

How Coquí Got Her Voice

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STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Make and
Confirm Predictions

Skill: Cause and Effect

Phonics

Soft *c*; soft *g*, *dge*

High-Frequency Words

any, from, happy, once,
so, upon

Word count: 158



Essential Question

What is a folktale?

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**PAIRED
READ**

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Once upon a time, there was a happy forest. It was a noisy place. But Tree Frog was not noisy.



Zzzz...

Zzzz...

Zzzz...

Zzzzz...

Parrot was queen of the forest. She thought the animals were lazy!





“This must change,” Parrot thought.

So Parrot held a meeting.



“Let’s have a race,”
she said. “The winner
gets to pick any prize.”



Everyone jumped and yelled.
But not Tree Frog.

Parrot's plan worked.
The animals got busy.





Race day came.

"Race from here to that bridge," said Parrot.

"Ready, set, go!"

Snake and Lizard ran fast.
Tree Frog ran faster.

“I will win!” she thought.

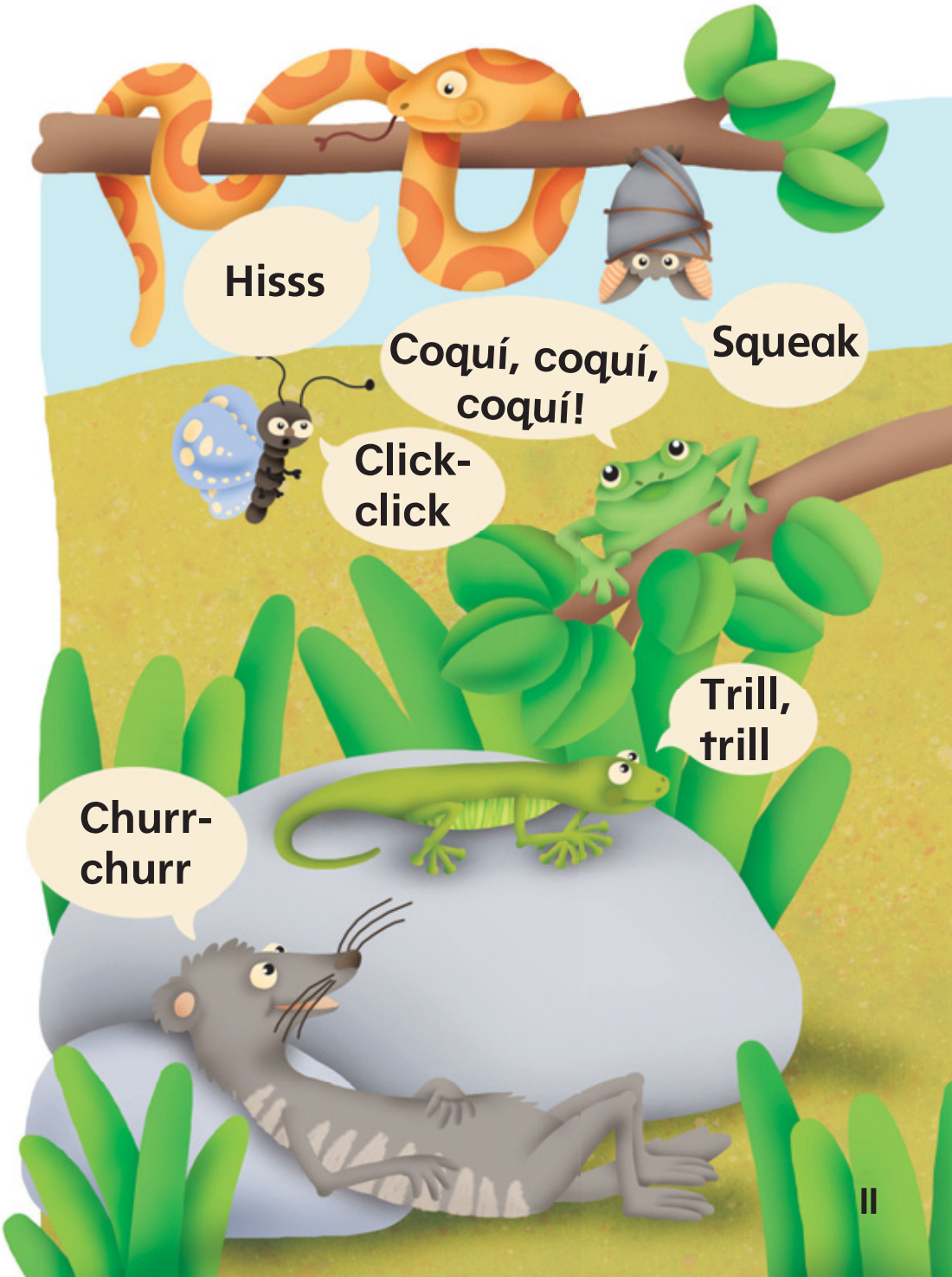




“What prize do you want?”
Parrot asked.

Tree Frog drew a picture.

Now the rain forest is a much noisier place!



Hiss

Squeak

Coquí, coquí,
coquí!

Click-
click

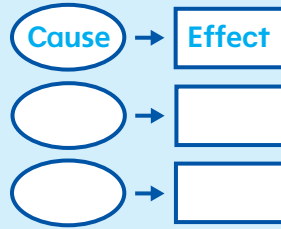
Trill,
trill

Churr-
churr

Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart to retell *How Coquí Got Her Voice*.



Text Evidence

1. Why does Parrot decide to have a race? **Cause and Effect**
2. Why does Tree Frog want to win the race? **Cause and Effect**
3. What does this folktale explain to readers? **Genre**

El Coquí/ The Coquí

Traditional Song



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Genre Poetry/Song

Compare Texts

Read a song about the coquí. The song is in Spanish and in English.

El Coquí

El coquí el coquí siempre
canta.

Es muy lindo el cantar
del coquí.

Por las noches a veces
me duermo

Con el dulce cantar del
coquí.

Coquí, coquí, coquí, qui,
qui, qui,

Coquí, coquí, coquí, qui,
qui, qui.



The Coquí

The coquí, the coquí is
always singing.

The coquí's singing is
so nice.

I sometimes go to sleep
at night

With the sweet singing
of the coquí.

Coquí, coquí, coquí, qui,
qui, qui,

Coquí, coquí, coquí, qui,
qui, qui.



Make Connections

How is the frog in the song like
Tree Frog? [Text to Text](#)

Focus on Genre

Folktale A folktale is a story based on customs and traditions. Folktales often teach a lesson. They may also explain how something in nature came to be.

What to Look for You read about how Tree Frog got her voice. She worked hard to win what she wanted.

Your Turn

Think of an animal. How is it different from any other animal? Make up a story that explains how that animal got to be special.

Thinkmark

Characters

How did Tree Frog change from the beginning to the end of the story?

Plot

What was Parrot's problem in the story? How did she solve it?

Sequence of Events

What were the animals like before the race? What were they like after the race?