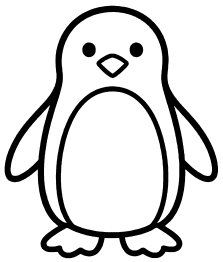
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Characters

Read the story. Then answer the questions.

Penny Wants to Fly

Penny the penguin watched the seagulls soar over the beach. “I want to fly like that,” she said. She flapped her wings as hard as she could. Nothing happened. She climbed onto a rock and jumped. Plop! She landed on her belly in the sand.



Penny felt sad. She waddled to the edge of the water and stared at the waves. Then she had an idea. She dove in. Under the water, her wings worked like flippers. She zoomed past fish and twirled around rocks. It felt just like flying!

That night, Penny told the seagulls, “You fly in the sky. I fly in the sea.”

1. How did Penny feel when she could not fly? **sad** **sleepy** **proud**

2. What did Penny do after she felt sad?

3. How does the story begin?

Penny wants to fly like the seagulls.

Penny swims with the fish.

Penny talks to the seagulls.

4. How does the ending go with the beginning?

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Little Owl's First Flight



Little Owl sat at the edge of the nest. Her brother had flown the night before, but the ground looked very far away. “What if I fall?” she whispered.

Her mother landed beside her. “Spread your wings and trust them,” said Mother Owl.

Little Owl took a deep breath. She stepped off the branch. For a moment she dropped, and her heart pounded. Then she flapped, and the air lifted her up. She glided down to a low branch and landed with a wobble. “I did it!” she hooted.

That night she flew from tree to tree, and she never looked back.

1. What problem does Little Owl have?

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2. Who helps her? **her mother** **a mouse** **her brother**

3. How does Little Owl feel at the end? **sleepy** **scared** **proud**

4. What does Little Owl do when she starts to drop?

She closes her eyes. She flaps her wings. She calls her brother.

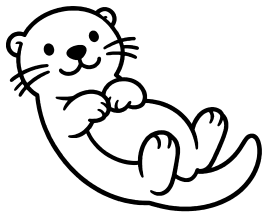
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Characters

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Ollie's Lost Rock



Ollie the sea otter had a favorite rock. He used it to crack open clams for lunch. One day, a big wave knocked the rock out of his paws, and it sank.

Ollie dove down again and again, but he could not find it. He floated on his back and frowned.

His friend Ruby swam over. “Try mine,” she said, and she gave him her flat gray rock. Ollie banged a clam on it. Crack! Lunch was ready.

“Thank you,” said Ollie. “Now I will help you find a rock of your own.” Together they dove down and searched the sea floor until Ruby found a perfect one.

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1. What happened to Ollie's rock?

A wave knocked it away and it sank. It broke. Ruby took it.

2. What did Ollie do first when the rock was gone?

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3. How did Ruby help Ollie?

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4. At the end, both otters have a rock. **true** **false**

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Beginnings and Endings

Draw a line from each beginning to the ending of the same story.

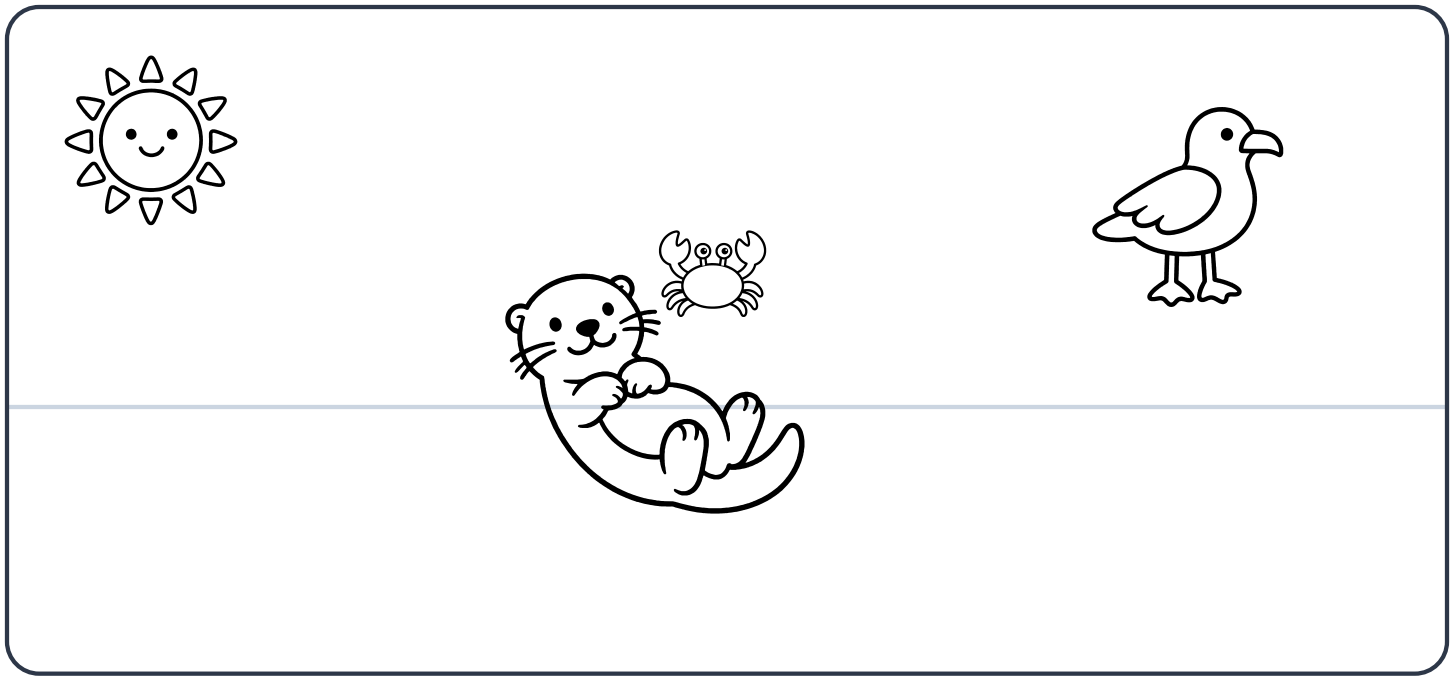
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Ollie's rock sinks.	Penny zooms through the sea.
Hare brags that he is the fastest.	Ollie and Ruby each have a rock.

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Pictures and Words

Read the words. Look at the picture. Then answer the questions.



Ollie floated in the water, eating his lunch.

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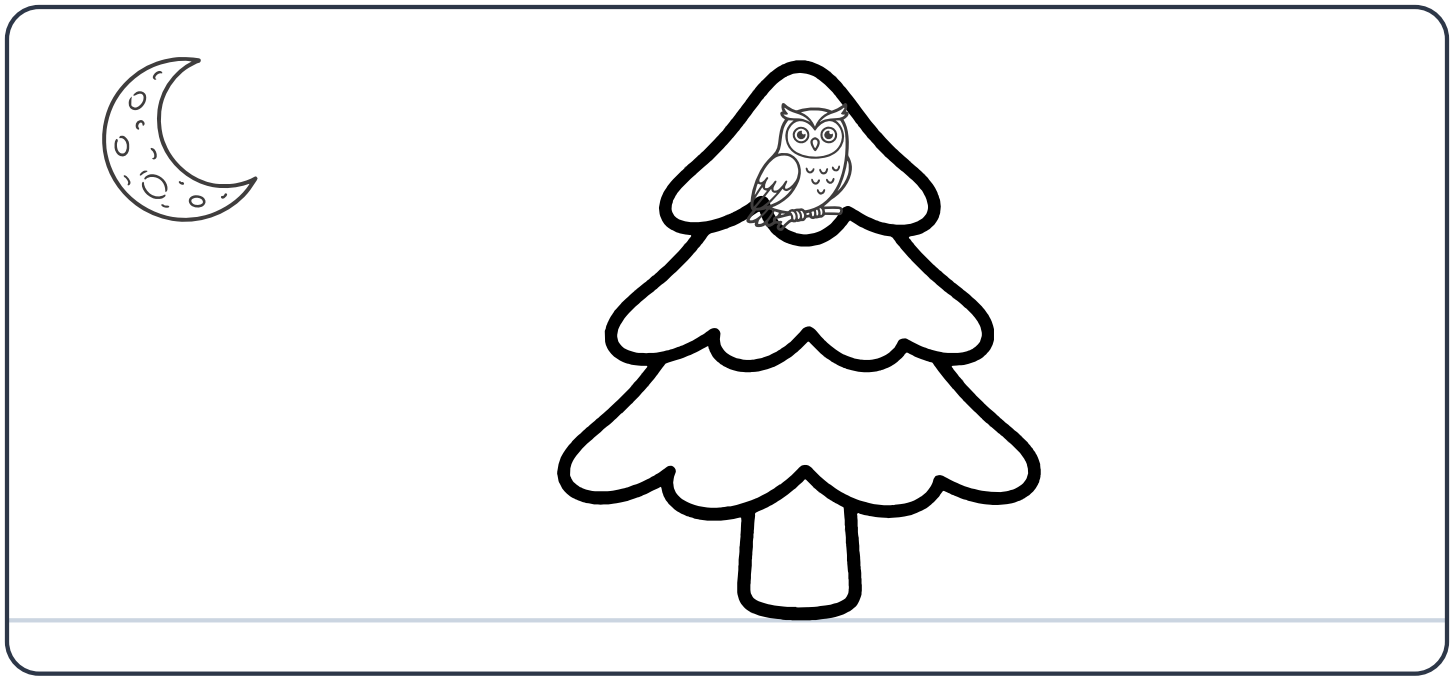
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Pictures and Words

Read the words. Look at the picture. Then answer the questions.



Little Owl was ready for her first flight.

1. When does the story happen? How does the picture show it?

2. Where is Little Owl? **in a barn** **at the top of a tree** **on the ground**

3. Why might the flight look scary to Little Owl?

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How a Character Responds

Write a big event in a story and how the character feels and acts.

Title

Character

The big event or challenge

How the character feels

What the character does

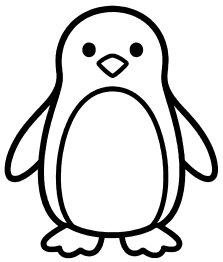
How the story ends

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1. How did Penny feel when she could not fly? **sad** **sleepy** **proud**

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She dove into the water and swam.

3. How does the story begin?

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Penny swims with the fish.

Penny talks to the seagulls.

4. How does the ending go with the beginning?

Penny finds her own way to fly, in the sea.

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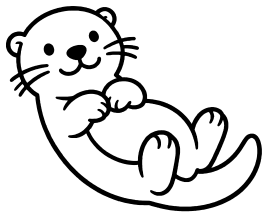
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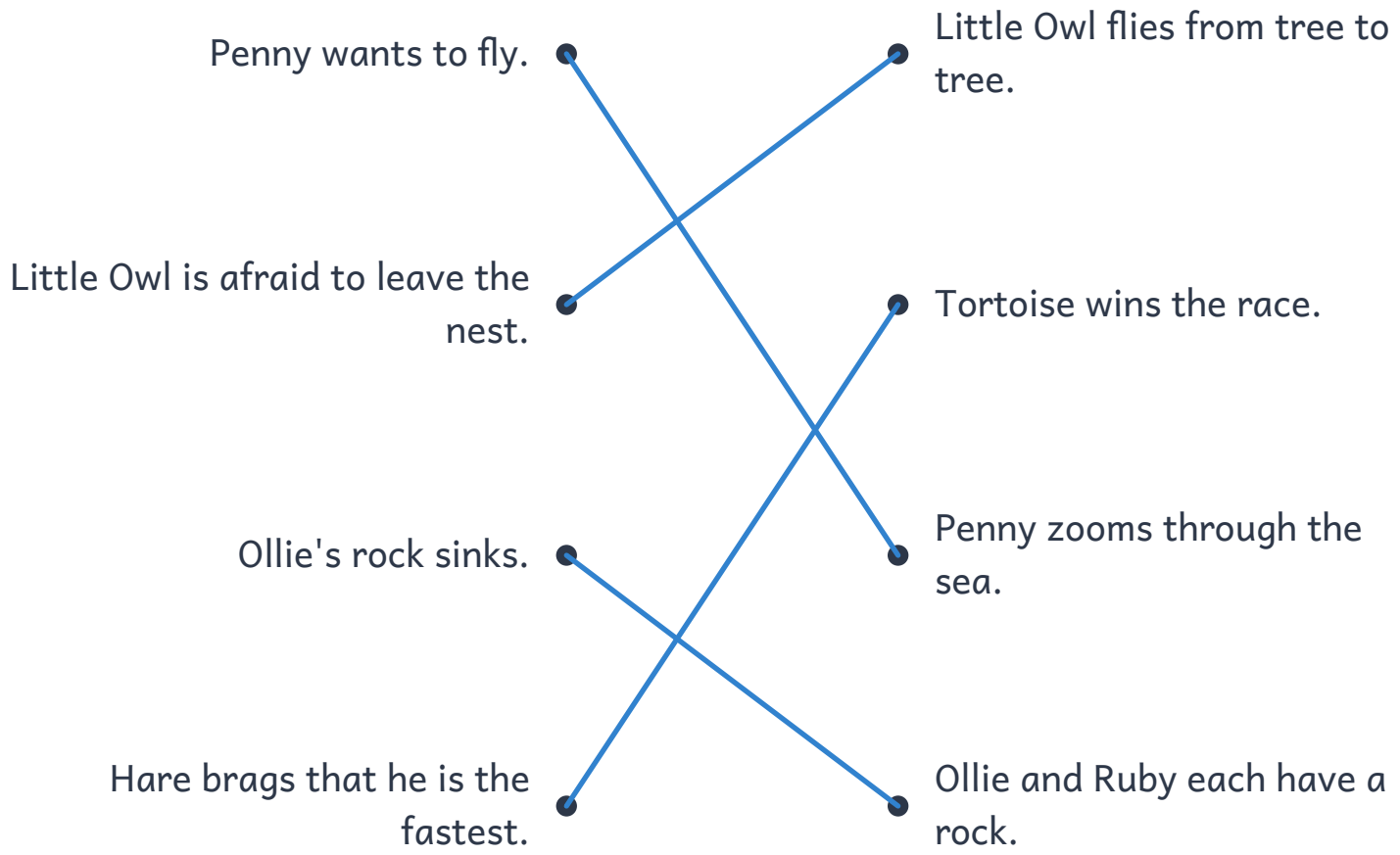
She gave him her rock to use.

4. At the end, both otters have a rock. **true** **false**

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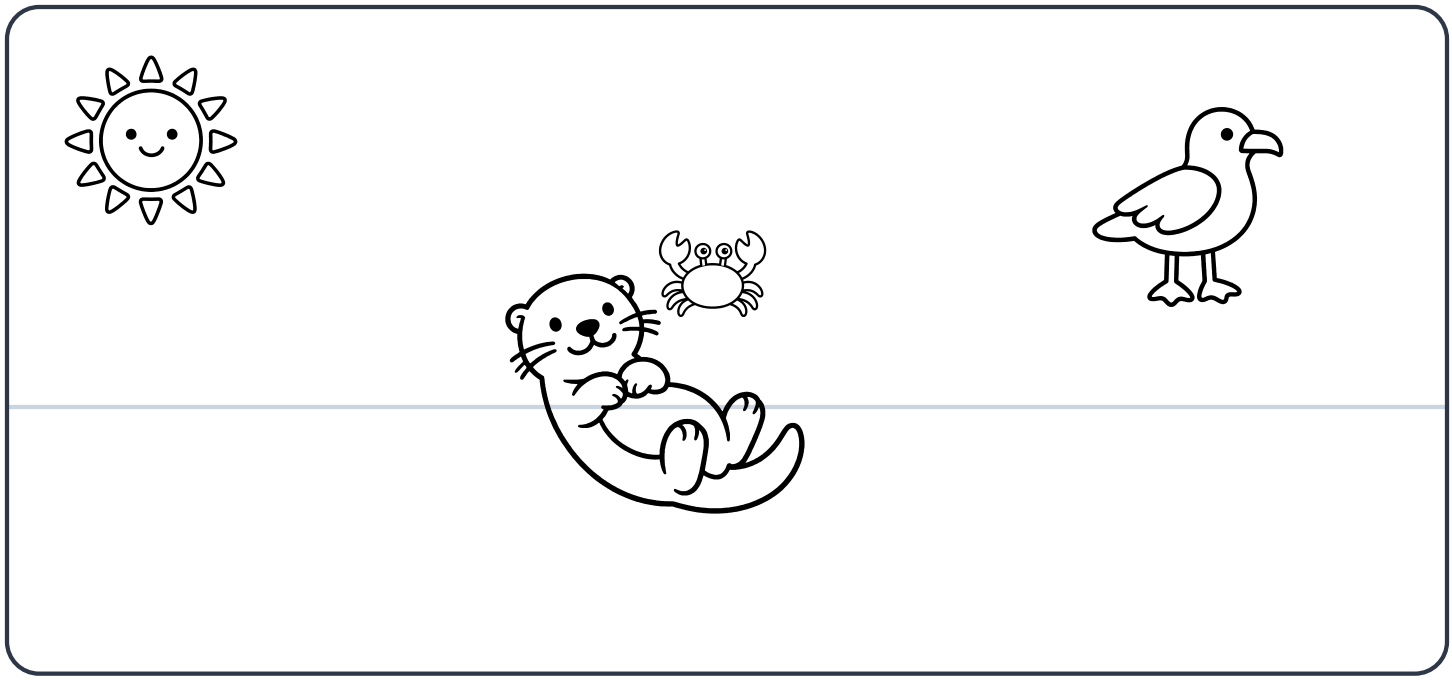
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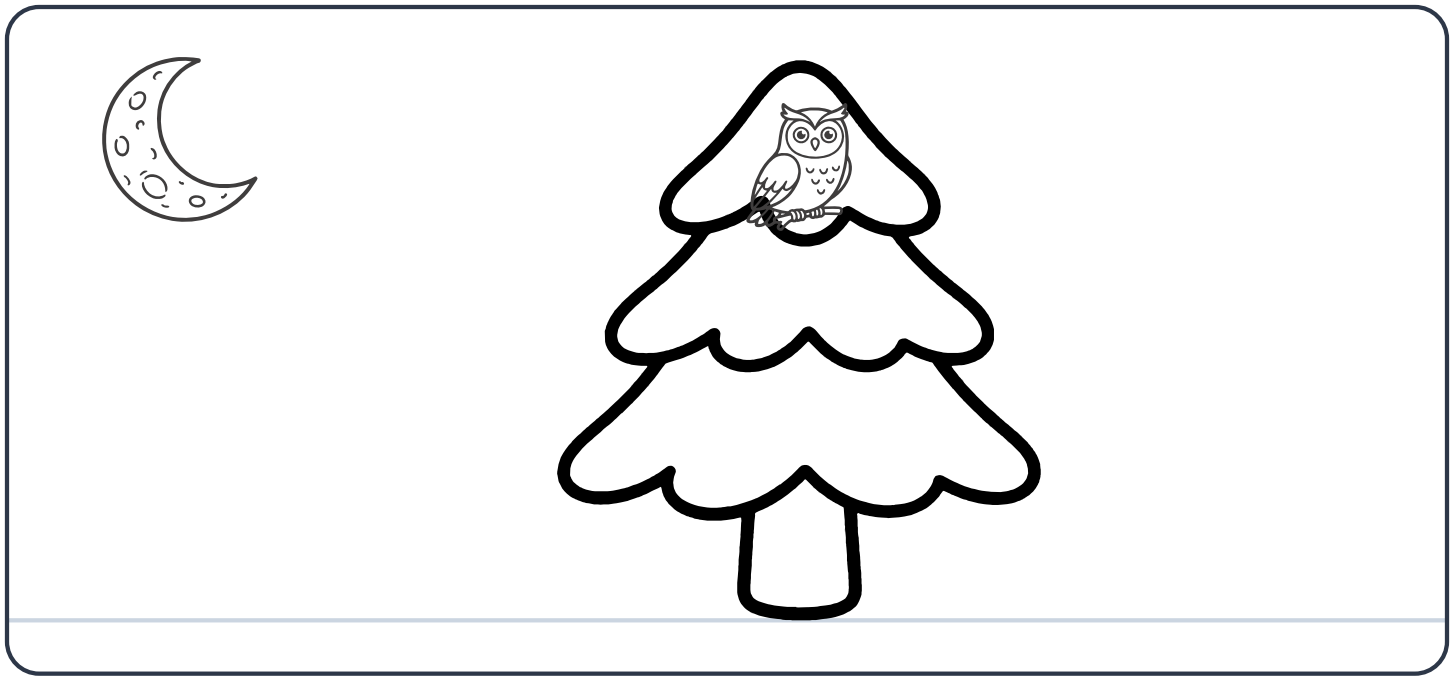
3. What is the weather like? How does the picture show it?

It is sunny. The sun is in the sky.

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Pictures and Words

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Little Owl was ready for her first flight.

1. When does the story happen? How does the picture show it?

At night. The moon is in the sky.

2. Where is Little Owl? **in a barn** **at the top of a tree** **on the ground**

3. Why might the flight look scary to Little Owl?

She is very high up, far from the ground.

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