Lesson 20

Words to Know

Read each Context Card.

Use a blue word to tell about something you did.

**WORDS TO KNOW**

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

want
old
try
use
more
wash
mother
door

**Vocabulary Reader**

**Context Cards**

1. **want**
   They want to pick apples today.

2. **old**
   This little apple tree is not very old.
3. try
They try to find the best apples.

4. use
Use a ladder to reach the high apples.

5. more
No more apples will fit in here!

6. wash
Be sure to wash the apples.

7. mother
Ben’s mother helps us make a pie.

8. door
Open the oven door when the pie is done.
A Silly Mistake: One thing can cause more things to happen. You want to read a book. So you sit by a tree. Then you feel something on your head. You think it is a bug! You run and yell. You shake your hair. Then you use a hose. You try and wash it out. Your mother comes out the door. She says, “It’s just an old leaf!”
TARGET SKILL  Cause and Effect

When you think about cause and effect, you think about how one story event leads to another. The cause is the reason something happens. The effect is what happens.

Cause  An apple falls on Little Rabbit’s head.
Effect  Little Rabbit wakes up.

As you read Little Rabbit’s Tale, keep track of what happens and why it happens.

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Meet the Author

Wong Herbert Yee

Wong Herbert Yee loves to write and draw.
"Little Rabbit reminds me of my daughter Ellen," he says. "Her favorite animal is a rabbit. I try to put a rabbit in every story I write!"

Meet the Illustrator

Richard Bernal

Richard Bernal started drawing when he was in the first grade. He says, "I like to have fun when I make pictures. See if you can find the letters R.B. marked on a tree!"

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TARGET SKILL

Cause and Effect  Tell what happens and why.

TARGET STRATEGY

Infer/Predict  As you read, guess what might happen next. Use clues to figure out the story.

GENRE

Folktales are old stories that were first told aloud. Why is happily ever after in this folktale?
Little Rabbit's Tale

by Wong Herbert Yee
illustrated by Richard Bernal

Essential Question

What makes a story funny?
Little Rabbit sleeps under an old apple tree. Just then, the wind starts to blow. The branches shift in the wind.

**Thump!**

Something hits Little Rabbit.
“Oh, no! The sky is falling!” yells Little Rabbit. “I’ve got to try to tell everyone!”

Little Rabbit hops off to find Goose.
Goose sits in his rowboat.
The tip of his rod starts to twitch.
“There’s no time to fish!” yells Little Rabbit. “The sky is falling!”
“Let’s go, Little Rabbit! We need to go tell Beaver!”
Goose and Little Rabbit use the rowboat. They go up the stream.
Goose peeks inside.
Beaver is eating a snack.
"There's no time to eat," says Goose.
"Let's go! The sky is falling!"
“Oh my!” says Beaver. “We need to go tell Turtle.”
Beaver, Goose, and Little Rabbit dash up the hill.

STOP AND THINK

Cause and Effect
What happens when Goose tells Beaver that the sky is falling? Find the words that tell.
Turtle sleeps under a log.
TAP, TAP! Beaver taps on Turtle’s shell. Turtle peeks out.
“There’s no time to sleep,” says Beaver.
“Let’s go! The sky is falling!”
“Oh, no!” yells Turtle. “What can we do?”

“Let’s run back home,” says Little Rabbit.

“I want to tell my mother!”
Turtle, Beaver, Goose, and Little Rabbit run fast. They hop over the log, dash down the hill, . . .
and jump into Goose’s rowboat. Then they go as fast as they can down the stream.
Little Rabbit hops in the door.
"Mother, the sky is falling!"
"Who told you such a thing?"
asks Mother Rabbit.
“Beaver told me!” says Turtle.
“Goose told me!” says Beaver.
“Little Rabbit told me!” says Goose.
“Well let’s just go outside and look at the sky,” says Mother Rabbit.
Just then, the wind starts to blow. The branches shift in the wind.

**Thump!**

Something hits Little Rabbit.
“Oh, no! The sky is falling!” yells Little Rabbit.
“The sky is not falling,” laughs Mother Rabbit. “An apple just fell from the apple tree!”
“I didn’t get to catch a fish,” says Goose.
“I didn’t get to eat my snack,” says Beaver.
“I didn’t get to sleep,” says Turtle.
“I’ve got a plan,” says Little Rabbit. “Can my friends eat with us?”
“Yes,” says Mother Rabbit. “Go wash your hands while I get more plates.”

Hooray!
Little Rabbit has a nice meal with his friends. After that, they all have homemade apple treats!

*The friends lived happily ever after!*
Grammar

Prepositions A preposition is a word that joins with other words to help explain where something is or when it happens. A prepositional phrase is a group of words that starts with a preposition.

The rabbit napped **under a tree**. It was **before** the apple fell.
Turn and Talk

Read each sentence with a partner. Find the preposition or prepositional phrase in each sentence. Write them on another sheet of paper. Talk with your partner to decide whether the preposition tells about where or when something happened.

2. He was in an apple tree.
3. There was a sound above his head.
4. A bird flew around him.
5. He was right by its nest!

Grammar in Writing

When you revise your writing, be sure to include prepositional phrases to tell about where and when.