

Chapter 2

Simple Closed

did not yet well then bus
red hum path mess rush that

Complex

think wept sense still left went
dust rust spin black bumps spun
thick plant sand crept fast trick

Suffixes

stopped twisting wished running grabbed
thrilled checked brushed shifted quickly
cracked slipped stunned asked dragged

Phrases

don't rush at buses Ted was thrilled into the plants
something left it was a red plant through the sand
as the bus moved out of here thick black gas

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Red Plants

Ted stopped to think of the mess he was in. This was a bad mess! The bus was not running well. The kids were sad and wept in the back of the bus. This mess did not make sense. Rocks don't rush at buses. This must be a trick. Yet the rock was twisting in the sand and rushing back at the bus. Ted wished that he had something to toss at the rock. Suddenly the rock stopped and spun, and then it was still.

Ted was thrilled. He checked the kids and then left the bus to see the rock. Ted brushed off the dust and checked the crust on the rock. It was a black rock with a lot of bumps, but it was still a rock. Suddenly it shifted, and Ted ran back to the bus. The rock spun quickly, and then it cracked. Chunks of rock struck the bus, and a thick black gas slipped from the rock.

Ted was stunned. Something left the rock. It was

red, and it slid up the sandy hill. It was a red plant. It slipped quickly through the sand. The rock was still; it didn't spin and hum.

“Kids, the rock is still. Let's get the bus back on the path,” yelled Ted.

“What was that red plant that left the rock?” asked Bill.

“It left so fast, I couldn't tell,” said Ted.

Ted got the bus back on the path just as six rocks hit the sand. The rocks spun and hummed, and then red plants slipped from the rocks. As the bus moved in the sand, Ted got sad. Red plants had crept onto the sandy path. He would just have to run into the plants.

As Ted ran the bus into the plants, the bus was dragged to a stop. Plants left the rocks and grabbed it. Plants went on top of the bus and slipped into the cracks on the bus. All the kids yelled.

“Ted, get us out of here,” yelled Jill.

Ted quickly said, “The bus is(0.6)

