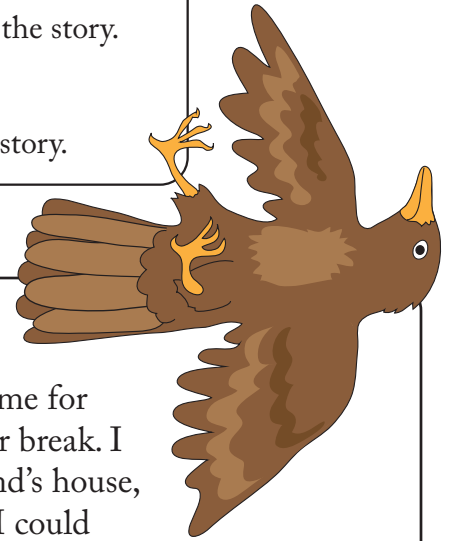


Point of View: An Interesting Discovery

Good readers use clues to determine the **point of view** of the text.

- A narrator can tell the story.
 - Key Words: he, she, it, they
 - Hint: the person telling the story is not in the story.
- A character can tell the story.
 - Key Words: I, me, we, us
 - Hint: the person telling the story is in the story.



Directions: Read the story below. Then answer the questions.

An Interesting Discovery

“See you later!” I called to my friend. It was time for me to go home for lunch. I had been playing at my friend’s house every morning of summer break. I enjoyed the freedom that my mom gave me. She let me walk to my friend’s house, and then walk home by myself, too. As long as I made it home in time, I could continue this routine. This summer was seriously awesome so far.

I skipped, walked, and jogged home. The day was beautiful and the sun was shining. I was in a good mood. Nothing could bring me down!

Suddenly, I stopped short. I had almost stepped on something on the sidewalk. As I looked down, I realized that it was an injured bird. It was barely moving and looked like it was in pain.

I knew that I should never touch a wild animal. There were many reasons to leave wildlife alone, but I really wanted to pick up this bird. It looked like a baby. However, I knew that if I picked up a baby bird, the mother might abandon it. I didn’t want to cause any more problems.

Instead, I looked at my surroundings so I could remember exactly where the bird was located. I noticed the street signs and what houses I was near. I wanted to be able to bring my mom back to this exact spot. I knew my mom would know exactly what to do.

I raced home. I ran so fast that when I got there, I was out of breath. I tried to speak, but I could not get my words out clearly.

“Celeste,” my mom said, “Please slow down. Is something wrong? You’re worrying me.”

“There’s a bird on the sidewalk, Mom. I think it’s injured. Can we help it?” I gasped.

I guided my mom to the place where I had first seen the injured bird. Sure enough, it was still there in the same spot. My mom crouched down to look at it, but she did not touch it. My mom and I discussed what we thought could have caused the problem. We also talked about what we should do.

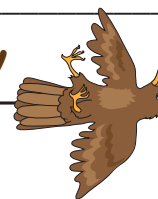
We left the bird on the sidewalk as we walked home. Upon returning home, my mom did some research. She found the number of a wildlife rescue organization that takes care of injured animals. She made the phone call and shared the information about where the bird could be found.

The day had started so wonderfully, but then I had become a worried mess. I was glad that my mom was able to get the problem solved. The bird would be fine and I had done my part to help it. It felt pretty cool to know that I had made a difference!

Name: _____

Date: _____

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1. Who is telling the story?

How do you know?

2. What is Celeste's opinion about getting the injured bird some help?

3. Celeste sees the injured bird as an emergency. Explain how you would feel in the same situation.

4. Rewrite a part of the story from the point of view of Celeste's mom.
