

**e-future Classic Readers**

**LEVEL 2-27**

# The Beginning of Armadillos



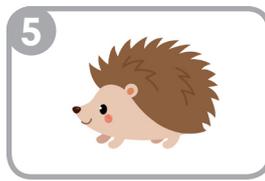
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**A** Write the words under the correct pictures.

curl up ~~shell~~ hedgehog confused reach trust



shell



**B** Find and circle the words in the box. Then trace the words and read the sentence.

**Word Box**

~~river~~  
paw  
jaguar  
prickles  
pulling

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**Painted Jaguar sat down by the river.**

**He started pulling prickles out of his paw.**

**C** Write the numbers in order so the story makes sense.  
Then fill in the blanks with the correct words.

~~lived~~ told like armadillos swim filled

-  The tortoise taught the hedgehog how to \_\_\_\_\_, and the hedgehog taught the tortoise how to curl up.
-  Slow Tortoise, Prickly Hedgehog, and Painted Jaguar all lived near a river.
-  Painted Jaguar's mom called them "\_\_\_\_\_."
-  They began to look \_\_\_\_\_ each other.
-  Painted Jaguar's mom \_\_\_\_\_ him how to eat tortoises and hedgehogs.
-  He thought hedgehog was a tortoise, so his paw got \_\_\_\_\_ with prickles.

**D** Complete the sentences with the correct words.

1. Use your paw ( scoop / scooping / to scoop ) a tortoise out of his shell.
2. Painted Jaguar saw Prickly Hedgehog and Slow Tortoise, but he was ( confuse / confused / confusing ).
3. Slow Tortoise jumped into the river and ( swam / swum / swimmmed ) away.
4. He started ( pull / pulling / to pulling ) prickles out of his paw.
5. Slow Tortoise and Prickly Hedgehog learned ( what / who / how ) to swim and curl.
6. And that is how the armadillo ( came / come / coming ) to be!