

Vocabulary

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deserted
balance
wider
freezes
saddest

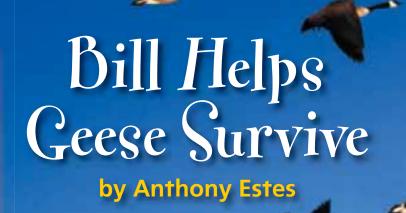
Word Parts

A comparative is a word that compares two things. It may end with –er.

A superlative is a word that compares three or more things. It may end with *-est*.

Joe is *sadder* than Jim.

Joe is the *saddest* boy of all.

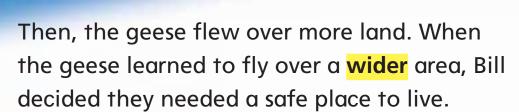


As a boy, Bill pictured himself flying. In his mind, he would imagine soaring through the sky with the birds. Bill never gave up his dream. He learned to fly airplanes.

One day, Bill found a nest of young geese. They were deserted. Their mother had gone away and left the babies. Bill took the geese home and cared for them.

Soon the geese learned to fly. A few had trouble with their balance. They would flop from side to side. At first, the geese only flew around Bill's yard.





Fall was coming. The ground where Bill lives freezes early. Soon the ground would be too cold for the geese to live. Bill didn't want the geese to die. It would be the saddest thing to happen. Bill would feel very unhappy.

Bill decided to lead the geese south, where it is warmer. They could follow his plane. His plan worked. At last, Bill was able to fly with the birds.

Reread for Comprehension



Cause and Effect

Asking questions is one way to figure out the cause and effect of events in an article. A cause is why something happens. An effect is what happens. Reread the article and use the chart to help you identify the cause and effect of events.

