

Teacher instructions: Read this passage aloud to your learner.

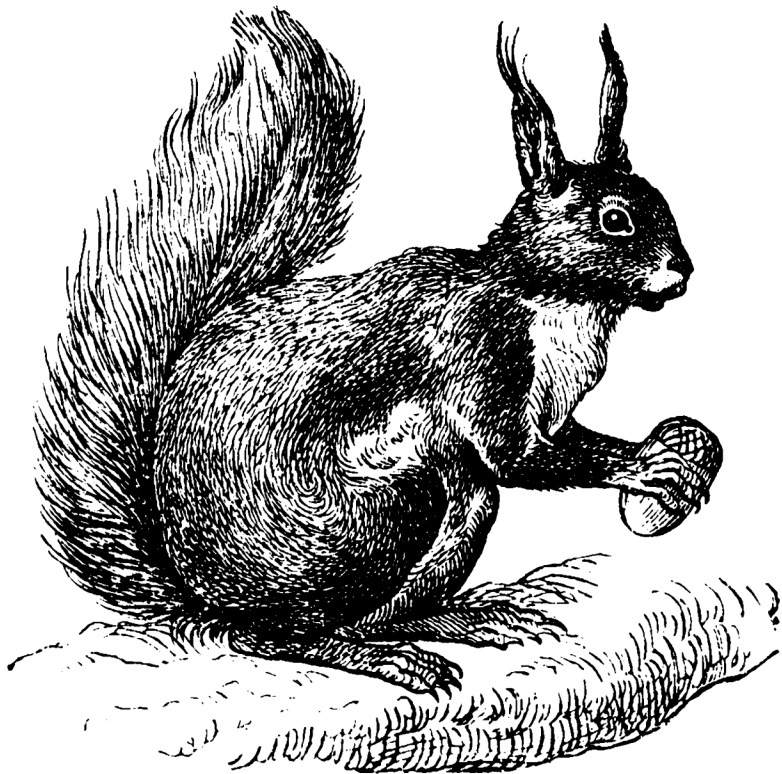
*Whisky frisky,
Hippity hop,
Up he goes,
To the tree top!*

*Furly, curly,
What a tail,
Tall as a feather,
Broad as a sail.*

*Whirly, twirly,
Round and round,
Down he scampers,
To the ground.*

*Where's his supper?
In the shell,
Snappy, cracky,
Out it fell.*

ANONYMOUS





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THE SQUIRREL'S HARVEST

Little Marjorie came running into the house one cold November morning.

"Oh, Mother!" she cried, "guess what I saw!"

Mother smiled at Marjorie, and said, "I cannot guess. Will you tell me?"

"I saw a dear little squirrel out in the woods picking up nuts," said Marjorie. "He ate them whole, and then ran away as fast as he could. Why did he do that?"

"Marjorie, if you will take off your bonnet and cloak and sit by the fire, I will tell you a story about the squirrels," said Mother.

So Marjorie ran to put away her wraps and in a few minutes was sitting by the fire near her mother, ready to hear the story.

"Out in the woods," began Mother, "in a hollow tree, is a little house where lives a very happy family — two big squirrels, Father Squirrel and Mother Squirrel, and their two little children, Fly and Fleet. The door of their house is a hole in the tree. Can you guess what they did all last summer?"

"Did they play in the woods, run on the ground, climb trees and jump about on the branches?" asked Marjorie.

"That is just what they did," said Mother. "Soon autumn came and one morning Father Squirrel went out to take a run before breakfast. He saw something white on the ground. So he hurried home and said to Mother Squirrel, 'Jack Frost has come and we must all go to work, for he has shaken the nuts from the trees, and if we do not gather them before he brings the snow, we will not have anything to eat this winter!'

"So they all started out to find their winter store of food. They did not need to carry bags, for right inside their cheeks are little pockets made on purpose to carry nuts. Each squirrel worked until his pockets were just as full as they could be, and then he ran and emptied the nuts in front of his home. With his sharp teeth he gnawed the hard shells from the nuts and put the clean white meats away in the little storehouse.

"They worked day after day, and when the storehouse was filled Father Squirrel said, 'Now, we have enough food to last through the winter and we may rest.'

"The next morning when they looked out, the snow covered the ground.

"I am so glad we have gathered our nuts,' said Mother Squirrel.

"Yes,' said Father Squirrel. 'Now we may take a long nap and when we wake up we will have plenty to eat!' And they all went to sleep."

Little Marjorie lifted two shining eyes to Mother's when the story was finished, and said, "Was the squirrel that I saw in the woods putting nuts into his pockets to take home?"

"Yes," said Mother, "That is what he was doing."

"Isn't it funny?" said Marjorie.

—MARY E. MCALLISTER in *Half a Hundred Stories*.

Discuss.



Lesson 5



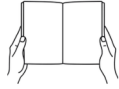
Teacher instructions: Discuss the illustration and the passage with your learner.



What do you see in the illustration?

What do you remember from the story you just listened to? Tell me the story using your own words.

Read.



Lesson 5



Read this silently and then out loud.

Father Squirrel was in the
tree.

Mother Squirrel was in the
tree.

They can jump from branch
to branch.

They can find nuts.

The squirrels can get ready
for the winter.

Write.



Lesson 5



Write the words.

fire

Blank handwriting lines for the word "fire".

squirrel

Blank handwriting lines for the word "squirrel".

bonnet

Blank handwriting lines for the word "bonnet".

winter

Blank handwriting lines for the word "winter".

ground

Blank handwriting lines for the word "ground".

Write.



Lesson 5

end



Use the illustration as inspiration to write a sentence.

Most sentences:

- start with an uppercase letter
- end with a period
- are a complete thought