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Jack's Wish



Reading Consonant Blends Group 6



Dedicated to children everywhere...

To all whom you meet, be truthful and kind.

Make the right choices, and good things you'll find!

Love others and smile - let your best actions lead.

Have fun, and have faith, and learn how to read!

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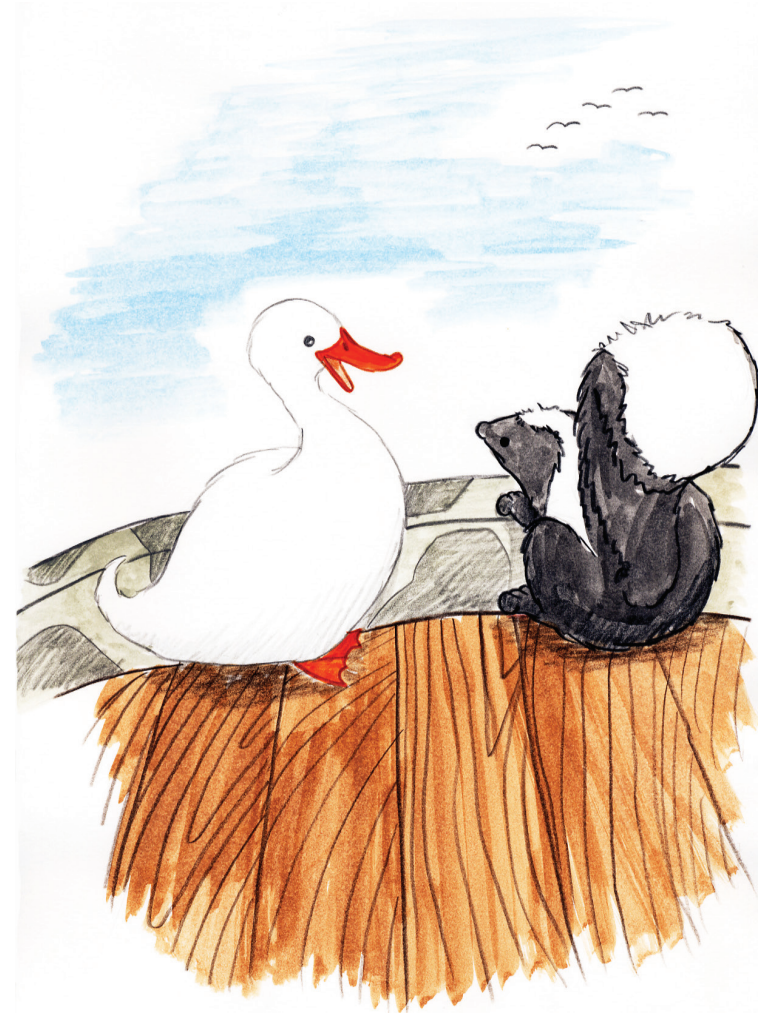
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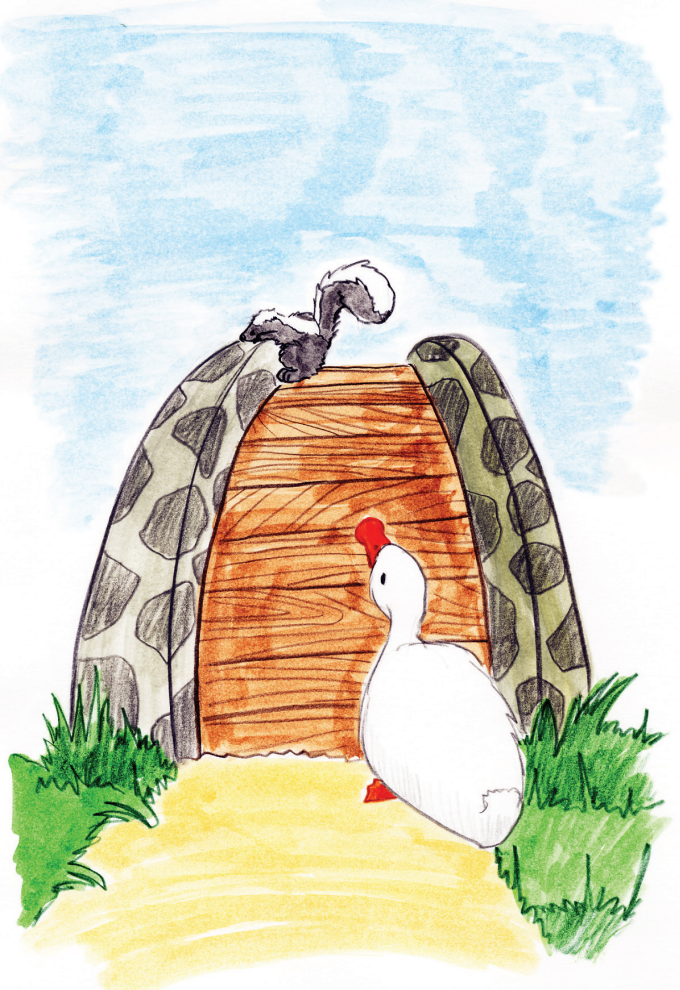


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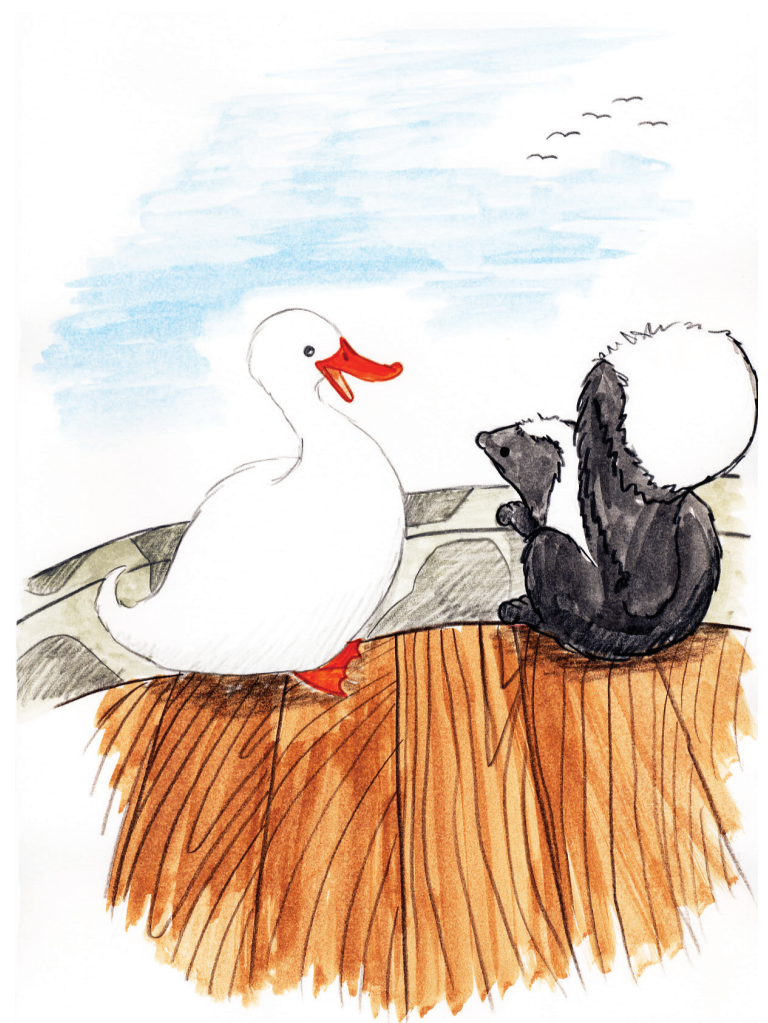


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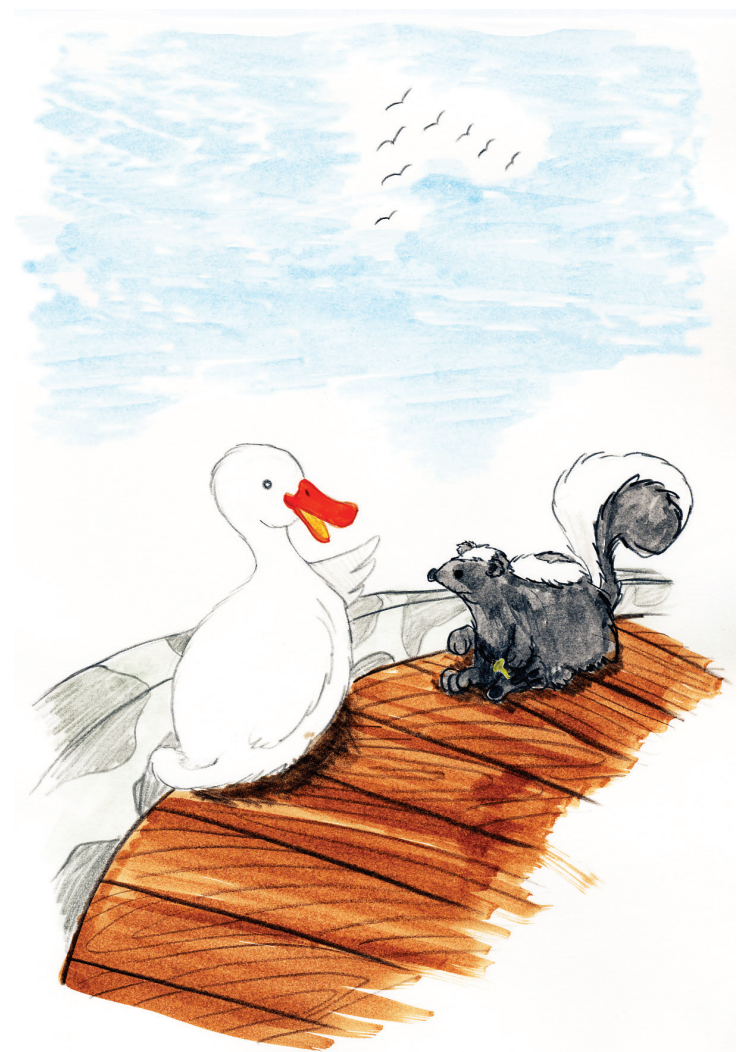
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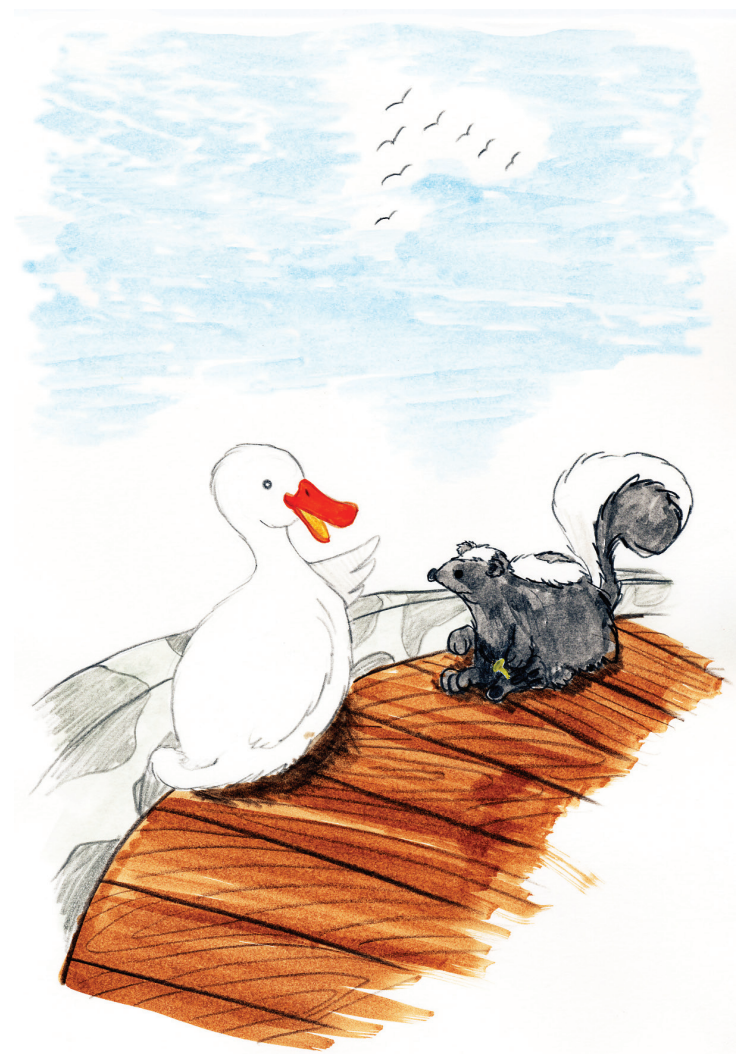


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Conversation Station

A Place to Talk and Smile

Comprehension (discussion with reader)

1. What did Jack want to do instead of quacking?
2. Where did the pond animals like to meet one another?
3. What was Stink's problem?
4. How did Jack solve Stink's problem?
5. Did Stink reward Jack for his help? How?
6. Can you act out this story with a friend? Which animal will you pretend to be?

Conversation Time

1. This story happens in the springtime. Do you know what "spring" is? Right! It is one of the seasons. The four seasons are:
Spring Summer Fall Winter
2. Talk about what happens in each of these seasons where you live. What holidays do you celebrate during each season?
3. Jack and Stink were an unlikely pair of animal friends. That didn't stop Jack from helping Stink. It is good to help others, even if they are a little different than you are. Can you think of someone who needs your help and friendship?
4. Jack made a pledge that he would keep trying until he got the tack out of Stink's foot. What is a pledge? (a promise)

Sequencing

Draw a line to the numbers to show the order in which these things happened in the story. Can you remember? (If you prefer, you can point to them.)



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