

Lesson -15

A Secret

1. Where do birds live?
2. Where do they lay their eggs?
3. Do you remember any poem on birds?

We have a secret, just we three,
The robin and I, and the sweet cherry tree.

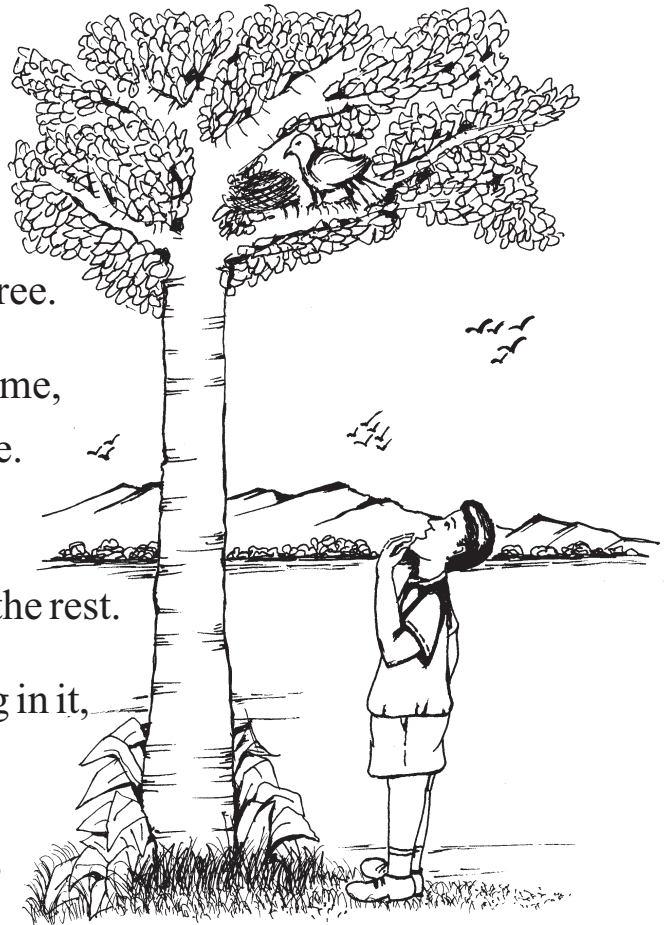
The bird told the tree, and the tree told me,
And nobody knows it but just we three.

But of course the robin knows it best,
Because she built the I shan't tell the rest.

And laid the four little something in it,
I am afraid I shall tell it every minute.

But if the tree and the robin don't peep,
I will try my best the secret to keep.

Though I know when the little birds fly out,
Then the whole secret will be out.



EXERCISES

Listen and Repeat

three	best	peep	laid
tree	rest	keep	afraid
free	chest	beep	grade

Word Power

1. Fill in the blank spaces using the rhyming words given below :

wrong tree weep

- (i) We are three under the sweet cherry _____.
- (ii) When I sing a song, I am never _____.
- (ii) When I sleep I never _____.

2. 'g' has two different sounds: ज as in 'page' and ग as in 'pig'. Classify the words given below accordingly.

giraffe,	bridge,	cage,	gem,
leg,	gun,	gate,	giant,
glass,	gypsy,	age,	go,
bag,	grass,	message,	twig

giraffe	glass
_____	_____
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Comprehension

Answer the following questions:

- a. Who is the speaker in the poem?
- b. Who told the secret to the boy?
- c. In the second stanza the poet says, “And laid the four little..... something in it?” What does the poet mean by ‘four little’?
- d. Who told the secret to the tree?
- e. When will the secret be out?
- f. What is the secret?
- g. The poet says, “Just we three.” The first one is a bird, the second one is the poet himself, Who is the third one?

Let's Read

Read the poem carefully:

The leaves said, “It's spring,
And here are we,
Opening and stretching
On every tree.”

The leaves said, " It's summer
Each bird has a nest,
We make the shadow
Where they can rest

The leaves said, “It’s autumn,
Aren’t we all gay?”
Scarlet and golden
And russet were they.

The leaves said, “It’s winter,
Weary are we.”
So they lay down and slept
Under the tree.

Now Answer the following questions:

- (i) What did the leaves say in the spring?
- (ii) In which season do birds make nests in the trees?
- (iii) What did the leaves say in the autumn?
- (iv) What happened to the leaves in the winter?
- (v) Give an appropriate title to the poem.

Let's Write

Look at the picture given with the poem "A secret" carefully and describe it in at least five to six sentences.

Let's do it

Find out a poem on birds or trees and write it in your notebook. Visit your library for this purpose.