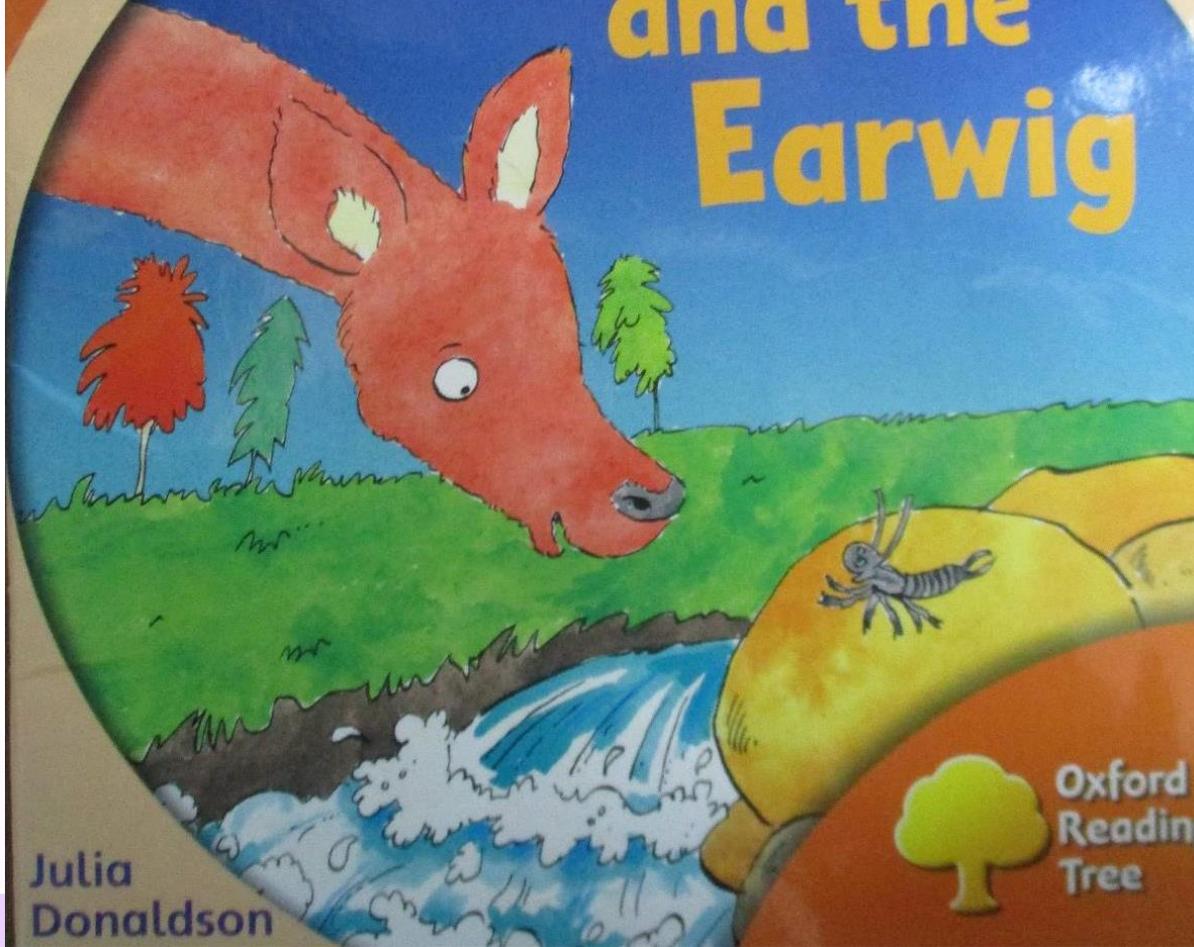


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# The Deer and the Earwig



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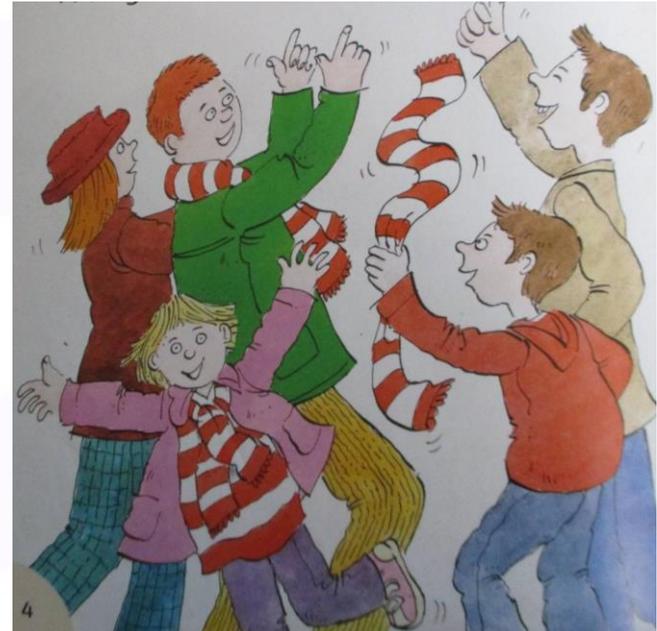
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# I Hear with my Little Ear

I hear with my little ear....  
Hooray! Hooray! A very loud cheer.





**I hear with my little ear....  
A very loud bump!  
(My dad can't steer.)**

I hear with my little ear....  
A snap of twigs. It's a very shy deer.



# The Deer and the Earwig

Here is a stream. Here is a deer.  
And here is a little black earwig.



Oh dear! The earwig has fallen into the stream!

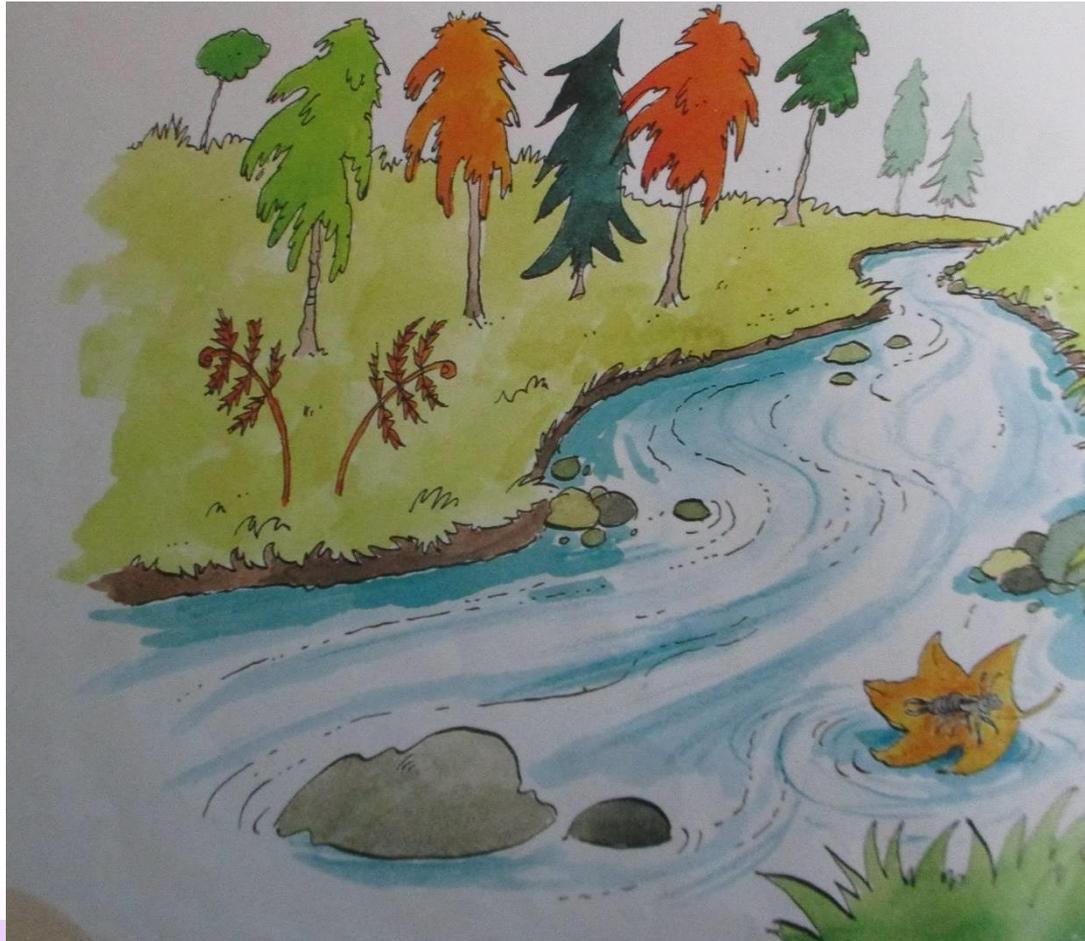
“Help! Help!” he cries.



**“Do not fear, I am here,” says the deer.  
She drops a leaf into the stream.**



The earwig climbs on to the leaf.  
He sails to the bank.



**“Thank you, deer,” says the earwig.  
“You saved my life.”**



A week later.....

Here is the stream. Here is the deer. And here is the little black earwig.



**Oh dear! Here is a hunter!  
He has a spear.**



The deer can't see the hunter.  
She can't hear him.



**Help! The hunter lifts his spear.**



But here comes the earwig.



**“Do not fear, I am here!” he says.**



The earwig nips the hunter's ear. The hunter jumps and drops the spear.



The deer runs away.



**“Thank you, earwig,” says the deer.  
“You saved my life.”**



# Questions

1. How did the deer save the earwig?
2. What is the name of the weapon the hunter had?
3. What do you think the hunter was trying to do? Explain.
4. How did the earwig save the deer from the hunter?