

Safe Again

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-(from Windhover)

Summary

- This story is about a baby windhover.
- The baby used to live in a hole in the school wall with its parents, brother and sister.



- One evening a boy puts the bird in a sack and takes it to his place.
- The boy gives food to the baby bird without tearing it into small pieces. The baby bird could not feed upon it thus turns thin and weak.
- One day, a girl spots the bird with him. She makes him understand that a wild bird needs to be free to fly in the sky.
- The boy understands his fault and puts the chick back in the same hole.
- Now on seeing its mother, the baby bird feels safe again.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- B.
- 1. A pointed beak bursts through the egg shell and after more chipping, a pale headed baby windhover hatches from the egg followed by another.
- 2. A boy bundles the baby windhover in a sack and takes it away from its home.
- 3. The baby windhover is inside a cage.
- 4. The boy gives the baby windhover food but he does not tear it into small pieces. The baby windhover cannot eat that so it becomes thin and weak.
- 5. A little girl said those words. She points out to him that it is a wild bird that needs to be free to fly high in the sky.
- 6. When the baby windhover reaches its nest and sees its mother approaching to feed it, it feels safe again.

UNDERSTANDING THE TEXT

- C.
- 1. If the girl had not spotted the bird with the boy, then the baby windhover would have never been free again. The boy would not have put the bird back to its nest as he wanted it for himself, as a friend.
- 2. Yes, the mother bird was worried about the baby chick. We can tell this as only it could recognise the baby and it came down to feed.

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- 2. The baby windhover and its siblings eat them and grow fast but the baby windhover grows faster than them.
- 3. The boy bundles the baby windhover into a sack and takes it to his home.
- 4. The baby windhover is unable to eat the food so it grows weak and thin.
- 5. The baby windhover recognises the girl who used to visit them everyday.
- 6. The baby windhover sees its mother flying down to feed it. It knows that it is safe again.

Writing

- the boy who took me away from my family
- tried to come near us
- play with us
- chirp and let him play with us
- harm us anymore.