



# A Tale of Two Feathers SPaG Challenge Cards



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1

Find three adjectives in the story.

Use each one in a sentence.



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2

Which word completes this sentence?

One starry night, Otis Owl was \_\_\_\_\_ in  
the trees.

sit

sits

sitting

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3

Write these words in the **present tense**.

spotted

flew

thought

begun

said

became

took

slept



4 Write these contracted words as **two words**.  
An example has been done for you.

I've = I have

don't =

it's =



5 Which sentence uses the correct **punctuation**?

What are you doing out at night.

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6 Can you explain what these words mean?  
Use a dictionary to check any that you're not sure of.

hunting

minnow

search

exhausted

disappeared

mysterious

unusual

shrieked

interrupted

gaspd



7 Add the suffix **-ed** to change these verbs to **past tense**. Remember, you might need to add or take away some letters.

spot \_\_\_\_\_

step \_\_\_\_\_

ask \_\_\_\_\_

stare \_\_\_\_\_

returne \_\_\_\_\_

suggest \_\_\_\_\_

settle \_\_\_\_\_



8 How many **nouns** can you find in this story? Write a list.

Examples:

mouse

friend



9 Which of these are **expanded noun phrases**?

one starry night

a stripy white feather

tomorrow night

suddenly

a tasty mouse

the mysterious bird

that morning

a bird with shiny

a delicious minnow

blue feathers

said Wilma

10 **O**tis **O**wl and **K**ia **K**ingfisher have alliterative names. Both of the words in their names start with the same letter.

Think of alliterative names for these other animals in the book:

badger

fox

deer

caterpillar

ladybird

hedgehog

11 What is wrong with these sentences?

Have you seen any birds with feathers like this.

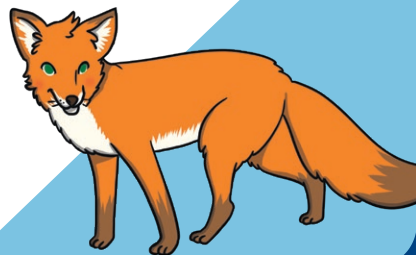
Do you know who might have dropped this feather.

Why don't you ask Candace Corncrake.



12 Which of these spellings are correct?

thought	thort
frend	friend
woz	was
asked	arsked
sed	said



13 Look through the book for words that end with a 'y' that makes an **ee** sound. How many can you find?

Example:

starry



14 There are different ways to spell the **igh** sound. Find at least one word from the book for each of these ways to spell **igh**.

igh

i

i\_e



15 Look through the book to find a word that includes each of these digraphs and trigraphs:

ir	ue	ore
ew	ou	ow
or	ay	ea

What sound do they make in the words you have found?

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1. Accept any adjective from the story used in a sentence that makes sense.
2. sitting
3. spot, fly, think, begin, say, become, take, sleep
4. do not; it is
5. What are you doing out at night?
6. Accept definitions that make sense.
7. spotted, asked, returned, settled, stepped, stared, suggested
8. Accept any nouns from the story, e.g. Otis Owl, feather, bird, sun, tree.
9. one starry night, a stripy white feather, a tasty mouse, the mysterious bird, a bird with shiny blue feathers, a delicious minnow
10. Accept any alliterative names for the animals.
11. They should all end with a question mark instead of a full stop.
12. thought, friend, was, asked, said
13. starry, tasty, suddenly, shiny, any, nearly, stripy, Billy, ready, very, mystery, only, finally (Children may also spot the y at the end of every in everywhere.)

14. igh – night, high, Nightjar, Nightingale, might, sight, right, night-time, daylight  
i – shiny, Nigel, stripy, finally  
i\_e – like, rise, white, time, while, realised, night-time
15. ir – bird(s); ue – blue; ore – before, more; ew – flew, new; ou – mouse, you, found; ow – Owl, tomorrow, down, minnow, know, own, show, wow; or – for, sort, morning; ay – day, always, daylight; ea – feather, beak, each