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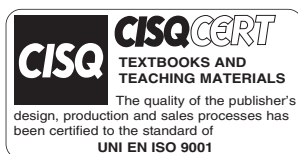
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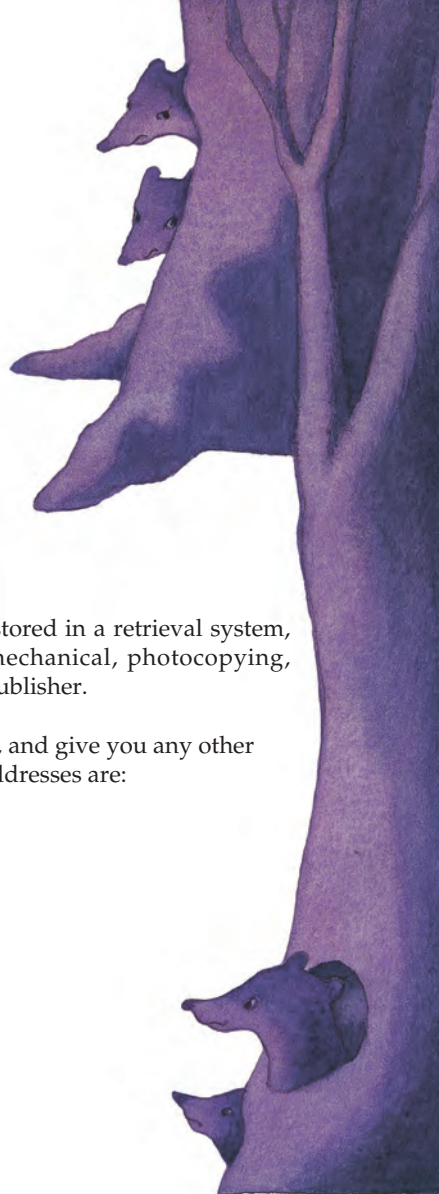
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Meet the Characters



Mole



Rat



Badger



Toad

GLOSSARY

1

Here are the names of all the animals in the story. Do you know them?



mole



rabbit



horse



otter



badger



toad



squirrel



weasel



fox



bird



water rat



kingfisher



moorhen



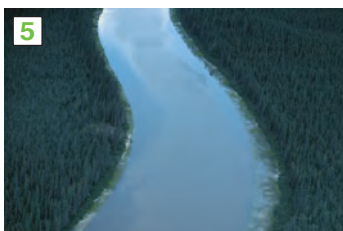
stoat



ferret

2

Do you know these words? Write the words from the box next to the correct picture. Use your dictionary to help you.



meadow
wood
sunlight
grass
river
river bank
willow

3

Now find the words in the word square.

M	E	A	D	O	W	A	I
S	A	T	E	W	O	I	D
R	U	O	S	O	O	D	N
I	R	N	C	L	D	C	K
V	I	A	L	L	R	Y	A
E	V	T	P	I	O	F	F
R	E	O	U	W	G	T	X
H	R	E	U	O	R	H	M
E	B	S	P	I	A	C	T
R	A	V	M	A	S	R	C
W	N	P	U	N	S	V	A
R	K	I	F	D	A	P	N

CHAPTER 1



THE RIVER BANK



It is spring and the Mole is cleaning his little home. He is working very hard and he is very tired. Suddenly he decides to stop. He wants to go outside. He goes up a small tunnel and arrives outside in a meadow.

'This is nice!' he thinks when he arrives in the sunlight. 'This is better than cleaning!' He is very happy.

He crosses meadows and woods. He sees rabbits, birds and a lot of other animals. They are all working hard. Finally he arrives at the river. He sits down on the grass.

The Water Rat comes out of his hole in the river bank. He sees Mole.

'Hello, Mole,' he says. 'Would you like to come over?'

'Hello, Rat. Yes, I would. But how?' replies Mole.

'I can come and get you in my boat.' Rat gets into a little boat

THE RIVER BANK



and crosses the river. Mole gets into the boat.

‘This is wonderful!’ says Mole. ‘This is my first time in a boat.’

‘Your first time!’ says Rat. ‘There’s nothing better than boats! Let’s go for a picnic.’

‘Oh, yes please!’ says Mole.





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Rat goes into his house and returns with a big basket ¹ full of food. They go down the river in the boat. Rat tells Mole about life on the river and about his neighbours ² – the otters, kingfishers and moorhens.

Mole sees a wood in the distance.

‘What’s over there?’ he asks.

‘That’s the Wild Wood,’ says Rat. ‘We don’t go there often.’

‘Are they nice people there?’ asks Mole.

‘Well,’ replies Rat, ‘the squirrels and rabbits are alright. And there’s Badger. He’s nice. But the weasels, stoats and foxes... you must be careful with them.’

They stop for their picnic and Mole unpacks the basket. Soon the Otter arrives.

‘Hello, Otter,’ says Rat. ‘This is my friend Mr Mole.’

‘Pleased to meet you,’ says Otter to Mole.

Suddenly the Badger appears and Rat invites him to the picnic. But Badger turns around and goes away.

‘Badger hates company!’ says Rat. ‘We don’t see him often. But look! There’s Toad on the river in his new boat.’

‘It’s Toad’s new hobby,’ says Otter.

‘Yes,’ says Rat. ‘First it was sailing. ³ Then it was houseboating. ⁴ He changes hobby all the time.’

Rat waves ⁵ to Toad but Toad doesn’t stop.

Rat and Mole return to Rat’s house in the boat. Rat invites Mole to stay with him and Mole is very happy.

1. **basket** : 

2. **neighbour** : someone who lives near you.

3. **sailing** :



4. **houseboating** :



5. **waves** : makes a sign with his hand to say hello.



UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

KEY

1

Are these sentences 'Right' (A) or 'Wrong' (B)? If there is not enough information to answer 'Right' or 'Wrong', choose 'Doesn't say' (C).

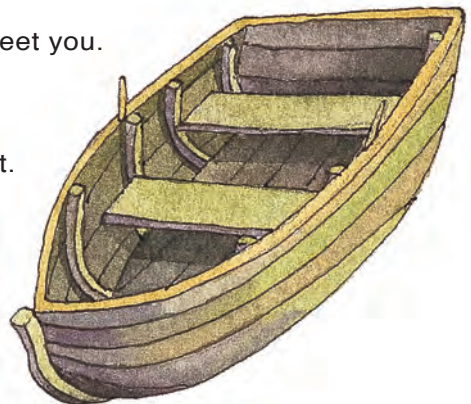
- 0 Mole is cleaning his house.
 (A) Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 1 He leaves his house and walks to the river.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 2 Water Rat invites Mole into his house.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 3 Mole is very happy to go on the boat.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 4 Rat tells Mole about the Wild Wood.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 5 They eat a lot at the picnic.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 6 Badger doesn't like to be with other people.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 7 Toad comes to the picnic.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say
- 8 Mole is sad to stay with Rat.
 A Right B Wrong C Doesn't say

KEY

2

Complete the conversations. Choose A, B or C.

- 1 Would you like to come to my house? A ☐ Yes, thank you.
 B ☐ No, I don't.
 C ☐ No, thank you.
- 2 Pleased to meet you. A ☐ Hello.
 B ☐ Pleased to meet you.
 C ☐ Yes, me too.
- 3 Let's go swimming. A ☐ Good idea!
 B ☐ No, let's don't.
 C ☐ Yes, let's.

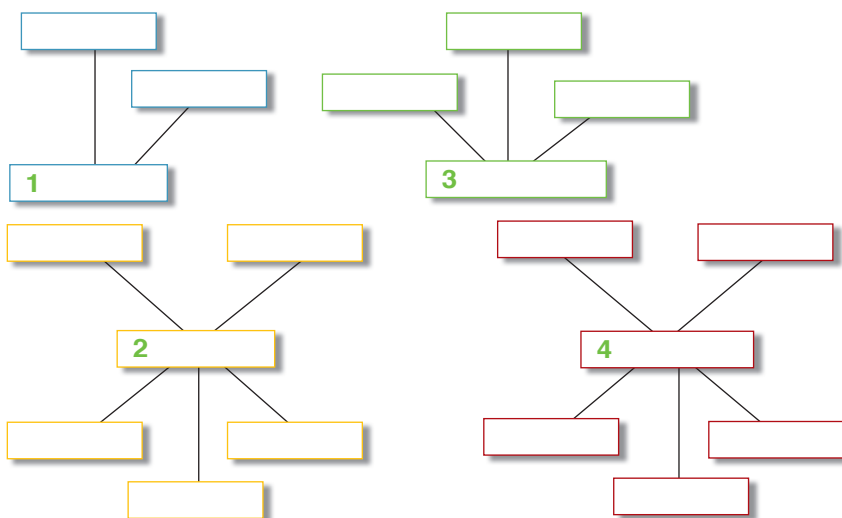


3

SCRAMBLED WORDS

A Unscramble the words in the box and write them in the centre of the spidergrams.

1 psrign 2 neitwr 3 mutuna 4 mursem



B Which words do you associate with the seasons? Use the words in the box to complete the spidergrams.

cold hot flowers rain beach swimming ice cream
holidays ice skating skiing coats snow leaves gold yellow

C Now match the season to the correct part of the picture.

