

Gr. 2, Theme 2, Story 2  
Exploring Parks with Ranger Dockett, Fluency

visitors	tours	habitat	exploring
wonderful	place	people	city

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wonderful park. It is one of many parks  
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on bird-watching walks. And he gives special tours of the parks.  
Sometimes, he talks about the statues along the paths.  
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with the Mad Hatter! On his long walks through the city parks,  
Ranger Dockett keeps in touch with other rangers. Together,  
they make sure everyone follows the rules to keep the parks  
safe and clean. Ranger Dockett does his best  
to make each park a safe place where people can walk or play.  
Each day, Ranger Dockett teaches people how to  
care for special green spaces in the heart of the city.  
He shows them how to protect the plants and animals  
that live here. Each year, he plants young trees.  
He explains how important they are to the park habitat.  
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