



A story from AUSTRALIA



Tiddalick the Frog

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There is no water left for the other animals.



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The **KOOKABURRA** tells funny stories, but Tiddalick doesn't laugh.



The **WOMBAT** begins to dance, but Tiddalick doesn't laugh.



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dance until he **TIES HIMSELF INTO A BIG KNOT** .

Tiddalick opens his mouth and starts to laugh. He laughs, and laughs, and laughs and all the water comes back into the river.

Now there is water again for everyone.

From that day, Tiddalick is never **greedy** again and drinks only what he needs.

GLOSSARY

meeting = incontro

wise = saggio

to laugh = ridere

to curl up = raggomitolarsi

to roll = rotolare

to tell = raccontare

greedy = avido

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