

THE THING

<u>CRICKET</u>	"Krick-Krick"
<u>DUCK</u>	"Ouack, Quack"
<u>SNAKE</u>	"Hiss, Hiss"
<u>FROG</u>	"Rib-It, Rib-It"
<u>BROOK</u>	"Babble, Babble"
<u>THING</u>	"Knock, Knock, Knock"

Once upon a time' a Cub Scout went walking along the shore. The first one he met was CRICKET_____.

"Good morning, Mr. CRICKET_____." said the Cub Scout. "What are you doing here?"

"Oh" said the CRICKET_____, "I'm singing so the THING_____ won't catch me.

"Where is the THING_____?" asked the Cub Scout.

"Oh, he's around," said the CRICKET_____ mysteriously.

Soon the Cub Scout met DUCK_____.

"Good morning, Mrs. DUCK_____", he said. "What are you doing?"

"I'm swimming so the THING_____ won't catch me.

"Where is the THING_____?" asked the Cub Scout.

"He's under the blue," answered the DUCK_____.

The Cub Scout wondered if that meant under the sky. He walked along a little further and soon met a SNAKE_____ slithering along the shore.

"Good morning, Mr. SNAKE_____" said the Cub Scout. "What are you doing here?"

"I'm sneaking away so the THING_____ won't catch me," replied the SNAKE_____.

"Where is the THING_____?" asked the Cub Scout.

"Under the gold", replied the SNAKE_____.

And the Cub Scout thought he meant under the sun. Soon he met the FROG_____ sitting on a lily pad.

"Good morning, Mr. FROG_____", said the Cub Scout. "What are you doing here?"

"I'm sitting on a lily pad to keep the THING_____ from catching me" said the FROG_____.

"Where is the THING_____?" asked the Cub Scout, who was beginning to be a little afraid.

"In the blue" answered the FROG_____.

The Cub Scout walked on and said, "I wish somebody could show me the THING_____."

"Good morning, Cub Scout" said the BROOK_____. "I can show you the THING_____. Just look in my face." The Cub Scout looked into the BROOK_____ and he saw....the Cub Scout.