**The Green Genie**

**UNIT 1 How the polar bear got his Stumpy Tail**

**One cold evening a polar bear met a fox by an icy pond He**

**saw that the fox had five beautiful fish. The bear asked the**

**fox where he had got his supper. The fox replied that he had**

**caught all the fish. This was not true. The fox had stolen the**

**fish! I would really like to catch some fish too, said the**

**polar bear. How did you catch so many? It’s easy! You dangle**

**your tail in this pond and wait. Don’t stop after a few small**

**bites. Wait for the big fish to bite and then pull up your tail.**

**So the polar bear cut a hole in the ice and dangled his tail in**

**the icy water. After some time, he bear had not caught**

**anything and he was getting very hungry. The fox called out,**

**The longer you wait, the more fish you will catch. The bear**

**replied, My tail is much bigger than yours so I’m sure to catch**

**twice as many as you. He pushed his tail down deeper into**

**the hole and thought about his fantastic dinner. By eight**

**o’clock, his tail was frozen in the pond. He was tired of this**

**fishing and he was really hungry now. He tried to pull his tail**

**back up but nothing happened. It was stuck to the ice! He**

**moved this way and that way. But then...SNAP! His beautiful**

**tail suddenly snapped right off! Sadly, the bear walked off**

**the ice. He had not caught any fish and he had lost his tail. He**

**felt very silly indeed. The tail never grew again and maybe**

**that is why polar bears have stumpy tails.**