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Level 19

Running Words 464 **Text Type** Narrative (Fable)

Curriculum Areas English (Literacy, Literature, Language); Humanities (Civics and Citizenship)

Retelling to Encourage Critical Thinking About the Content

Ask each student to retell the story in their own words.

Record the retelling for further discussion and reflection.

Questions to Reinforce Meaning and Stimulate Discussion

Literal

- 1 Why was Sparrow cross with Crow?
- 2 What did Sparrow ask Flea to do?
- 3 What was the small thing Crow found and put underneath his wing?

Inferential

- 4 Why did Sparrow want Mouse to chew Old Pony's tail?
- 5 Why did Sparrow think Cat would be able to frighten Mouse?
- 6 Why didn't the other animals do what Sparrow asked them to do?
- 7 How did Sparrow upset everyone?
- 8 What was Sparrow's lesson?

Applied Knowledge

- 9 What is another animal that could have been in this story? Why?
- 10 How did Crow show he is a good friend to Sparrow?

Links with Other PM Guided Reading Books

Level 19	Narrative	<i>A Dog Called Bear</i>
Level 19	Narrative	<i>The Pedlar's Caps</i>
Level 19	Narrative (Play)	<i>The Best Animal in the Forest</i>
Level 20	Narrative	<i>Penny and the Falcons</i>
Level 20	Narrative	<i>Dinner Time for Ruff</i>



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Crow and Sparrow were good friends.

One day, they were hopping along the ground together when Crow picked up something small and shiny.

“What did you find, Crow?” asked Sparrow.



Crow put the small, shiny thing underneath his wing.

"It's nothing important," he said.

"Show it to me anyway!" cried Sparrow.

"It's nothing important!" said Crow again.

And he flew up into a tree.



Sparrow stared at Crow. She felt cross.

“What a bad bird you are!” she said, loudly.

“I don’t want to be your friend any more!”

Then, Sparrow hopped into the barn
where Old Pony was eating hay.



“Hello, Old Pony,” said Sparrow.
“I’m feeling quite annoyed with Crow!
He won’t show me what he found!”

Old Pony wanted to finish eating his hay,
so he turned his back and kept eating.

This made Sparrow *really* cross!



Sparrow's friend Mouse was sitting near the hay.

"Hello, Mouse," said Sparrow.

"Old Pony won't talk to me!

Please leap onto his tail and chew it!"

Mouse looked surprised.

"I don't want to chew Old Pony's tail," she said. "Why should I?"

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