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Kim, is
it pop?



Sam,
get off!



*Tip tock,
tip tip tock.*

I bet it
is dull.



No.



Kim! It's hip hop! It is not pop and it is not rock. It is hip hop!



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Word count **149**

Covers:

Letters and Sounds Phase 2

Phonics

<i>Phonics 1</i>	Not Pop, Not Rock Go to the Laptop Man Gus and the Tin of Ham	<i>Phonics 2</i>	Deep in the Dark Woods Night Combat Ben's Jerk Chicken Van
<i>Phonics 3</i>	GBH Steel Pan Traffic Jam Platform 7	<i>Phonics 4</i>	The Rock Show Gaps in the Brain New Kinds of Energy

Book bands

<i>Pink</i>	Curry! Free Runners My Toys	<i>Red</i>	Shopping with Zombies Into the Scanner Planting My Garden
<i>Yellow</i>	Fit for Love The Lottery Ticket In the Stars	<i>Blue</i>	Awesome ATAs Wolves The Giant Jigsaw
<i>Green</i>	Fly, May FLY! How to Start Your Own Crazy Cult The Care Home	<i>Orange</i>	Text Me The Last Soldier Best Friends



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Platform **7**

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A dark, post-apocalyptic cityscape. In the foreground, there is a large pile of rubble and debris. In the middle ground, a traffic light hangs from a pole, and a street sign is visible. In the background, several skyscrapers are visible under a heavy, overcast sky. The overall atmosphere is gloomy and desolate.

It is the end of a long year.

It was a wicked year, a dark year,
when we had to fight to secure this
planet for our children.

Now there are just a few of us left.
We are less than one hundred, for
sure.



Our planet is poisoning us.

The air poisons us. Now masks must be worn, without fail.

Without masks, the poison air will kill us.

The soil poisons us.

We must cook all food, or it will kill us.

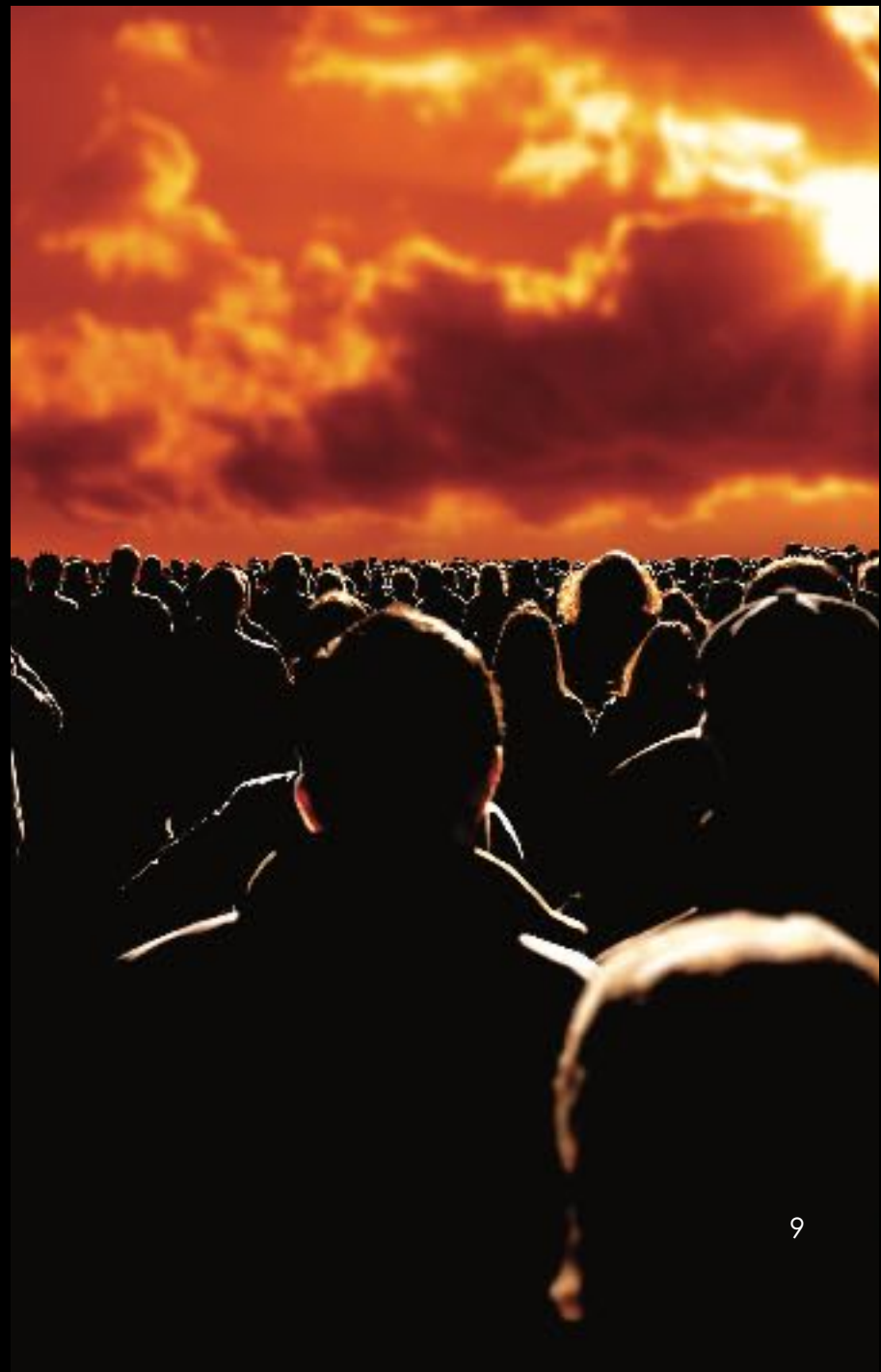
The rivers poison us too.

We cannot drink from the rivers.

For us, all of this planet is now toxic.

It is hard not to weep for this planet.

It is hard not to weep for us on this planet.



We turn and go. She stands
and looks at us go.

She is right. We cannot fight them.
We cannot win.

This planet is no longer for us.
We are all lost.

How much longer do we have
on this planet?



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Word count **645**

Covers:

Letters and Sounds Phase 4

Phonics

Phonics 1 Not Pop, Not Rock
Go to the Laptop Man
Gus and the Tin of Ham

Phonics 2 Deep in the Dark Woods
Night Combat
Ben's Jerk Chicken Van

Phonics 3 G B H
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In the Stars

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