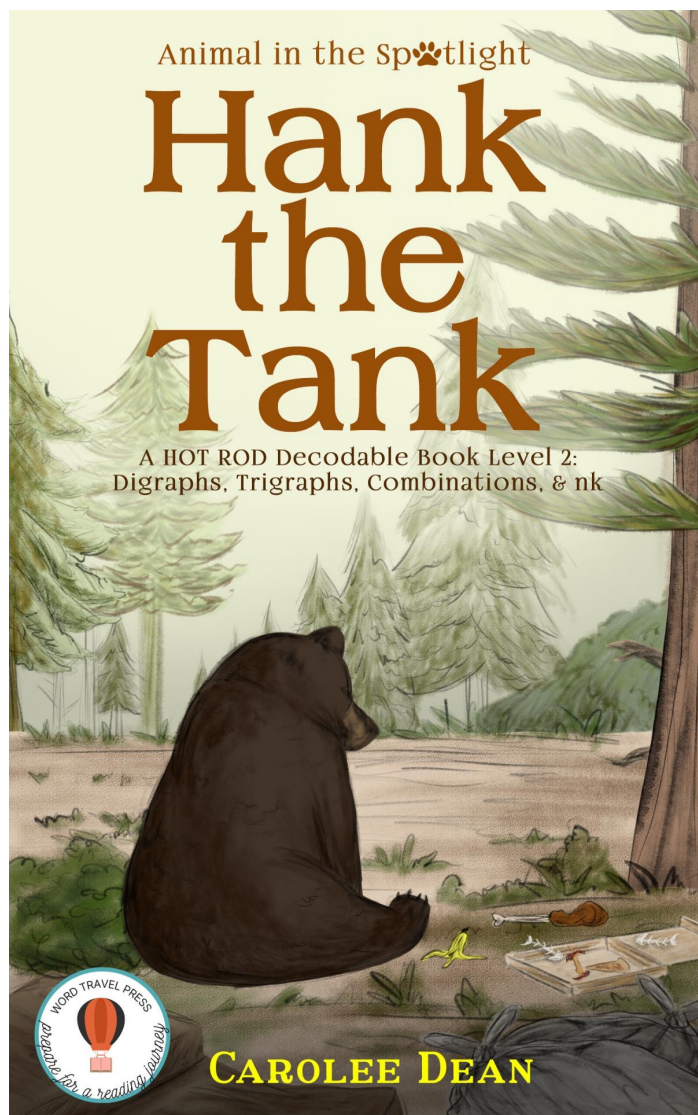


Free Activity Guide for *Hank the Tank* by Carolee Dean

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Hank the Tank is a fictionalized story inspired by a bear who made headlines in 2022 for breaking into dozens of homes in the South Lake Tahoe area. His life was spared by an interesting discovery found in DNA. This chapter book in verse includes a background section about the real story, interesting facts about black bears, and tips for visiting bear country. Part 1 of the story is included in this Activity Guide.

Rereading is a powerful strategy for building fluency. Have students read the story one time just for fun. Then read it again to complete the **Scavenger Hunt** and other activities included in this packet.

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Other activities included in this Activity Guide are the **Snack Attack Word Mash Up**, **Say It Again Sam**, and **Rhyme Time #1**. They are all from the *Hank the Tank Activity Book* coming summer of 2023 (sold separately).

Hank the Tank is from Level 2 of the HOT ROD series (Higher Order Thinking Through the Reading of Decodables). The book was designed to provide reading practice with words containing digraphs, trigraphs, combinations, and the nk sound. For information about the scope and sequence of the program visit www.wordtravelpress.com.

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Part One

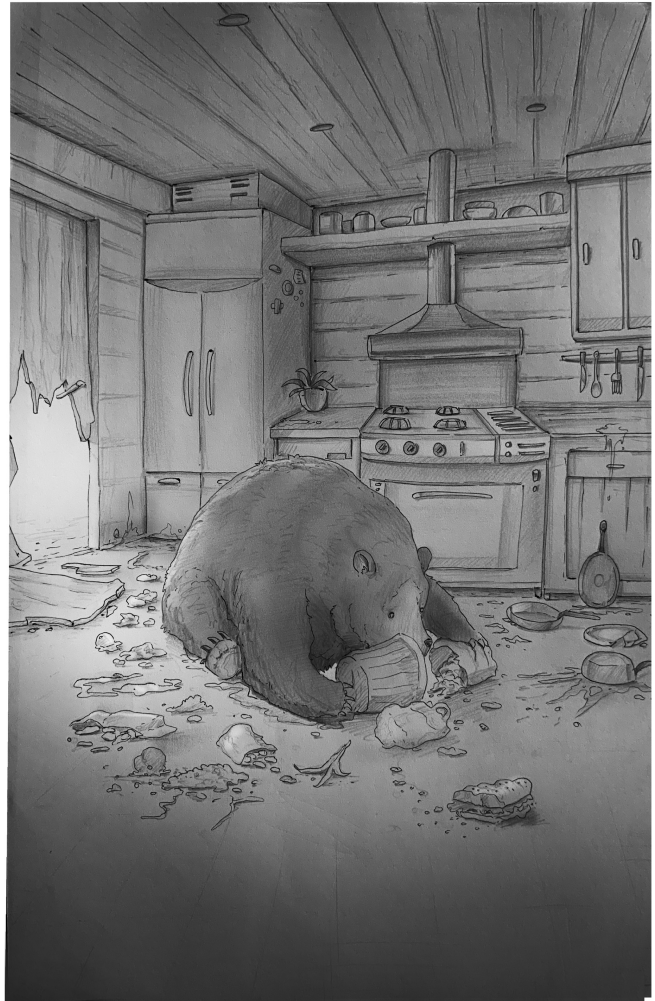
In the kitchen, lids are banging.
Skillets, pots, and pans are clanging.
Smash!
Crash!
I have a hunch
Hank the Tank is snatching lunch.

Clacking racks and smacking lips,
French dip sandwich, bags of chips.
Chops and chest-nuts, chicken wings.
Rotten bits of shocking things.

He checks the trash and cracks the chest.
Hank the Tank is on a quest.
Shallots, shell-fish, mussels, squid.
He licks a whisk and sniffs a lid.

Fennel and Atlantic fish,
Pollock and a she-crab dish.
We watch him from a hidden spot.
Beth: "Can we stop him?"
Seth: "I think not."

Hot links, gumbo, shrimp, and grits.
Hush! Be still until he quits.
The clunking bandit has his fill,
Then tromps off, stomping up the hill.



Snack Attack Word Mash-Up

Sometimes you can find clues to a word's meaning right inside of the word. This is especially true for the names of new food combinations. Look at the words below. Two foods have been combined to make a new food and a new word.

totchos = tater + nachos (nachos made with tater tots instead of tortilla chips).
grubbish = grub + rubbish (junk food)

Directions: Make a list of snack foods on a separate piece of paper. Take two foods from your list and make a new food combination. Describe your new food and give it a name.

Scavenger Hunt #1

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Directions: Read Part 1 of *Hank the Tank* just for fun. Then read it again to find the words that complete the phrases or sentences below. When you have found all the missing words, use the letter clues to reveal the secret message at the bottom of the page. The first line has been completed for you.

Hint: Some of the numbers repeat.

Clacking racks and **s m a c k i n g l i p s**
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 6 10 1

French dip sandwich, bag of 4 11 6 10 1

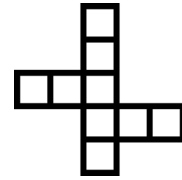
Pollock and a 1 11 12 - 4 13 14 15 16 6 1 11

Hush! Be still until he 17 18 6 19 1

Now use the number clues above to reveal the secret message below.

10 6 4 5 18 10 19 13 14 1 11

Scavenger Hunt #1



ANSWERS

Clacking racks and **s m a c k i n g l i p s**
 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 6 10 1

French dip sandwich, bag of **c h i p s**
 4 11 6 10 1

Pollock and a **s h e - c r a b d i s h**
 1 11 12 4 13 14 15 16 6 1 11

Hush! Be still until he **q u i t s**
 17 18 6 19 1

Now use the number clues above to reveal the secret message below.

p i c k u p t r a s h
10 6 4 5 18 10 19 13 14 1 11



Say It Again, Sam One-Syllable Words



Initial Sound Deletion

based on *Hank the Tank*

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Directions: The teacher or parent says the word. The student repeats the word. The teacher or parent says which sound to delete. The student says the part that is left.

Teacher	student	Teacher	Student
Say....		Say it again but leave out...	
Hank	Hank	/h/	ank
duck	duck	/d/	uck
think	think	/th/	ink
shelf	shelf	/sh/	elf
chant	chant	/ch/	ant
chip	chip	/ch/	ip
song	song	/s/	ong
whack	whack	/wh/	ack
quit	quit	/kw/	it
sink	sink	/s/	ink

/10



Rhyme Time #1

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Directions: Read the target words below, and then:

1. Circle words that rhyme.
2. Underline words that start with the same sound. This is called *alliteration*.
3. Use the target word and a word that starts with the same sound to write a sentence. Use another piece of paper if needed.

1. Hank	tank	hash	thick	bank	had
	Sentence: Hank had hash for lunch.				
2. trash	smack	smash	track	crash	trap
	Sentence:				
3. hunch	hug	lunch	hunk	lunch	fill
	Sentence:				
4. crack	crab	stack	crash	spat	back
	Sentence:				
5. think	drop	pink	thick	drink	thin
	Sentence:				
6. quit	win	quest	quick	grit	sit
	Sentence:				
7. catch	hatch	can	hat	cash	snatch
	Sentence:				
8. whack	shack	whip	sack	when	track
	Sentence:				