



## Story Guide

### ANDY'S WILD AMPHIBIAN SHOW

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Watch the video of storyteller Andy Offutt Irwin live at the 2019 National Storytelling Festival [here](#).

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Story run time is 00:00 - 26:19

Now, enjoy exploring the story with the activities outlined below.



### explore it

- How does Andy bring attention to the sign language interpreter at the beginning of the story? Why do you think he does this?
- How does Andy make the story interesting and relatable for both adults and young people?
- Andy uses brief pauses very effectively in this story. How does this silence add to the humor in the story?



### think it

- Describe the visit to the Jones's house. What does Andy like in Kay's room that he asks his mother for after their visit?
- How do Andy and Johnny savor their last good day of summer? What do they catch?
- Describe what Andy's mom gives him for the tadpoles, and tell how he uses it.
- What does Andy see at Marineland? What idea does he get from his visit?
- Who follows Andy home from the creek? What happens to Jeremiah, and how does Andy get revenge on his sister?



### create it

- Homophones are words that sound alike, but have different meanings. Andy uses the homophones "current shoes" and "catching flies". What are the two meanings of these examples? Name some other homophones and try writing a joke using this type of play on words. Share it with your family.
- Andy changes his voice when he goes back in time to describe the phone his sister was using. Try using your voice in a different way to describe something from the past or future.
- Draw Andy dressed up to go shopping for school clothes.



### tell it

- Andy describes how telephones, clothes dryers, and cameras were different when he was growing up. Ask an adult about their experiences with phones, clothes dryers, cameras, and any other things that they remember that were different when they were children. Share these stories with a friend.
- Andy encourages everyone to savor this day. Journal about some fun adventures you've had that you feel contributed to your savoring the day.