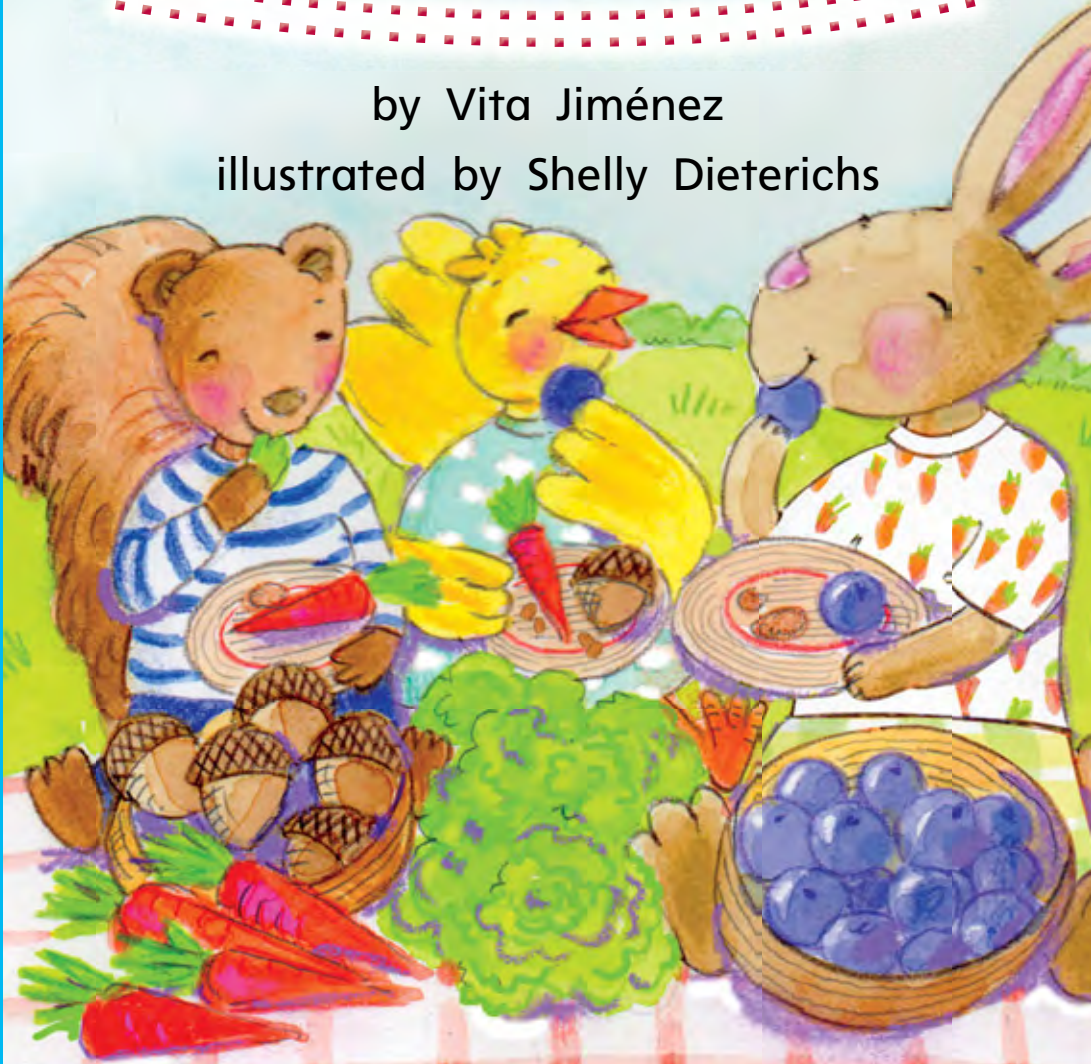


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enough, eyes

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Essential Question

How can we work together to make our lives better?

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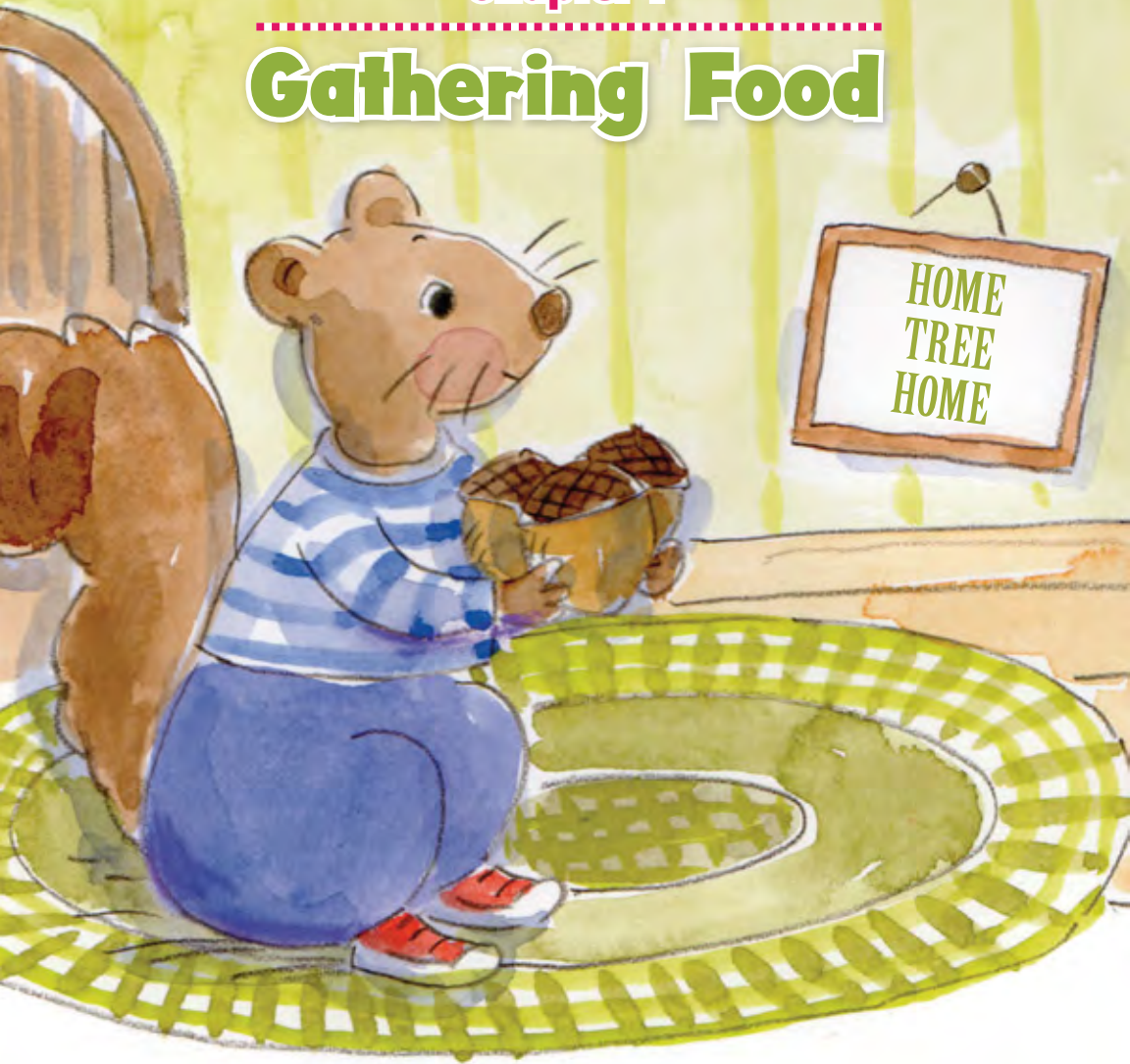
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Chapter 1

Gathering Food



Squirrel was very busy. He was gathering nuts. He brought back extra nuts in case there was an emergency.



One night, he took out a big nut. He was about to eat it, when he suddenly stopped.

“I’m getting tired of eating just nuts,” he thought.



Bird was Squirrel's friend. She passed his door on the way to her nest. She was also very busy. She had gathered enough seeds and berries for a few days.



That same night, Bird sat down to eat but suddenly stopped.

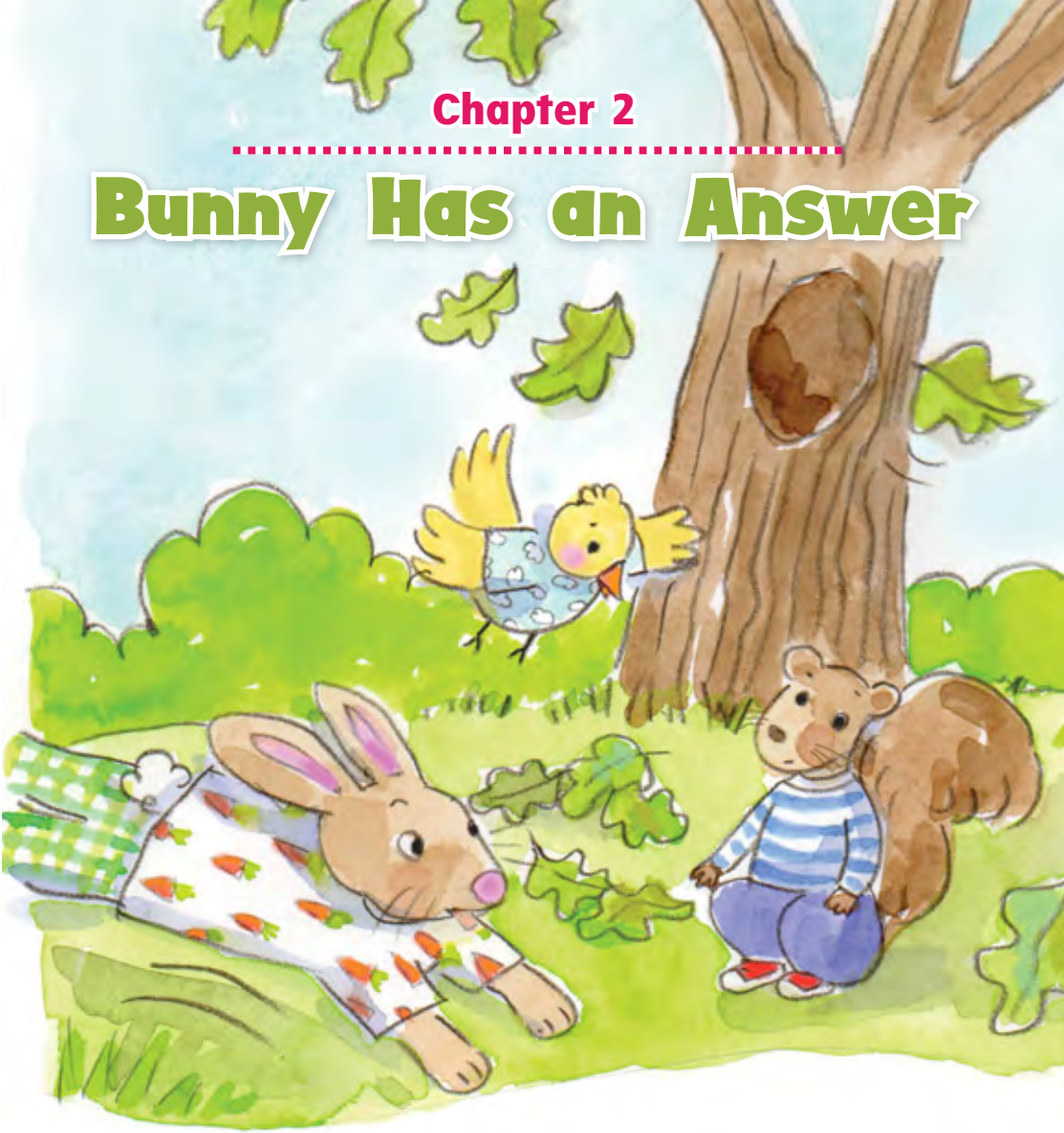
“I’m getting tired of eating seeds and berries all the time,” she thought.



Bunny was friends with Squirrel and Bird. He was very busy too. He spent all day in the garden, looking for carrots and lettuce. His eyes grew wide when he came upon a big carrot.

Chapter 2

Bunny Has an Answer



On his way home, Bunny saw Squirrel and Bird. He thought they looked sad.

“What’s wrong?” he asked.



Bird said, "We're tired of eating the same foods every day."

"Our bellies demand something different," said Squirrel.



“I don’t know what to do with all my berries and seeds,” said Bird.

“And I have a lot of nuts,” said Squirrel.

Bunny said, “I think I have the answer.”

Chapter 3

The Feast

"Why don't we put our food together?" said Bunny. "Then we can all eat something different."

"That's a great idea," said Bird.

"Let's bring everything down here," said Squirrel.



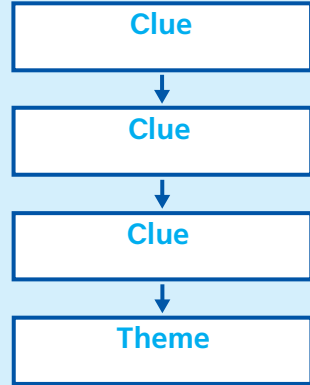


Bunny, Squirrel, and Bird brought out their food. They tried a little bit of everything. They had a great feast!

Respond to Reading

Retell

Use the chart to help you retell *What a Feast!*



Text Evidence

1. What is the theme of this story? **Theme**
2. How do the animals work together to help one another?
Theme
3. What kind of story is this?
How do you know? **Genre**

Compare Texts

How can we help others?

Helpers Bring Food



Some people have trouble getting food, so helpers take it to them.



Helpers bring healthy food.

Food is delivered every day to many elderly people in New York City. But helpers used to work only five days a week. A woman named Gael Greene wanted to make a change.



It's nice to have visitors.



In 1981, she and many others started a group called Citymeals-on-Wheels. Helpers from this group still take food to older New Yorkers seven days a week.



Make Connections

How are *What a Feast!* and *Helpers Bring Food* alike? [Text to Text](#)

Focus on Genre

Fantasy Fantasy is a story with made-up characters, settings, or other things that do not exist.

What to Look for In *What a Feast!* the animals eat off plates. Real wild animals don't eat off plates.

Your Turn

Pretend you're an animal making dinner for your animal friends. What kind of food will you serve? How will you serve it? Draw a picture of your feast and your animal friends.

Thinkmark

Characters

Who are the main characters in *What a Feast!?* How are they alike?

Plot

What is Squirrel and Bird's problem in the story? How does Bunny solve it?

Sequence of Events

What happens **first**, **then**, **next**, and **finally** in *What a Feast!?*