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🔊 Spider, Skunk, Squirrel, and Goose wanted to go swimming. They walked over to Chipmunk's house to invite their friend along.

🔊 They walked and walked and walked. But where was Chipmunk's house?



🔊 "Chipmunk?" called Spider.

"Chipmunk, where are you?"

"Over here!" called Chipmunk.

He climbed out of a muddy hole.

🔊 "What happened?" asked Skunk.

"The rain washed my old home away," said Chipmunk.





🔊 "I have to dig a new burrow,"  
said Chipmunk.

🔊 Spider, Skunk, Squirrel and  
Goose knew what they had to do.

🔊 "Let us help you," said Squirrel.  
"We can all work on your burrow."



🔊 So the friends helped Chipmunk.  
They dug and dug and dug.

🔊 At last, Chipmunk cried, "We're  
done! Our work is complete!"

🔊 But Goose said, "Not yet. We  
still have to decorate."



🔊 Spider spun her silk into thread.  
Skunk and Spider used the thread  
to make curtains and a **small** rug.

🔊 Squirrel gathered nuts and  
seeds.

🔊 Goose used her feathers to  
make a blanket and pillow.





🔊 Then they gave their gifts to Chipmunk.

🔊 Spider said, "I would like to give you this rug."

🔊 "Thank you!" said Chipmunk. "It is a very fine rug. I will put it in the middle of my burrow."





🔊 Skunk said, "We want to give you these curtains. Spider made **one** and I made the other."

🔊 "Thank you so much!" said Chipmunk. "They will look beautiful in my burrow."



🔊 Squirrel said, "Please take these nuts and seeds."

🔊 "Thanks!" said Chipmunk.

"I can't wait to eat them!"

🔊 Goose said, "This pillow and blanket will keep you warm."

"I love them," said Chipmunk.



🔊 "I feel so lucky to have friends like you," Chipmunk said. "You are invited to visit any time."

🔊 "And you are invited to come swimming!" said Skunk.

🔊 So they ran down to the lake and all jumped into the water together.

# Responding

## **TARGET SKILL** Story Structure

Who is the story about? Where does the story happen? What happens? Make a chart.


## **Write About It**

**Text to Self** Think of a problem you solved. Draw three pictures. Show the problem, what you did, and what happened. Write a sentence about each picture.





### WORDS TO KNOW

eat

one

small

give

put

take



### LEARN MORE WORDS

burrow

complete



### TARGET SKILL

## Story Structure

Tell the setting, character, and events in a story.



### TARGET STRATEGY

## Visualize

Picture what is happening as you read.



## GENRE

A **fantasy** is a story that could not happen in real life.

**Level:** I

**DRA:** 16

**Genre:**

Fantasy

**Strategy:**

Visualize

**Skill:**

Story Structure

**Word Count:** 300

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