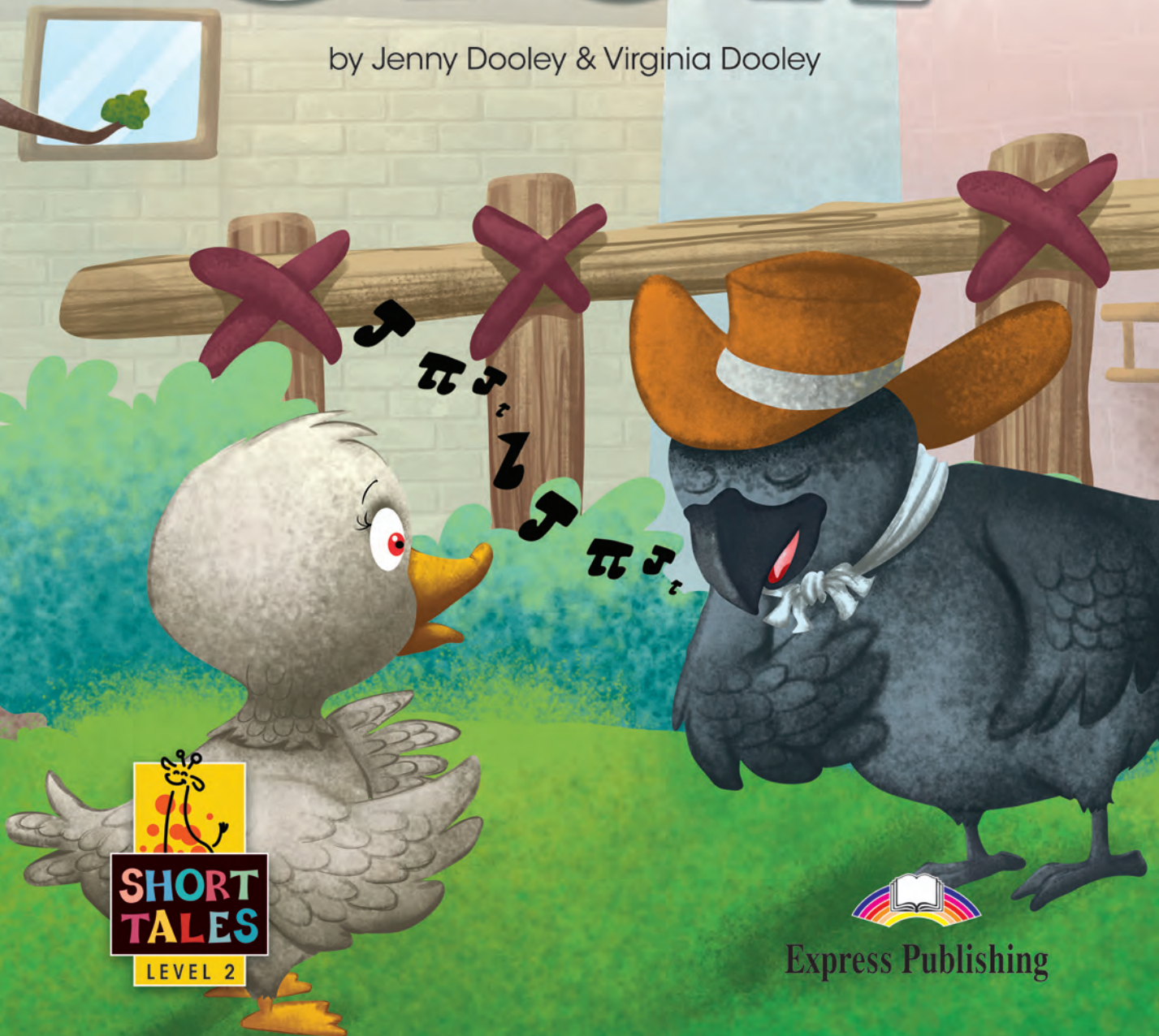


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What can you see in the picture?



Miss Melody is a music teacher. Every week, she goes to Mary's house to teach her how to sing and play the piano. Carlos Crow likes to sit by the window and listen to them. He loves music but he can't sing.



"Let's learn a new song now, Mary. **Rain on the green grass. Rain on the tree. Rain on the rooftop, but not on me.**"

"That's beautiful, Miss Melody!"



What is the new song about?

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ACTIVITIES

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19 Listen and say.



hear



clap



birthday

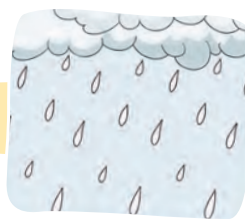


remember

20 Find the words! What's the secret message?



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



The secret message is: _____



You can hear birds singing when you walk around in a park, but what about other animals? And why do they do it? Sometimes, it's to say that there is food there, or to find another animal. Read on to find out about the animals below.

Mice sing with a very high voice. We can't hear it—only other mice can! When male mice want to find a partner, they lift their head high in the air and sing!



The **antelope squirrel** lives in North America. When it's scared, it stamps its feet and sings a song. They do this to make who scared them stop and not come near.



Humpback whales have a loud voice. They sing for their friends. They tell them where they are with their song. The other whales listen and then go and find their friend.

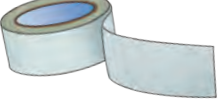


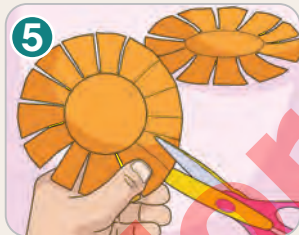
21  Look, read and match.

- 1 It sings loudly. ☐
- 2 It sings when it's scared. ☐
- 3 It sings to tell its friends where it is. ☐
- 4 People can't hear it sing. ☐
- 5 It sings and moves its legs at the same time. ☐
- 6 It lifts its head up when it sings. ☐



You need:

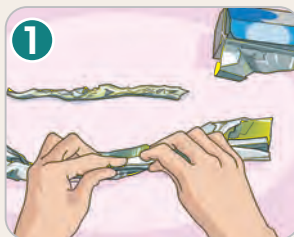
- empty paper towel roll — 
-  — tinfoil
- $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cup of dried rice — 
-  — a funnel
- tape — 
-  — a wooden spoon or a broom handle
- coloured paper — 
-  — scissors



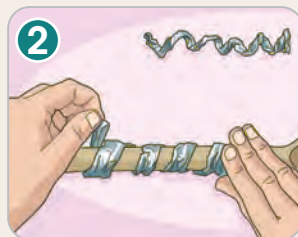
Draw bigger circles around the small circles and cut them out. Then, make cuts from the edge to the small circle.



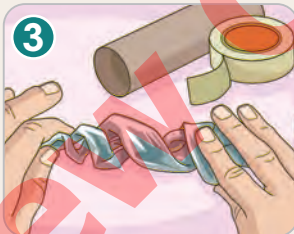
Tape the circle onto one end of the paper towel roll, folding the flaps up.



Cut two pieces of tinfoil: a large one and a smaller one. Twist them so that one piece is quite thick and the other is very thin.



Wrap them around the wooden spoon/broom handle to turn them into spirals.



Put the thin spiral into the thick spiral.



Trace two circles on the paper using the end of the paper towel roll.



Insert the two spirals into the roll and add some dried rice.



Tape the second circle onto the other end of the tube. Use a lot of tape to make it secure.



Wrap a sheet of coloured paper around the outside.



Shake your stick to make it sound like rain!

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