

Story 10

The Bird and the Fire

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However, the nests were close together, and the fire burned up both nests and everything around them.

Lesson: Be careful. If you don't know how to do something, you could hurt yourself and others.

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SHEEKADII TOBNAAD
SHINBIR DAB QAADEY

Beri baa waxaa deris ahaa laba Shinbirood. Waxay lahaayeen laba buul oo waaweyn, iyaga oo doonaya in ay ka ilaaliyaan carruurtooda dhaxanta, roobka iyo cadceeda (qoraxda). Si wanaagsan ayey u wada noolaan jireen. Waxaa nafta u keenay galeyrr, oo markasta oo ay cunto carruurta u doonaanba u soo daba waydaarta oo cuna ugxanta iyo carruurta yar yar ee aan duulikareyn. Shimbirhii mid ka mida ayaa fikirtey, waxay samaysana way garan weyday. Shinbirtu waligeed dagaal ma gelin mana jecla in ay dagaal gesho. Hase ahaatee waxay go'aan ku gaadhay in ay la dagaalanto galeyrrka oo ay ilmaheeda ka ceshato. Shinbirtii waxay ogaatay in galeyrrku ka xoog badan yahay markaa waxay doonatay dab si ay galeyrrka iskaga celiso ugana aargoosato.

Waxay soo qaaday, dab olol badan, markaas ayey gurigeedii la timi iyada oo dooneysa in ay galeyrrka ku gubto dabka. Hase ahaatee wuxuu dabkii gubay buul keedii, kii

Shinbirta kale, iyo wixii u dhawaa oo dhan. Maahmaah
Soomaaliyeed ayaa tidhaa, "Shinbiri maalin ayey dab qaaday
maalintiina min alley gubtay."



Dulucda sheekada:

*U jeedadu waxay tahay haddii aad ku kacdo waxaanad
aqoon ama waayo arignimo u lahayn dhibaato a yaa kaa soo
gaadhi karta.*

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A Play

Time: A long time ago

Place: In a tree in Somalia

Characters: Narrator Bird 1
 Eagle Bird 2

Narrator: A long time ago two birds were friends.

Bird 1: Let's build our nests next to each other in this tree.

Bird 2: Good idea. This seems like a safe place.

Narrator: The two birds built their nests in the same tree. They were very happy until an eagle discovered the nests.

Eagle: Well, look what I see! Two nests full of eggs! Now I know where my next dinner will be.

Narrator: The eagle dives down to take a closer look. He flaps his wings and screeches to scare the birds away.

Eagle: Now that I've scared those pesty birds, I can have some eggs for dinner.

Narrator: The eagle eats some eggs and flies away.

Bird 1: Look at my nest! That eagle ate half our eggs. What can we do?

Bird 2: Oh! I know he'll come back when he's hungry. Let's make a plan.

Bird 1: I know. Let's put all our eggs in one nest. When the eagle comes back to the other nest looking for eggs I'll set his feathers on fire. Then he'll never bother us again.

Narrator: The eagle returns to the nest. He looks in the empty nest. Just then the bird flew down with a burning twig in her beak. She dropped the flames on the eagle. The eagle flew away, but the fire burned the nest instead. The flames grew bigger and bigger. Finally both nests were destroyed and the tree burned.

Bird 1: Oh, no! My eggs are all gone.

Bird 2: Our nest and tree are gone too.

Bird 1: We must fly far away from here. All the birds will be mad at us for burning up the tree, and endangering their homes.

Bird 2: Let's go.

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New Vocabulary

burning	nest
eagle	safe
find/found	teach
instead	think/thought
neighbors	torch

Suggested Background Information, Activities and Questions

Before Reading

1. Talk about predators and prey in the bird world.
2. Discuss the different kinds of birds found in Somalia.
3. Use the new vocabulary in sentences.

After Reading

1. What is the main idea of this story?
2. What lesson can be learned from this story?
3. One bird made a plan. What was this plan? Did it work?
4. Make a story map.
5. Do the cloz activity.
6. Dramatize the story.
7. Do the sequencing activity.

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Cloz activity

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