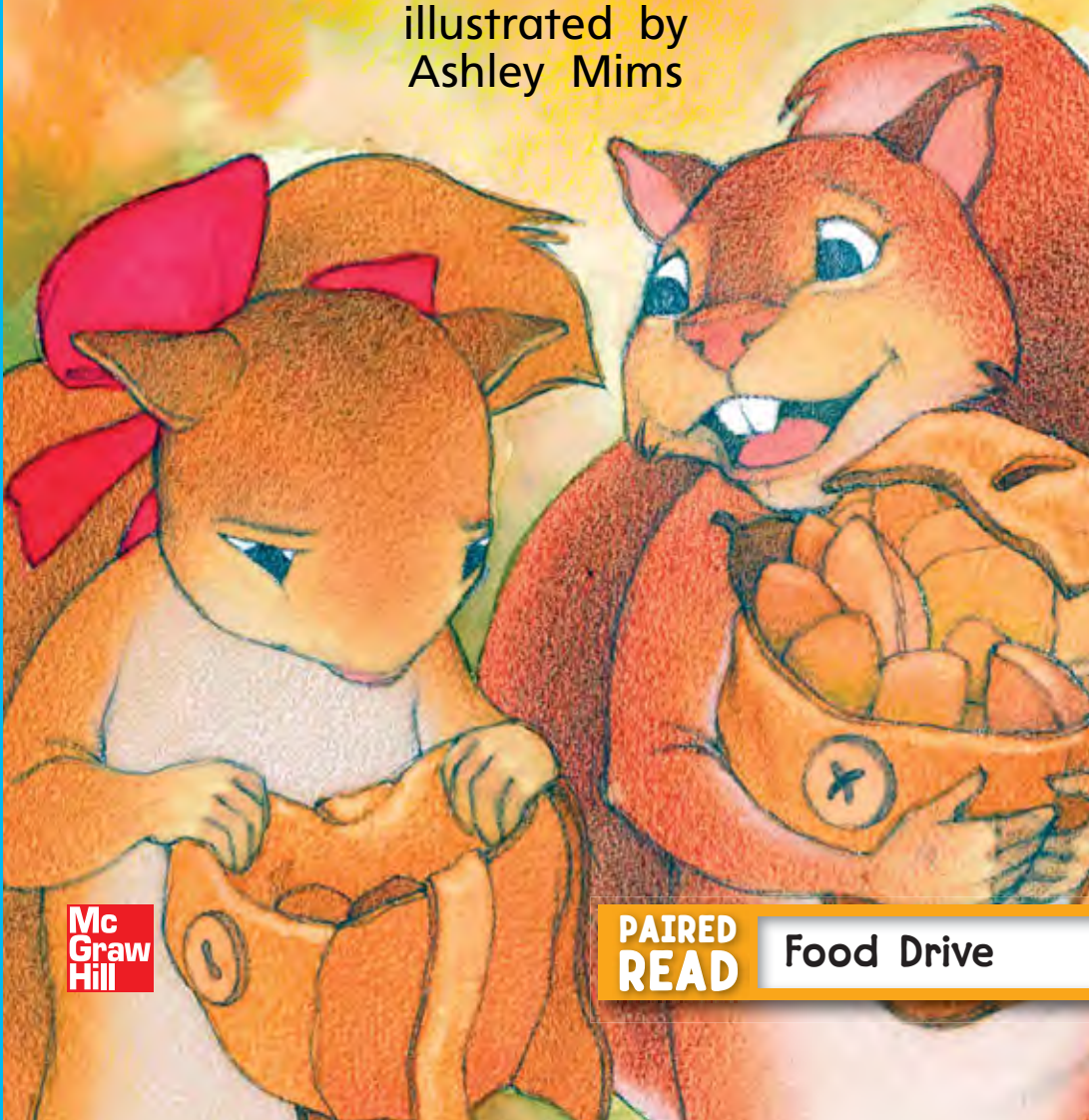


Fantasy

# Squirrels Help

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## STRATEGIES & SKILLS

### Comprehension

**Strategy:** Reread

**Skill:** Character, Setting,  
Events

### High-Frequency Words

all, call, day, her, want

### Phonics

Consonant digraphs  
*th, sh, -ng*

### Content Standards

Social Studies

Civics

Word count: 196\*\*

\*\*The total word count is based on words in the running text and headings only. Numerals and words in captions, labels, diagrams, charts, and sidebars are not included.



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**Essential Question**

How do people help out in the community?

# Squirrels Help



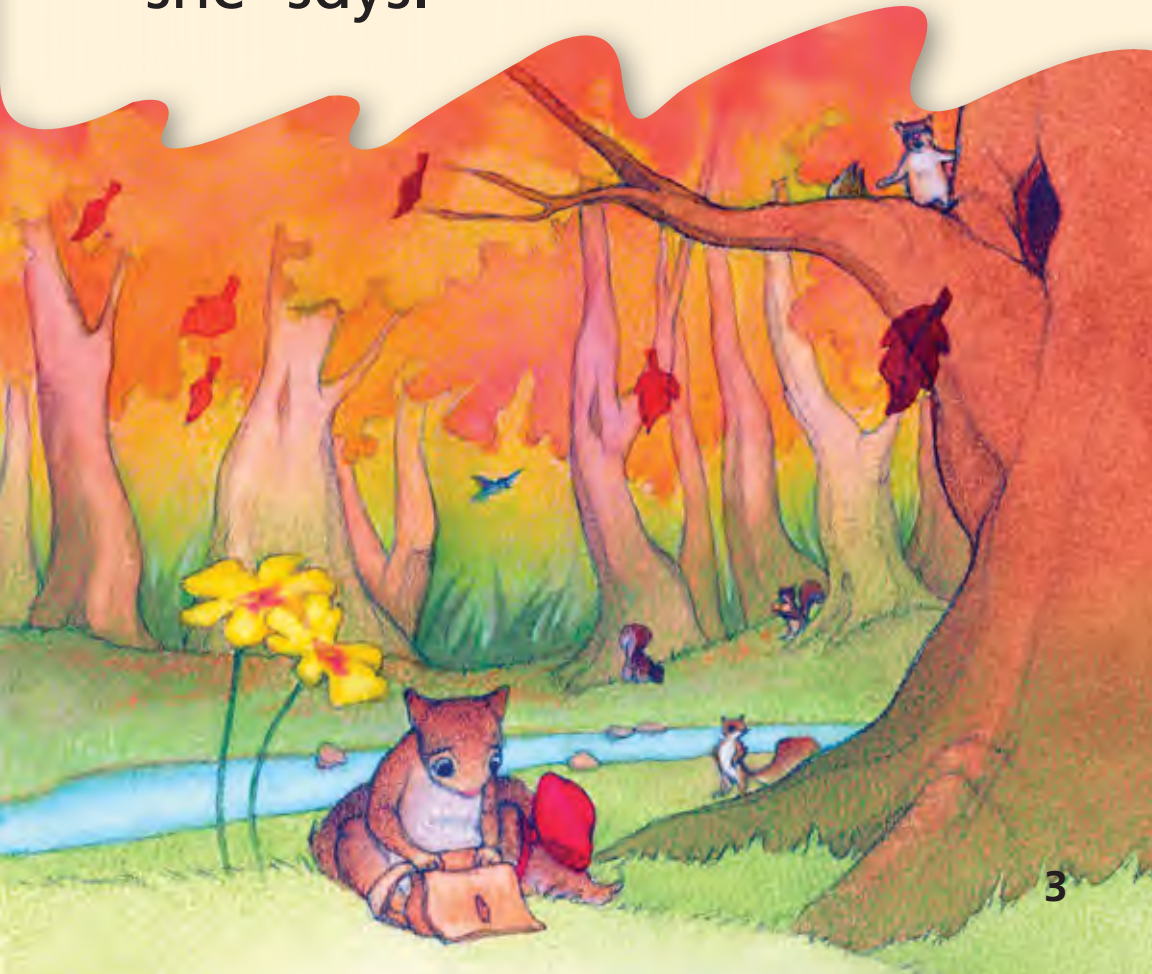
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The squirrels look for nuts to eat. They look all day long.

“We want a lot of nuts,”  
Mama Squirrel says. “But  
there are no nuts in this  
tree.”

Sue looks in her bag.  
“I have just three nuts,”  
she says.



“Look at my bag,” says Tom. “It will not shut!”

Sue looks sad. She wants a lot of nuts too.





"Can we help Sue?"  
Tom asks Dad.

"I think we can  
help," says Dad.



“Come with me, Sue,”  
says Tom. “This is a good  
spot to get nuts.”





“Thank you,” says Sue.  
“Now my bag is full.”





The cold has come.  
Sue is at Tom's home.

"I am glad Tom could  
help me," says Sue.



She hangs a note that says  
"Thanks!"



Spring is here! The squirrels come out to play. They look for nuts again. This time, Sue can help!

“I can help you,” calls Sue.  
“Come with me. You will  
have a lot of nuts!”



# Respond to Reading

## Retell

Use the chart to retell *Squirrels Help*.

Character	Setting	Events

## Text Evidence

1. Where does *Squirrels Help* take place? **Character, Setting, Events**
2. Look at page 9. Why does Sue hang a note? **Character, Setting, Events**
3. How can you tell *Squirrels Help* is a fantasy? **Genre**

## Compare Texts

Read about a food drive.



# Food Drive

**Lincoln School**



**Friday, November 12**



**Bring all food  
to Room 4.**



A food drive is a lot of work. The kids like to help. They put the food in boxes. Then the boxes are put in a car.





# Food for a Food Drive

1. cereal
2. beans
3. soup
4. pasta



## Make Connections

How are the events in *Squirrels Help* like a food drive? [Text to Text](#)

# Focus on Genre

**Fantasy** Fantasy is a made-up story that could not happen in real life.

**What to Look for** In *Squirrels Help*, the squirrels talk and carry bags. Real squirrels don't talk and carry bags.

## Your Turn

Pretend you're a squirrel. Winter is coming. How will you get all the nuts you need? How will you help your squirrel pals? Draw a picture to show what you will do. Write a few words about it.

# Thinkmark

## Characters

Who are the characters in  
*Squirrels Help*?

How would you describe Tom?

## Plot

What was Sue's problem in the  
story? How was it solved?

## Sequence of Events

Who filled a bag first?

What did Sue do at the end of  
the story?