

Folktales



FLY to the Rescue!

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STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Ask and Answer Questions

Skill: Sequence

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Phonics

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Life Science

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Essential Question

How do animals' bodies help them?

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Animal Traits 13



Long ago, there was a splendid river. Its water had a very special taste. Every animal liked it.





One day, Moose stopped at the river for a drink. He liked the water a lot. So he drank and drank and drank.

Two beavers were watching.

“Moose is drinking all our water,” they said.



Four muskrats were
watching, too.

“We must stop Moose,”
they said.



Eight fish spoke up.

“What about us?” they said.

“We need to live in water.”





The fish looked at the beavers and said, "Tell Moose to go away."

The beavers shook their heads. "No way," they said. "Moose is huge!"



Fly heard the animals talking.

"Maybe I can help," said Fly.

The animals smiled. "What help can a little fly give us?"



Fly said, "I will let Moose carry me."

"Then what?" asked the animals.

"You must wait and see," said Fly.



Fly sat on Moose. He waited and waited. Then he bit Moose's leg. Moose stomped his foot. Fly held on. Moose stomped harder and harder. The ground sank, and water rushed in.



Moose ran away.

“The small can win if they use their brains,” Fly said.

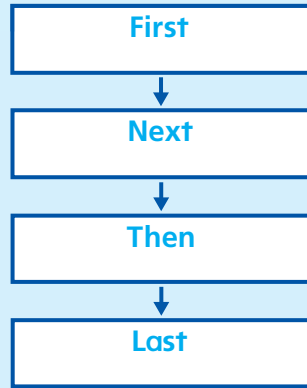
The animals jumped and clapped.



Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart
to help you retell
Fly to the Rescue!



Text Evidence

1. Which animals speak **first**?

Sequence

2. What happens **after** Fly bites
Moose? Sequence

3. What kind of story is this?
How do you know? Genre

Compare Texts

Read about the animals in *Fly to the Rescue!*

Animal Traits

What animal flies? What animal swims? Read about different animals in the chart.





Fly

Flies have five eyes.

They have two antennae. The antennae help flies find food.

Flies drink their food. They turn food into liquid first.

Flies can move very fast.



Beaver

Beavers have strong front teeth.

They use their teeth to chop down trees.

Beavers build dams and lodges.

Beavers have webbed back feet that help them swim.



Fish

Fish must live in water.

They breathe through gills.

Most fish have fins that help them swim.

Most fish have scales that help keep them safe.

Moose

Moose can weigh as much as 1,400 pounds.

Males have antlers. They grow new antlers each year.

Moose have large hooves.

Moose can hear and smell well, but they can't see very well.



Make Connections

Look at both selections. What did you learn that you didn't know before? **Text to Text**

Focus on Genre

Folktale A folktale is a story based on customs and traditions. Folktales often teach a lesson even though the events are not real.

What to Look for Fly says, “The small can win if they use their brains.” Fly is teaching us a lesson. The animals in the story talk. Real animals don’t talk.

Your Turn

Make up a folktale with talking animals that teach a lesson. Present your folktale to the class.

Thinkmark

Characters

Who is the most helpful character in the story? Why?

Sequence of Events

What happens **after** the Beavers see Moose drinking?

Who helps the animals at the end of the story?

Make Connections

What other folktales have you read about animals that help each other? What was the problem? How was it solved?