Purple Book 1

Story 1: A Fish Tale
Prereading Activities

Table of Contents ▶	Turn to the Table of Contents page. Ask the students: **How many stories are in the reading book?** If the students respond *6,* review the list of titles. Think aloud with the students:
	• **Is New Words a story? Let's look to see if New Words is a story? What page should I go to? Page74. Ah, New Words is a Glossary! It is a place where we can learn more about the new words in the reading book.**
	• **Let's look at the Table of Contents again. How many stories are in this book? Five stories! Which story do you think will be your favorite? Which story do you think is fiction? Which story do you think is full of facts?** You may have the students write a predication log for this Reader and compare their choices when they complete the Reader.
	• Write the title of the story "A Fish Tale" on the board, and have the students find the title and the page number. Turn to page 1 of the reading book.
Title Page ▶	Discuss the title and the picture with the students:
	• **Where do you think the story takes place?**
	• **What animals are in the picture?**
	• **Look at the title and the picture. What do you think the story will be about?**
	• **What clues did you use?**
	Write the students' predictions on the board. Some students may guess that it is a story about a fish; others may guess that it is a story about someone going fishing. Tell the students: **We will learn new words as we prepare for this story. You will have more clues and may want to add to or change your predictions about the story.**
New and Emphasized Syntax ▶	The following are the new and selected emphasized syntactic structures in this story:
	• **infinitive:** Ronnie wanted *to go* fishing.
	• **negative adverbs:** Dusty *never* went fishing.
	• **disjunction (*but*):** Dusty sat by the pond, *but* he wasn't patient.
	Check for the comprehension of linguistic structures. For example, write the following sentences on the board:
	José wanted *to go* fishing.
	José *will go* fishing.
	José goes fishing every day.