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The
FOXES
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BUILD A HOME

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Sunrise and Sunset

STRATEGIES & SKILLS

Comprehension

Strategy: Make and Confirm Predictions

Skill: Cause and Effect

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another, climb, full, great, leaped, poor, stretched, through

Phonics

r-controlled vowels *er, ir, ur, or*

Content Standards

Science

Earth Science

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Essential Question

What can you see in the sky?



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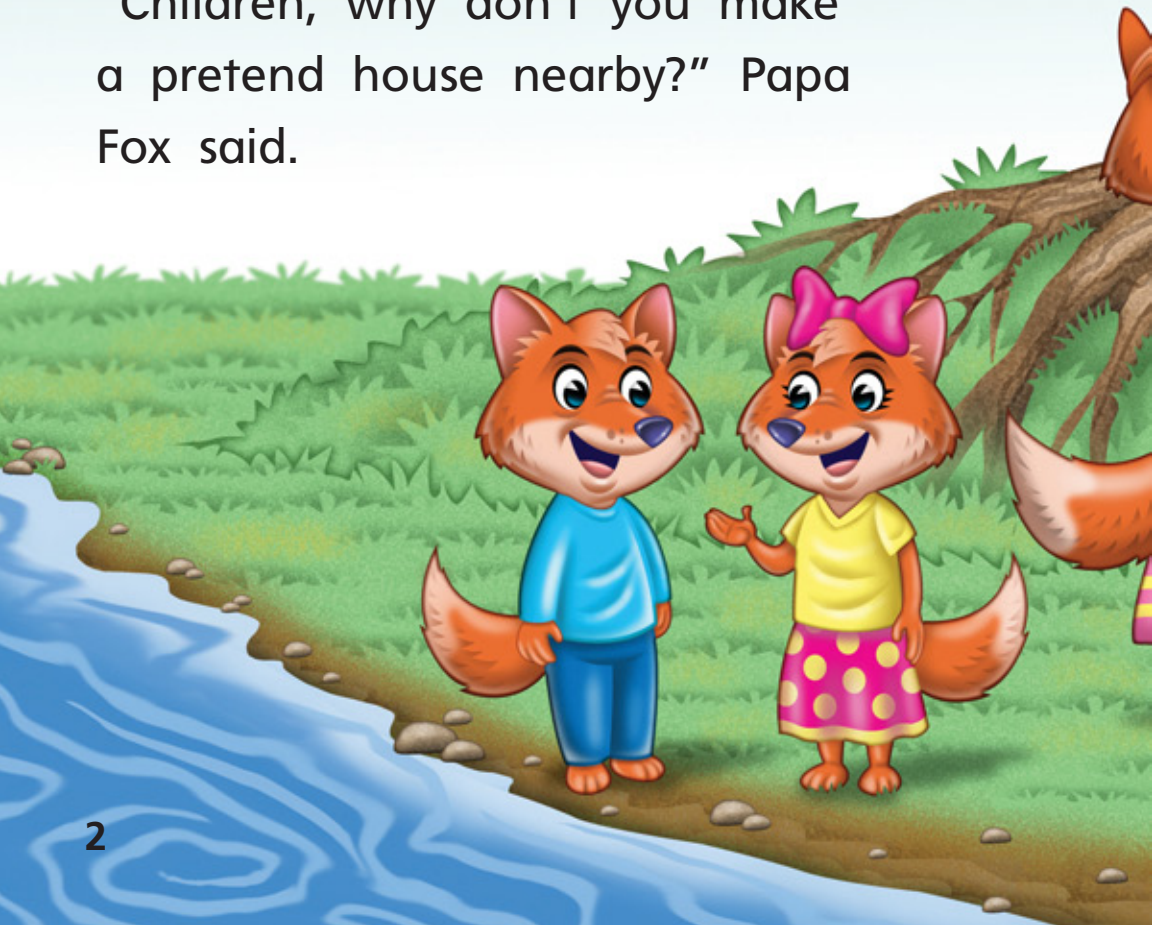
CHAPTER 1



Building Plans

The Fox family was building another home. Their new blue door was under a big tree root. Paddy and Paws were not old enough to help Mama and Papa Fox.

“Children, why don’t you make a pretend house nearby?” Papa Fox said.



“Let’s see who can build the biggest room,” said Paddy.

Paws shook her head. She said, “Let’s see who can build the strongest room.”



Paddy dug through the grass.

“My room is going to be bigger than yours,” he said.

Paws stacked sticks to make walls in her smaller room. Then she covered the sticks with mud.

“My room is going to be strong,” Paws told Paddy.





Paddy stepped back to look at his work.

“My room is bigger than yours. Do you want to come see?” he asked his sister.

Paws looked at the sky. She said, “It’s getting darker. It will be too dark to build soon.”

“I won’t be able to see to dig,” said Paddy.

CHAPTER 2



Racing to the Sun

Mama called, "The sun is going to set. Soon he's going to sleep in the west."

Poor Paddy and Paws were not happy. They didn't know what to do. They wanted to keep working on their rooms.



Paws said, "Mama, may we go ask our friend Sun not to set too early?"

"Okay, ask him nicely," said Mama. "And come right back."



Paddy and Paws raced toward the setting sun.

“Look,” said Paddy. “The sun is already going away!”

“We need to hurry!” Paws said.

The young foxes chased after the sun. Two long red tails waved behind them like flags. They had to climb over bushes. They leaped over rocks.





“Dear friend! Sun!” Paws called.

“Wait!”

The great sun turned his bright full face toward the foxes. He said, “Well, hello, you two!”

“Please, Sun, would you stay up for a little bit longer so we can keep playing?” Paddy asked nicely.

“Mama and Papa are building our den,” Paws added. “They would like to work a little longer too.”

CHAPTER 3



Going Home and Goodnight

Sun said, "Let's go see what your mama and papa are doing!"

So Sun traveled back to the new den with the young foxes. Mama and Papa were happy to show Sun their home. Paddy and Paws finished building their rooms.



Paddy asked Sun, "Couldn't you stay up all the time?"

"No," said Sun. He yawned and stretched. "You need night as well as day. You need time to sleep. Time for bed! Goodnight, my little furry ones!"

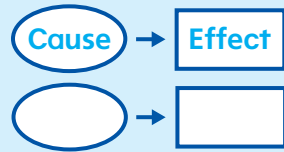


The foxes waved goodnight to the sun. The sun set in the west. And the Fox family went to bed in the new home with the blue door.

Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart
to help you retell
The Foxes Build a Home.




Text Evidence

1. Look at page 6. Why is it getting dark? **Cause and Effect**
2. Why do Paddy and Paws want the sun to stay out? **Cause and Effect**
3. Is *The Foxes Build a Home* a pretend story or is it real? Why? **Genre**



Compare Texts

Read more about the sun.

A photograph of Earth from space, showing the blue oceans, white clouds, and brown/green landmasses. A red curved arrow points from the text below towards the Earth's surface.

When Earth turns, it causes day and night.

Sunrise and Sunset

The sun seems to come up in the east. It seems to climb higher and higher in the sky all morning. It seems to sink lower and lower all afternoon. At last, the sun seems to set in the west. Did the sun move across the sky? No, the sun didn't move. Earth did!



As Earth spins, part of it faces the sun. It's daytime on this half of Earth. The other half of Earth faces away from the sun. It is night on that half of Earth.



Sunrise and sunset look a lot alike. The sky turns pretty colors. But sunrise and sunset are very different. What do you do at sunrise? What do you do at sunset?



This family sits around a fire while the sun sets.



Make Connections

Look at both stories. What does the sky look like when the sun is setting? [Text to Text](#)

Focus on Science

Purpose To find out what can be seen in the sky

What to Do

Step 1 → Make a drawing. Show what you can see in the sky at sunset. Use lots of colors.

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Step 2 → Write a few sentences about your drawing.

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Step 3 → Talk about your drawing. Read your sentences aloud.

Conclusion What can you see in the sky at sunset?

Thinkmark

Characters

How would you describe Paddy and Paws?

How would you describe Mama Fox?

How would you describe Sun?

Plot

What problem did Paddy and Paws have in this story? How did they solve it?

Make Connections

What do you like about sunset?

What do you dislike about sunset?