



Our reading skills:

ocabulary

nfer

redict

xplain

etrieve

equence

Today we will be using these skills:

VOCABULARY

INFER

EXPLAIN

PREDICT

SEQUENCE



Vocabulary we will need:

These words are homophones as they sound the same but have different meanings and are spelt differently:

tail- *animal part.*

tale -*story.*

The characters in this story use real bird names. E.g. Otis Owl – owl is the real bird name Otis is his character name.

Can you find the other birds mentioned in the story?

A Tale of Two Feathers



My turn ...

Together ...

Your turn ...

Please read the story together with your adult and talk about the questions as you go along. There is no need to write these answers unless you want to. There will be a separate comprehension sheet to answer the questions. Please complete the comprehension questions in full sentences where possible.

Part 2 of the story will be next week.



Is this fact or fiction?

One starry night, Otis Owl was sitting high in the trees, hunting for a tasty mouse. Suddenly, he spotted a shiny blue feather. 'I've never seen this sort of feather before,' he thought. 'I wonder who it belongs to...'

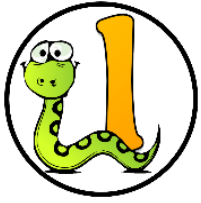
He asked his friend, Nabila Nightjar, "Have you seen any birds with feathers like this?"

"I've never seen this sort of feather before," said Nabila. "Why don't you ask Nigel Nightingale?"

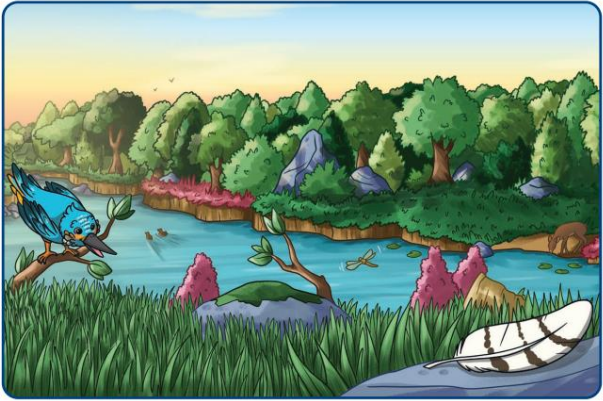


Otis took the feather to his friend, Nigel Nightingale. "Have you seen any birds with feathers like this?" he asked.

"I've never seen this sort of feather before," said Nigel. "Why don't you ask Candace Corncrake?"



It is a story, so it is fiction. The illustrations and the speech marks were the clues I used to tell me this.



Otis flew to see his friend, Candace Corncrake. "Have you seen any birds with feathers like this?" he asked.

"I've never seen this sort of feather before," said Candace. "Why don't you get some rest and search some more tomorrow night?"



The sun was starting to rise and the night was nearly over. Otis returned to his tree and settled down to sleep.

That morning, Kia Kingfisher was sitting by the river, searching for a delicious minnow. Suddenly, she spotted a stripy white feather.

'I don't know any birds with feathers like this,' she thought. 'I wonder where it came from...'



Explain why the words Wilma Woodpecker and Billy Blue Tit have capital letters.



Who did Kia the Kingfisher speak to first?



She asked her friend, Wilma Woodpecker, "Do you know who might have dropped this feather?"

"I don't know any birds with feathers like this," said Wilma.

"Why don't you ask Billy Blue Tit?"

Kia took the white feather to her friend, Billy Blue Tit. "Do you know who might have dropped this feather?" she asked.

"I don't know any birds with feathers like this," said Billy. "Why don't you ask Bertie Bullfinch?"





The words Wilma Woodpecker and Billy Blue Tit have capital letters because they are the names of the characters, they are proper nouns. .



Kia the Kingfisher spoke to her friend Wilma Woodpecker first.



Kia flew to see her friend, Bertie Bullfinch. "Do you know who might have dropped this feather?" she asked. "I don't know any birds with feathers like this," said Bertie. "Why don't you get some rest and search some more in the morning?"

The sun had begun to set and the day was nearly over. Exhausted, Kia settled down on a branch to rest.



What do you think will happen next?
(Find out next week)