





Talk About It

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Animal Survival

Bill Helps Geese Survive

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Vocabulary

imagine
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.



Then, the geese flew over more land. When the geese learned to fly over a **wider** area, Bill decided they needed a safe place to live.

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



Ask Questions

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.

