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# Tara has Another Dream



## Tara has another dream

Tara was amazed that she had met a penguin in her dream. She hoped to meet other animals in her next dream. At school, Tara told her friends about her dream. The entire day Tara waited for bedtime.

Soon she was in dreamland again. This time, she found herself in a beautiful forest with tall trees, colorful wildflowers, and a stream lazily flowing by. "Tak! Tak! Tak!" Tara looked up and saw a woodpecker pecking at a tree trunk. The woodpecker stopped when she saw Tara. "Hi there!" said the pretty bird. "Hello," replied Tara. "Do you live in this lovely forest?" "No. I arrived this summer," replied the bird. "I used to live in another forest down south." Tara could feel the

sadness in the bird's voice.

"Why did you leave that forest?" asked Tara. "It was getting very hot. The heat caused the leaves to dry up, and when they became too dry, they caught fire, and the entire forest burned down," said the woodpecker.

"That's terrible," said Tara. "I had no place to make my nest," said the bird. Tara knew that birds feed on insects, ants, spiders, and other such creatures that dwell on and around trees.





“The extreme heat had dried up the stream from which I and other forest animals got water.” “What happened to the other animals?” asked Tara.

“Many of them perished in the fires, which became frequent and

more widespread,”

said the bird.

“Those who

remained had to

move north in search

of a cooler forest.”

Are you  
happy here?



Yes!



“Are you happy here?” asked Tara. The woodpecker seemed to think and replied, “Yes and no.

This is a nice forest. But I am afraid if our world continues to become more

and more hot, it will burn down too.

I will have to look for another

place.” With that reply, the

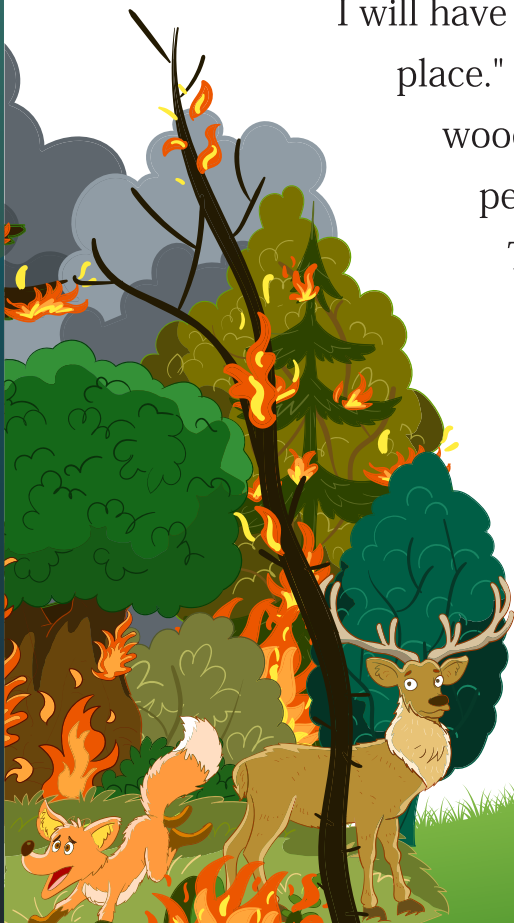
woodpecker went back to

pecking at the tree trunk, and

Tara remained standing

under the tree, lost in

thought.



## New Words

1. **Extreme-** to be the strongest possible

2. **Perished-** to be destroyed or to pass away

3. **Pecking-** eating or biting with a beak

Find other new and interesting words for each other, and write their meanings in your notebooks.

## Comprehension

1. Who did Tara meet in her dream?
2. What did Tara share with her school friends?
3. Where did Tara find herself in her next dream?
4. Who was making noise in Tara's dream?
5. What do birds feed on?
6. What happened to the stream in the forest?

Take turns to make more questions like these above for each other and answer them.

## Prompts Pair up

### 1. Build a Birdhouse

With help from your partner, build a birdhouse using recycled materials such as cardboard or wood. Place the birdhouse in a safe spot in your backyard or local park, and observe the birds that come to visit. Discuss the importance of providing habitats for birds and how we can help protect them.

### 2. Create a Nature Journal

Create a nature journal where you can document your observations and reflections on the natural

world, including the animals and habitats you encounter. Use drawings, photographs, and written descriptions to capture your experiences and share them with your classmates. Discuss the importance of connecting with nature and the impact it can have on our lives and the environment.

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