

# Wonders

## Unit 4, week 1

### "Animal Features"

This week's Essential Question: How do animals' bodies help them?

This week's vocabulary words:

appearance, determined, feature, predicament, relief, special, splendid

### Spelling Words

way

day

play

chain

rain

mail

### Sight Words

about

animal

carry

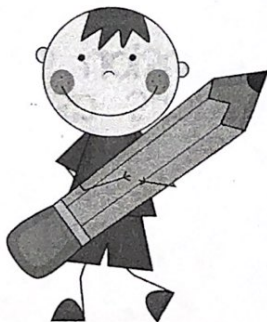
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give

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\*comprehension skill: think about the order of events to help understand the plot

\*comprehension strategy: good readers ask themselves questions about the text to help them understand the information as they read



## Little Rabbit

One day, Little Rabbit lay under a tree. The day was splendid and he felt good. Then he began to think. "What if the forest falls? What will happen to me?" Just then, something fell past his head.

It landed with a big thump! Little Rabbit jumped up. "The forest is falling!" he yelled. "I cannot stay! I must be on my way!" He hopped and hopped using his long back legs. His white tail flopped up and down. He passed a fox. "Why are you hopping so fast?" asked Fox. "The forest is falling!" yelled Little Rabbit. "You cannot stay. Come quick. Let's be on our way!"

"Wait for me!" yelled Fox. He ran and ran. His red tail swayed this way and that. Deer head eight legs run past. "Why are you running so fast?" asked Deer. "The forest is falling!" yelled Fox. "You cannot stay. Come quick! We must be on our way!" "Wait for me!" yelled Deer. With her long, slim legs, Deer ran fast.

The animals ran in a line. They passed an Ox. "Can I play?" asked Ox. "It is not a game" said Deer. "The forest is falling! You cannot stay! Come quick. We must be on our way." "I am big and wide. I cannot run fast," sobbed Ox. "We will wait," said Deer. Ox thumped and clumped behind the rest. The animals ran on and on. They woke Tiger up. "What is going on?" yelled Tiger. "The forest is falling!" said Ox. "You cannot stay. Come quick. We must be on our way!" "Wait for me!" said Tiger.

They passed an Elephant. "The forest is falling," yelled Tiger. "You cannot stay. Come quick. We must be on our way!" "wait for me!" yelled Elephant. She had legs as thick as tree trunks. Stomp! Stomp! When she ran, the whole forest shook.



The animals ran on and on. "Run away! Run away!" they yelled. They passed Lion. "Stop!" he said. "Can someone tell me what this fuss is about?" "The forest is falling!" explained Elephant. "We are all running away." Lion stood still and spoke.

"That cannot be true," he said. "Who told you that?" "Tiger did," said Elephant. "Ox did," said Tiger. "Deer did," said Ox. "Fox did," said Deer. "Little Rabbit did," said Fox. Lion looked down at Little Rabbit. "Well," said Little Rabbit, "I was sitting under a tree and heard a big thump." "May I visit this place?" said Lion. "I will give you a ride." Little Rabbit let Lion carry him. He felt special.

All of the animals got to the tree. "Look," said Lion. "It is just a banana that made that big thump. Next time, don't panic." "Thank you. I will do as you say," said Little Rabbit. The animals all lay down to rest. Little Rabbit stretched his legs. He felt good. Then he began to think . . .

# FAST & FLUENT

- 1 Will you check the mail?
- 2 It is going to rain today.
- 3 Be careful of the chain.
- 4 Let's play on the swings.
- 5 Which way should we go?
- 6 It was a long day at school.
- 7 He took the boots home.
- 8 My hood is wet.
- 9 What is our job?
- 10 She will carry the books.

## SPELLING WORDS

mail  
rain  
chain  
play  
way  
day  
took  
hood  
our  
carry

	1st try	2nd try	3rd try
Mon.	:	:	:
Tues.	:	:	:
Wed.	:	:	:
Thur.	:	:	:

