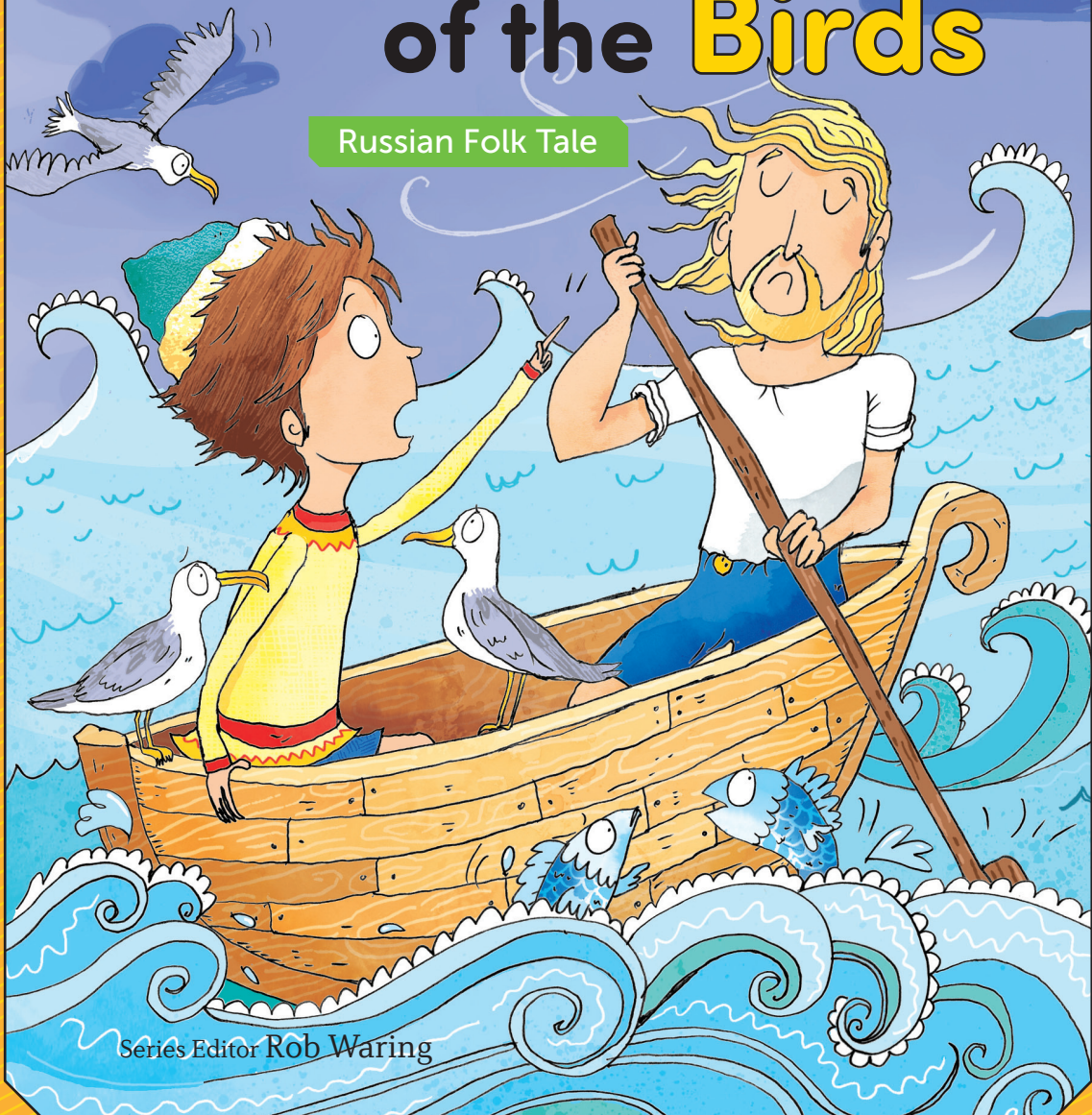


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Russian Folk Tale



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Think Ahead

Before Reading

Imagine you can talk to birds. Match what each bird is saying.



- 1 It's cold today!
- 2 My home is small, but I like it.
- 3 Let's eat!
- 4 I have some news for you.



A Trace the words.



"No one can understand birds."

- 1 "No one can understand birds."
- 2 "No one can understand birds."
- 3 "No one can understand birds."

B Write the sentence from above. Say the sentence three times.

Words to Know

During Reading

A Circle and say the word for each picture. Then write the words.

1



2



3



4



5



B Look and write the missing words. Use the Word Bank.

Word Bank

bad

happy

good

poor

1



"You are _____ to us," say the birds.

2



Ivan's father says to Ivan, "You are a _____ son."

3



Two years later, Ivan's father becomes _____.

4



Ivan says, "You will live with me here in the castle." Ivan's father is very _____.

Meet the Characters

A Who is who? Match and write.

1



Father

2



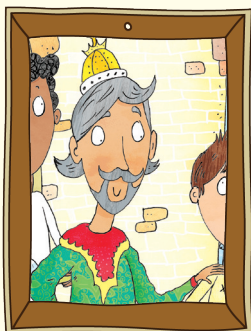
King

3



Ivan

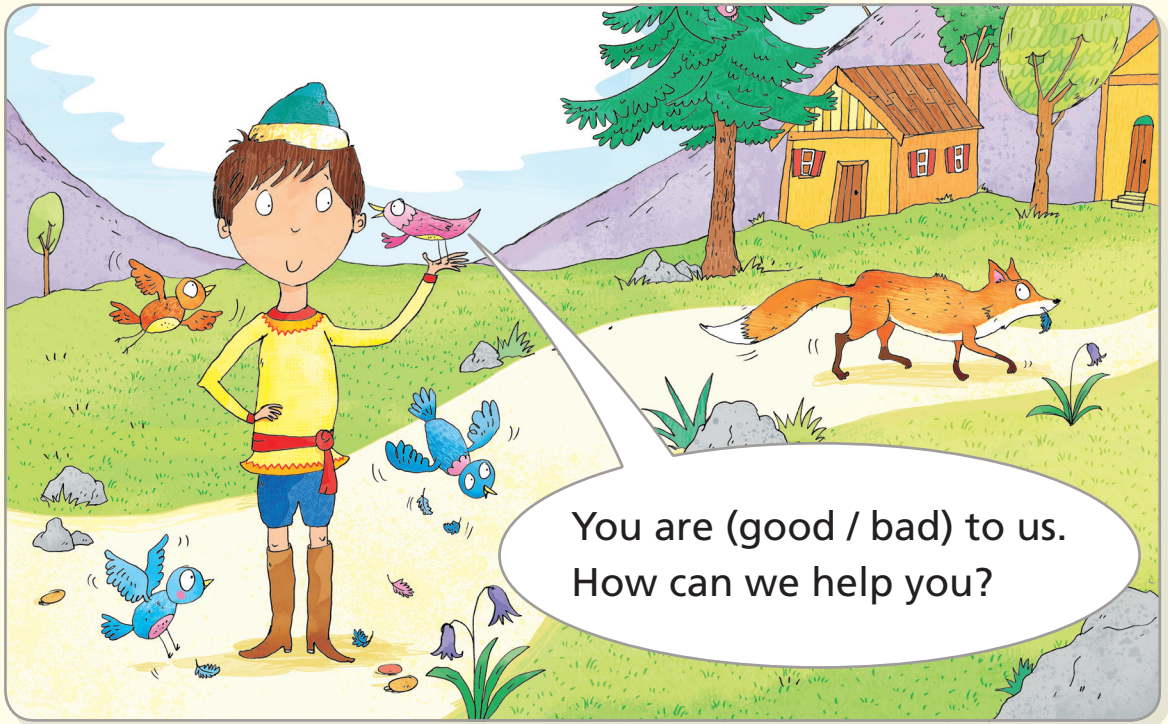
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Bird

B What are they saying? Look and circle. Say the sentences.

1



2



Comprehension

During Reading

A Look and circle (○) True or False.

1



Some birds save Ivan from a fox.

True

False

2



The birds teach Ivan their language.

True

False

3



Ivan helps the king.

True

False

4



Ivan's brother comes to the castle.

True

False

B Look and check (✓) the correct answers.

1 What do the birds tell Ivan?

- "You will be a prince. Your father will be your servant."
- "Your father will be a prince. You will be his servant."

2 How does his father feel?

- Happy
- Angry



3 Where do the birds sit?

- On the window
- On the king's head

4 What does the king want Ivan to be?

- His son
- His servant

C Write the correct words. Use the Word Bank.

1



Word Bank

boat
storm

Ivan leaves the house and goes by _____
to the town. He tells the sailor, "The bird tells me a
_____ is coming."

2

Word Bank

castle
know



"You will live with me here in the _____,"
Ivan says. The birds _____ many things.

D Write the letters for the correct pictures. Match the cause to its effect.

Cause

Effect



- a. Ivan learns the language of the birds.
- b. Ivan saves some birds from a fox.
- c. Ivan talks to the birds, and they fly away.
- d. The king does not like birds.

Review Quiz

After Reading

A Who am I? Match.

1



Teach me the language of the birds, please.

2



You can be my son.

B Circle (○) the best answer.

- 1 A young boy, Ivan, (saves / speaks) some birds from a fox.
- 2 Ivan learns the (castle / language) of the birds.
- 3 Ivan tells a sailor that a (storm / window) is coming.
- 4 The sailor says that Ivan is a (fool / servant).
- 5 The storm comes, and the boat is (lost / poor).

C Match the two parts of the sentence.

- | | | |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------------------|
| 1 The birds teach | • | • by boat to the town. |
| 2 Ivan's father makes | • | • Ivan get out of their house. |
| 3 Ivan goes | • | • Ivan their language. |
| 4 A sailor thinks | • | • no one can understand birds. |

D Choose the correct answer.

1



How does Ivan learn the language of the birds?

- a. He eats magic food.
- b. The birds teach him.

2



What does Ivan ask the birds to do?

- a. To bring the king some gold
- b. To go away from the castle

E Number the pictures in order (1=first, 4=last). Write the missing words.



Ivan learns the language of the _____.



Ivan talks to the birds, and they _____ away.



Ivan's _____ comes to Ivan for help.



The king does not _____ birds.

Read the sentences aloud following the / or // marks below.

/ means to pause. // means to stop.



Ivan talks to the birds, / and they fly away. //
The king is very happy. //



"Ivan, / I'm poor. // Please make me your
servant, " / his father asks. //

Name

Date

Book Title

Words

Write three words you learned from the story.

Summary

Fill in the blanks with the words from the box.

storm saves happy birds language

Ivan _____ some birds from a fox. Ivan learns the _____ of the birds. The birds also tell Ivan about a _____. The king does not like _____. Ivan talks to the birds, and they fly away. Ivan's father comes to Ivan for help. Ivan says his father will live with him in the castle. Ivan's father is very _____.

Lesson

Complete the lesson you learned from the story. Circle (○) the best word.

Keep (crying / trying), even if everyone laughs at you.

★ Key Words and Phrases ★



The birds say, "You will be a prince **one day**."

Ivan tells the sailor, "The bird tells me **a storm is coming**."



Ivan says, "I can talk to them. **I can speak their language**."

Ivan talks to the birds, and they **fly away**.

