

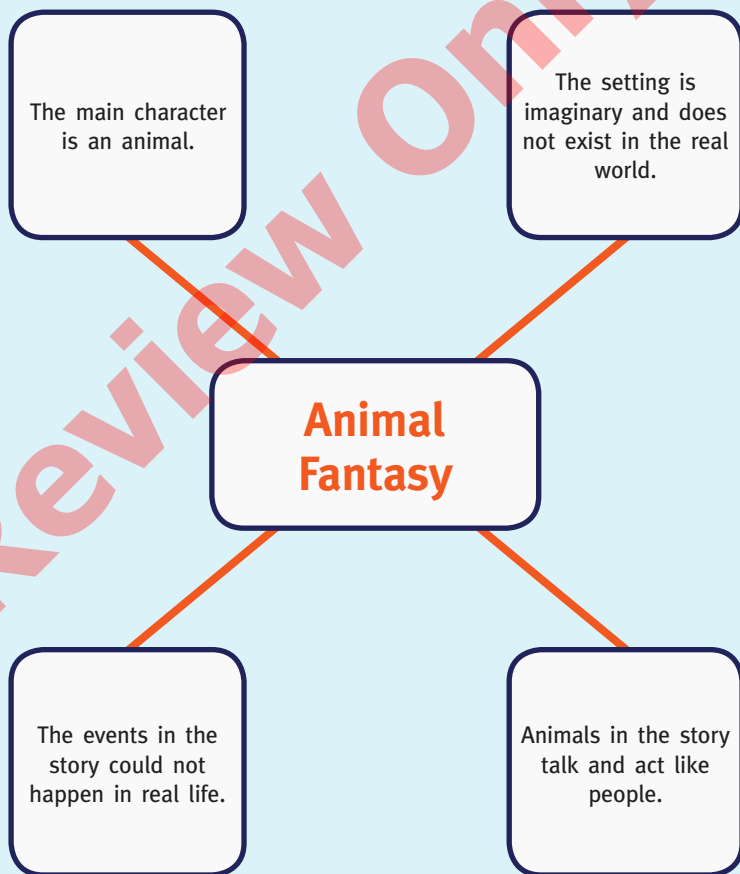
The Blue Jays Build a Nest

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Animal Fantasy

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Belle and Bo Blue Jay were going to be parents for the first time. They had to build a nest. They chose a place in a tall pine tree.



They didn't know how to build a nest. Bo was worried.

Belle said, "We'll figure it out, Bo."





Belle said, “The bottom and sides of the nest must be strong.”

Bo saw some twigs on the ground. He flew down to get them and brought them back to Belle.

Belle studied the twigs. Then she said,
“These twigs are solid and hard. We can
stack them up. They’re perfect!”

Belle placed the twigs in a circle.
Bo brought more twigs to stack on top.





Bo saw some chewing gum on the ground. He said, “Belle, this gum will hold the twigs together.” He tried to pick up the gum, but it was stuck to a rock.

Belle said, “Leave it there, Bo. It’s too sticky for our nest.”

Bo saw a kite stuck in a tree. “Belle,” he asked, “can we use string?”

Belle said, “String is strong and flexible. Maybe we can wind the string around the twigs to keep them together.”



Bo pulled some string from the kite.
Then he carried it back to the nest.





Bo cut the string in pieces with his beak. Belle wound the pieces around the twigs to hold them together. "Perfect!" she said.