4 Rabbit and Cocketta Bird

Rabbit lived in a hole in the ground between two rocks. He was a funny, kind and friendly animal. His home was small and simple and he didn't have lots of things to eat, but Rabbit had lots and lots of great friends.

'I like inviting my friends to come and eat with me,' Rabbit said. 'I love sharing my dinner with them and then talking *all* night with them!'

Rabbit knew all the animals that walked, hopped, swam and flew in the forest. He always stopped to help or to talk to them. But he couldn't talk to Cocketta Bird. She lived on a high cliff in the forest. She had no friends because she didn't want to stop to help or to talk to any of the other animals. Cocketta Bird had beautiful head feathers. She liked looking at her face in the lake all day. Rabbit was sad about that.

'Cocketta Bird needs a friend,' he thought. 'I've got an idea!'

'Cocketta Bird!' he called loudly one morning when he saw her near the lake. Cocketta Bird didn't answer him. 'Cocketta Bird!' he called more loudly. 'Let's be friends! Come and eat with me this evening!'

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Cocketta Bird looked at Rabbit, shook her head feathers at him and laughed. 'No. I'm too busy to eat with a rabbit. And your home is too small and simple,' she added. 'I only eat in big and beautiful homes, like mine.'

'But I have moonfish, blue cheese sandwiches and lime cakes for dinner this evening,' Rabbit answered. 'Please come!'

'I *love* eating moonfish, blue cheese sandwiches and lime cakes!' Cocketta Bird said. 'How many moonfish have you got?'

'Four,' Rabbit said.

'How many blue cheese sandwiches?'

'Five,' Rabbit answered.

'And how many lime cakes have you got?'

'I've got six of those,' he said quietly.

'OK,' she said. 'I can eat with you this evening.'

And she did. But she didn't talk to Rabbit. She didn't listen to his questions or answer them and she didn't ask Rabbit about his home or his hobbies. She just shook her beautiful head feathers at him and quickly ate all of his moonfish, all of his blue cheese sandwiches and all of his lime cakes and then flew back home again.

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The next day, Rabbit asked Cocketta Bird to dinner again and she ate all of his jungle fish, all of his carrot soup and all of his pear salad. Then she flew up and up, back home to her cliff again.

On the third day, Rabbit had another idea.

'I can't eat with you this evening, Cocketta Bird, but I've got some food for you,' he called when she came to look at her face in the lake. 'You can take it to your big, beautiful home to eat it there.'

Rabbit put a scarf on the ground quietly and carefully. He put two coconut biscuits on it. Then, more quietly, he hopped on the scarf and quickly made a big knot at the top.

'Come and get your food!' Rabbit called loudly from inside the scarf. The scarf was like a big bag with Rabbit inside it now.

Cocketta Bird picked up the scarf and flew back home with it.

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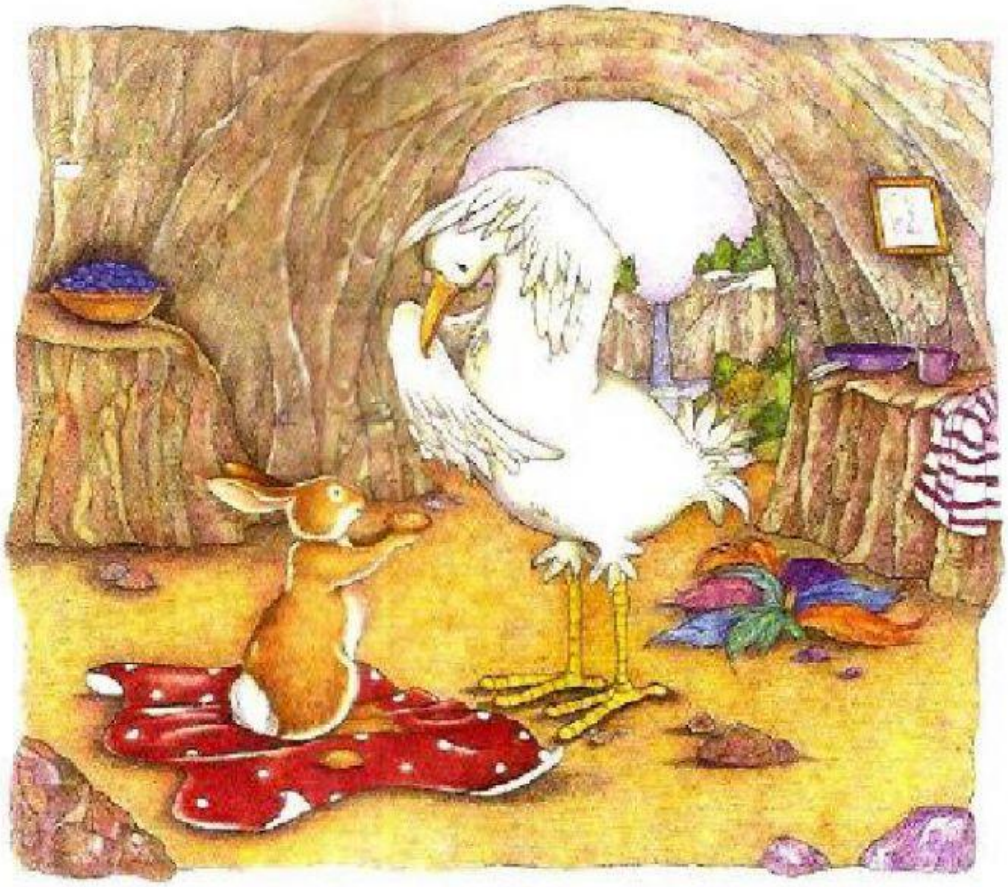
When she got home, Cocketta Bird took off the beautiful feathers from her head and then opened the scarf. Rabbit jumped out and looked at her kindly. He could see that her home was small and simple like his.

'Don't look at me! Don't look at me!' Cocketta Bird said. 'I haven't got my beautiful head feathers on!'



'Cocketta Bird,' Rabbit said, 'you are more beautiful without those feathers on your head!'

'Am I?' she asked.

'Yes!' Rabbit said. 'And your home is beautiful too!'

'Is it?' she asked.

'Yes!' Rabbit answered. 'Now, let's share these coconut biscuits. Here's one for you and one for me!'

Rabbit and Cocketta Bird enjoyed their food. Then, like two old friends, they talked and talked all night and then had breakfast!

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A New words for you!

Complete the new words. Draw lines between them and the pictures.

This rabbit lives in a h _ _ _ _.

I love this beautiful f _ _ _ _ _ _ _.

I'm standing on a big c _ _ _ _ _.

This scarf has a k _ _ _ in it.

I'm eating a b _ _ _ _ _ _.

B Answer the questions.

Write 1 word in each answer.

Example: Where did Rabbit live? in a ....hole....

1 Where was Cocketta Bird's home? on a .....

2 What did Cocketta Bird wear on her head? some .....

3 Where did Cocketta Bird look at her face? in the .....

4 Where did Rabbit hide? inside a .....

5 What kind of food did Rabbit take with him? some .....

C Which is first?

Look at the pictures and put numbers 2–6 in the stars.

A

B

C 1

D

E

F

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D Tell the story again.

Find the mistake in the story. Then choose the right words from the box.

In this ....story..... , a rabbit tries to make friends with a bird. But the bird thinks she's too **(1)** ..... and beautiful to be friends with a rabbit. She doesn't want to **(2)** ..... the rabbit's friend or to go to the rabbit's home, but she enjoys **(3)** ..... all the rabbit's food! The rabbit is a clever animal. He **(4)** ..... the bird needs a friend. The rabbit hides inside a box. The bird thinks there's food inside the box and flies with it to her home on the **(5)** ..... . There, in the bird's home, the animals talk all **(6)** ..... .

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E I love eating moonfish!

Look at the letters. Write the words.

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tsoop .....

heeecs .....

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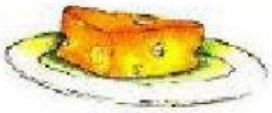
eeegatbsly .....

nsdwaieshc .....



I love eating .....

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G Rabbit's good idea!

Complete the sentences. Write 1, 2 or 3 words.

Example: Rabbit got his good idea on ....the third.... day.

1 Rabbit told ..... that he couldn't eat with her.
2 Rabbit took a scarf and put it ..... .
3 He put ..... on the scarf.
4 Rabbit ..... on the scarf too.
5 Rabbit told Cocketta Bird to ..... her food.
6 Cocketta Bird ..... home with the scarf.

H Which one is different?

Look at the pictures. Why is one of them different?

1

2

3

I Quietly or loudly?

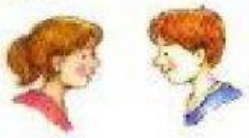
Find the *–ly* words in this part of the story.

Rabbit put a scarf on the ground quietly and carefully. He put two coconut biscuits on it. Then, more quietly, he hopped on the scarf and quickly made a big knot at the top.

'Come and get your food!' Rabbit called loudly from inside the scarf.

Which *–ly* words can you put on these lines?

1 He's running q _ _ _ _ _ _ _ !
2 I'm shouting l _ _ _ _ _ _ .
3 They're talking q _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .
4 I'm carrying my drink c _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ .



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J Lucy's email to her grandfather

Choose the right word and write it on the line.

Hi Grandpa!

I read a short story .....this..... week. It's called Rabbit and Cocketta Bird. — this / those / the

1 ..... the story, Cocketta Bird eats a moonfish and a jungle fish. I know that there are starfish in the sea, but I looked on my — In / On / About

2 computer and I found a picture ..... a moonfish too! It's round and flat and its body is silver, yellow and black. A moonfish — for / of / from

3 can ..... in rivers that are near the — lives / living / live

4 sea ..... in the sea. — than / or / because

5 I don't think there is a jungle fish or a Cocketta Bird, but you know ..... lot about different birds and different fish. Please write and tell me quickly! I want to know! — any / all / a

Love, Lucy

K What do you know about rabbits?

Complete the sentences.

I think rabbits are very **(1)** ..... .
Their fur is often grey or **(2)** ..... and they have **(3)** ..... white tails. Their **(4)** ..... are really big! Rabbits can hop very **(5)** ..... !
Pet rabbits love eating **(6)** ..... . Rabbits like eating **(7)** ..... too.
Sometimes they eat **(8)** ..... from people's gardens!

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