

Level 5. Finding Rainbow

Alpha Readers

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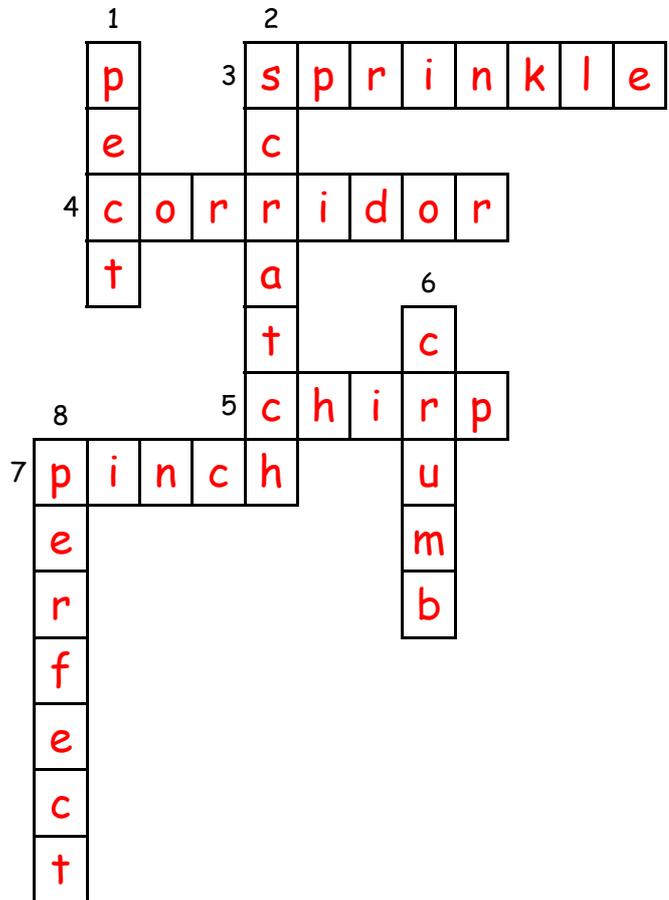
A Solve the crossword puzzle below.

Across →

- 3. to throw drops of water or small pieces of something
- 4. a long narrow passage in a building
- 5. to make short high sound
Two birds _____ loudly in the tree.
- 7. Ouch! His claws _____ed my skin.

Down ↓

- 1. to eat or bite something with its beak
- 2. to rub your skin with your nails
- 6. a very small piece of bread or biscuit
- 8. completely good



B Circle the synonyms of the underlined words.

- 1. I made the bird a cosy bed in the box. movable / **comfortable**
- 2. He folded his sore wings and stood up in his box. **painful** / beautiful
- 3. Two birds were bobbing up and down on the fence. **moving** / building
- 4. Rainbow and his friend returned almost every day. flew / **came back**
- 5. I filled up his seed and water and left the lid open. threw / **stocked**
- 6. My father helped me build them a proper box. **suitable** / pretty

C Write the correct word to complete the sentence.

1. He looked at me with one beady eye and flew off.
2. After school, I set up his box outside.
3. I made a trail of bread crumbs so he could see our garden from up high.
4. Then I ran out of seed.
5. I laid out some more crumbs and made a wish.
6. And we finished it just in time.

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D Rewrite the sentences using the past tense.

Past Tense irregular verbs

Use the **past tense** to talk about what happened.
Use special past words for irregular verbs.

Example: eat-**ate**, keep-**kept**

1. I **feed** the bird some honey through a dropper.
→ I fed the bird some honey through a dropper.
2. He **stands** up in his box.
→ He stood up in his box.
3. They **eat** the seed and **drink** water.
→ They ate the seed and drank water.
4. The two birds **fly** around the yard chirping loudly.
→ The two birds flew around the yard chirping loudly.

A Answer the following questions.

1. What was Rainbow in the story?
 - a) It was a pet bird that the girl bought.
 - b) It was a sick bird that the girl found.**
 - c) It was a stray dog that the girl saw in the street.
2. What did the girl buy for the bird?
 - a) a mirror and some seed**
 - b) a box and a blanket
 - c) a lamp and some honey
3. Why did the girl fill up seed and water and leave the lid open outside?
 - a) because she wanted to raise Rainbow outside
 - b) because she wanted to set Rainbow free
 - c) because she wanted Rainbow to come back**
4. What did the girl and her father build for Rainbow and his friend in the end?
 - a) They built them a garden to play.
 - b) They built them a fence to sit.
 - c) They built them a proper box for a nest.**

B Read and circle the correct word for the story.

1. I **punched** / pinched holes in a box and found a soft blanket.
2. I fed the bird some honey and I kept warm under my **bed** / **lamp** .
3. I named the bird **Sunshine** / **Rainbow** .
4. I put him on my finger and **stroked** / scratched his feathers.
5. I cleaned his **mirror** / nest , called out to him, and waited.
6. I sprinkled out bread crumbs and stocked up on **corn** / **seed** .

C Complete the story chart using the words in the box below.

Beginning

One day I found a sick bird. I took it to my room and looked after it. I bought a mirror and some seed for it. I named the bird Rainbow. He got much better after a few days.

Middle

The next morning, Rainbow flew out of my room and took off. I set up his box outside. I made a trail of bread crumbs so he could see our garden and come back. But Rainbow didn't return until I ran out of seed.

End

A few days later, Rainbow came back with his friend. My father and I built them a proper box for a nest just in time.

Rainbow, room, seed, better, sick, mirror, trail, garden, out of my room, crumbs, time, friend, nest

D Imagine you found a sick bird. Then write a story using the past tense.

Sunshine (the bird's name)

One day I found a sick bird. I felt sorry for it.
(How would you feel?)

(What would you do for the bird?)

First, I took it to my house and kept it warm with a blanket.

Second, I fed it some seed and water.

Finally, I named the bird Sunshine.