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The Thirsty Bird

Pre-reading

1. Look at the picture. What do you see?
2. What animals use this?
3. What do they do here?

Vocabulary Preview

Match the word or phrase with its meaning.

1. ____ I am thirsty.
2. ____ I drank some water. I’m not thirsty anymore.
3. ____ I have two bananas. That is enough for you and me.
4. ____ Would you like a dish of ice cream?
5. ____ This water is deep. I can’t feel the bottom.
6. ____ It was sunny, but suddenly it started to rain.

a. without warning; unexpectedly
b. any longer; at this time
c. want water
d. far down
f. an OK amount
The Thirsty Bird

A bird was very thirsty. It saw some water in a dish. Oh no! It couldn’t drink the water. The dish was too deep. Suddenly, the bird had an idea. It put a rock into the dish. Then, it put in another. The bird put more and more rocks into the dish. What did the rocks do? They pushed the water up! Finally, the water was high enough to drink. The bird drank and drank. It wasn’t thirsty anymore!

Word Practice

Choose the best word.

1. Do you want _____ sandwich?
   a. some          b. another    c. enough    d. more

2. Helen had three glasses of water! She was really _____!
   a. thirsty      b. hungry     c. scared    d. tired

3. I have _____ bread, thank you. I don’t need any more.
   a. many        b. big        c. thirsty  d. enough

4. After three hours, I _____ finished my homework.
   a. sometimes    b. finally    c. always    d. now
Reading Comprehension

Choose the best answer.

1. What is the story about?
   a. How a bird gets to sleep       b. How a bird gets to eat
   c. How a bird gets to drink      d. How a bird gets to fly

2. Where was the water?
   a. In a dish                      b. On a rock
   c. In a rock                      d. On a dish

3. What does “it” refer to in the reading?
   a. The rock                      b. The bird
   c. The dish                      d. The water

4. Which is true?
   a. The bird wanted to eat.       b. The bird didn’t get the water.
   c. The bird was smart.           d. The water tasted bad.

Focus on Order

Put the sentences in order from a - d.

1. ____ The bird drank the water!
2. ____ It put more rocks in the dish.
3. ____ A bird wanted a drink.
4. ____ The bird put in a rock.
Words and Phrases

- have an idea
  I have an idea! Let’s do it this way.
- push up
  The rocks pushed the water up.
- more and more
  There are more and more cars in the city every year.

Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase. Change the form of the words if necessary.

1. The stones _____________ the water in the glass.
2. ________________ people have computers in their homes.
3. John’s father _____________, so he told his family.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the correct words.

push it up   dish   water   thirsty   deep

In this story, there is a 1___________ bird. It can’t get to the 2___________ in a dish. The dish is too 3___________. To get the water, it puts some rocks into the 4___________. They 5__________!

Then, the bird can drink the water!
Listening: What Are You Doing?

Listen to the dialog and choose the best answer.

1. How does the boy feel?
   a. He is hungry.  
   b. He is thirsty.  
   c. He is angry.  
   d. He is tired.

2. What does the boy want to get?
   a. Something to read  
   b. Something to eat  
   c. Something to stand on  
   d. Something to cook with

3. How will he reach the shelf?
   a. With a desk  
   b. With many books  
   c. With the girl’s help  
   d. With his mother’s help

Listen again and check your answers.

Speaking

Look at the dialog. Fill in the blanks with the correct phrase.

- What are you doing?  
- a special class for English  
- really good at English  
- Why are you doing that?

A: You look busy. 1________________________

B: I’m writing a letter to my teacher.

A: 2________________________

B: I want to get into 3________________________. I have to ask her if I can do this.

A: Wow, a special class for English? Why do you want to do that?

B: I want to be 4________________________!

Now practice with a partner. Make your own answers.
Writing

Write about something you wanted by answering the questions.

1. What is something you wanted to get?
   
   ____________________________________________

2. Why did you want this?
   
   ____________________________________________

3. What did you do to get it?
   
   ____________________________________________

Vocabulary Review

A. Choose the best word.

1. “What’s wrong with John?” “I don’t know. He _____ felt sick.”
   
   a. sometimes  b. always  c. enough  d. suddenly

2. I’m old now. I’m not a baby _____.
   
   a. finally  b. thirsty  c. anymore  d. enough

3. I put some milk in a _____ for my cat.
   
   a. dish  b. drink  c. rock  d. deep

B. Choose the word or phrase that is similar to the underlined part.

1. I need one more minute to finish my homework.
   
   a. sad  b. each  c. hungry  d. another

2. I don’t need any more apples. I have lots!
   
   a. another  b. enough  c. a bird  d. a rock

3. I want water after I play soccer.
   
   a. am happy  b. am good  c. am thirsty  d. am tired