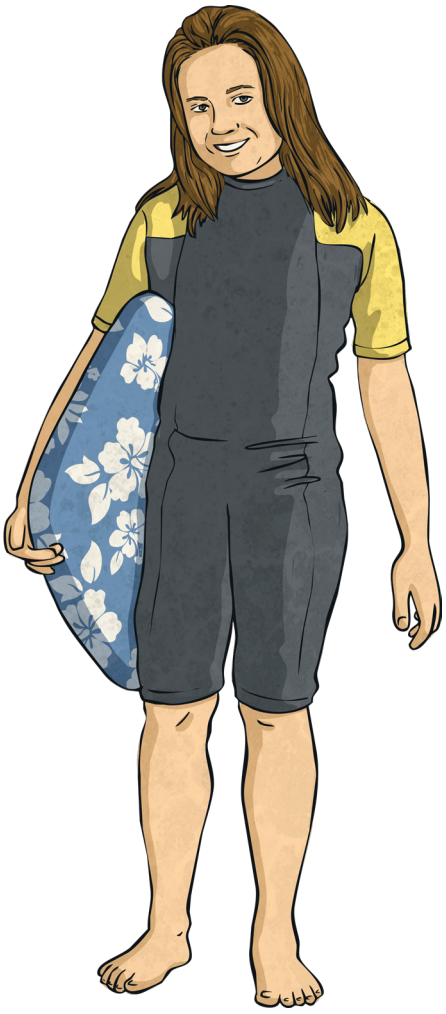
Year 4 Summer

English Activity Booklet





An Incredible Mistake

There has been a huge mix-up at the airport and all of these belongings have fallen out of their suitcases. Can you help by drawing lines to match the root words to the correct prefix?













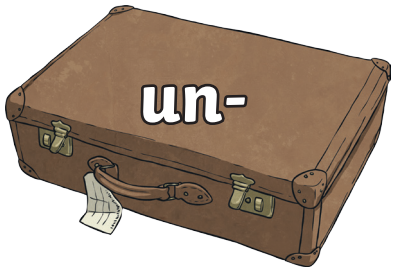










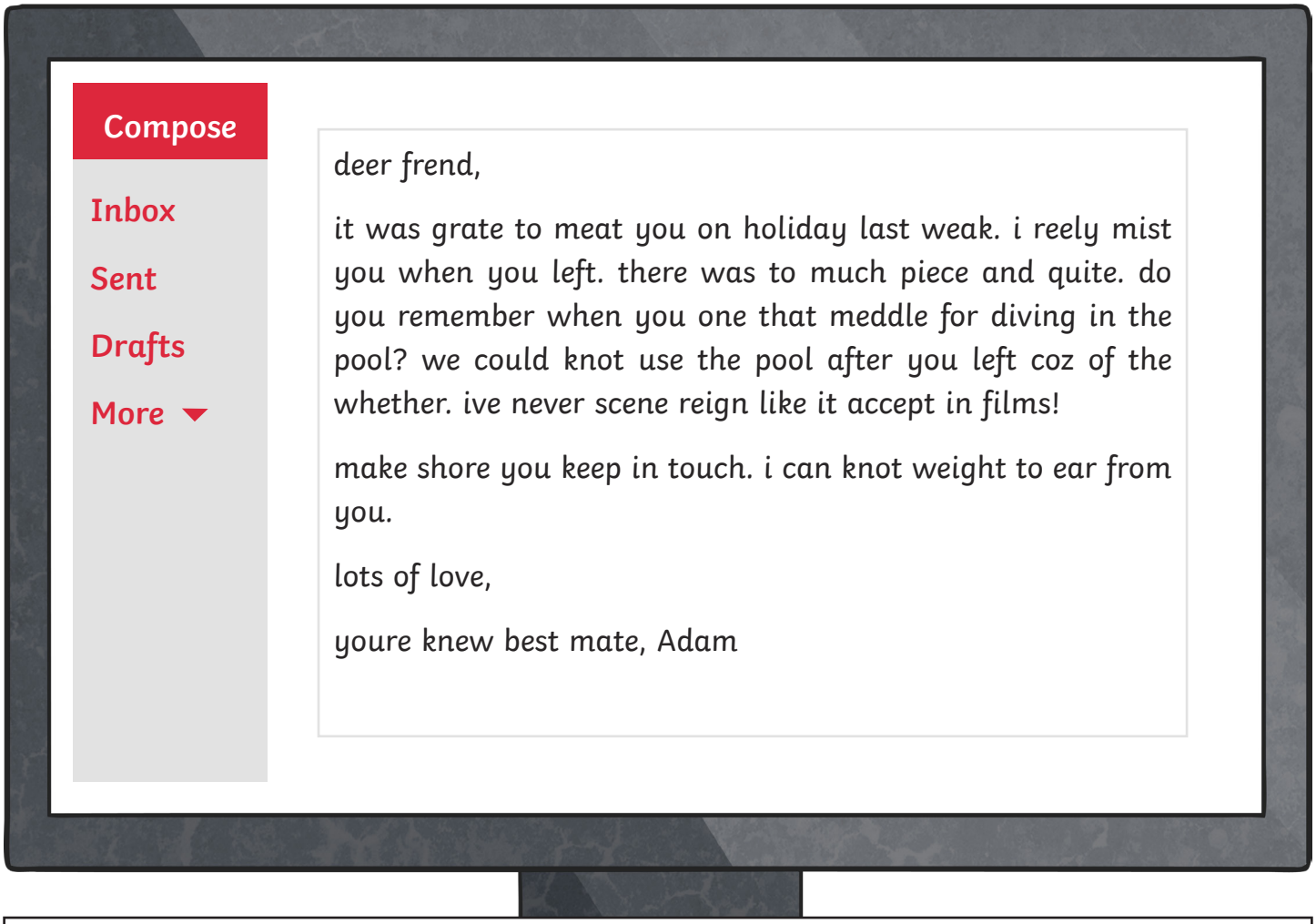


Write three sentences below which each contain two words beginning with the prefixes dis-, mis- or un-.

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Knot Such a Grate E-Male

When you were on holiday, you met a new penpal but their email to you is full of spelling and punctuation mistakes! Can you go through the email and correct all of their errors? Watch out for the tricky homophones.



What three tips would you give your new penpal to improve their writing?

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The Garden Party by Katherine Mansfield

The weather was ideal. They could not have had a more perfect day for a garden party if they had ordered it. Windless, warm, and the sky without a cloud. The blue was veiled with a haze of light gold, as it is sometimes in early summer. The gardener had been up since dawn, mowing the lawns and sweeping them, until the grass and the daisy plants had seemed to shine. As for the roses, hundreds, yes, literally hundreds, had come out in a single night; the green bushes bowed down as though they had been visited by archangels.

Breakfast was not yet over before the men came to put up the marquee. "Where do you want the marquee put, mother?"

"My dear child, it's no use asking me. I'm determined to leave everything to you children this year. Forget I am your mother. Treat me as an honoured guest."

But Meg could not possibly go and supervise the men. She had washed her hair before breakfast, and she sat drinking her coffee in a green towel, with a dark, wet curl stamped on each cheek. "You'll have to go, Laura; you're the artistic one," she said. Away Laura flew, still holding her piece of bread and butter. It's so delicious to have an excuse for eating out of doors and, besides, she loved having to arrange things; she always felt she could do it so much better than anybody else.

Four men in their shirt-sleeves stood grouped together on the garden path. They carried sticks covered with rolls of canvas, and they had big tool bags slung on their backs. "Good morning," said Laura, copying her mother's voice. It sounded so unusual that she was ashamed, and stammered like a little girl, "Oh—er—have you come—is it about the marquee?"

"That's right, miss," said the tallest of the men, a lanky, freckled fellow. He shifted his tool bag, knocked back his straw hat and smiled down at her. "That's about it."

"Laura, Laura, where are you? Telephone, Laura!" a voice cried from the house.

"Coming!" Away she skimmed, over the lawn, up the path, up the steps, across the veranda, and into the porch, desperate to know what was so urgent.

1. Who do you think was on the phone for Laura and why?

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2. 'The blue was veiled with a haze of light gold.' Why do you think that the author described the sky in this way?

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3. 'Away Laura flew...' Why do you think the author used 'flew' instead of 'walked'?

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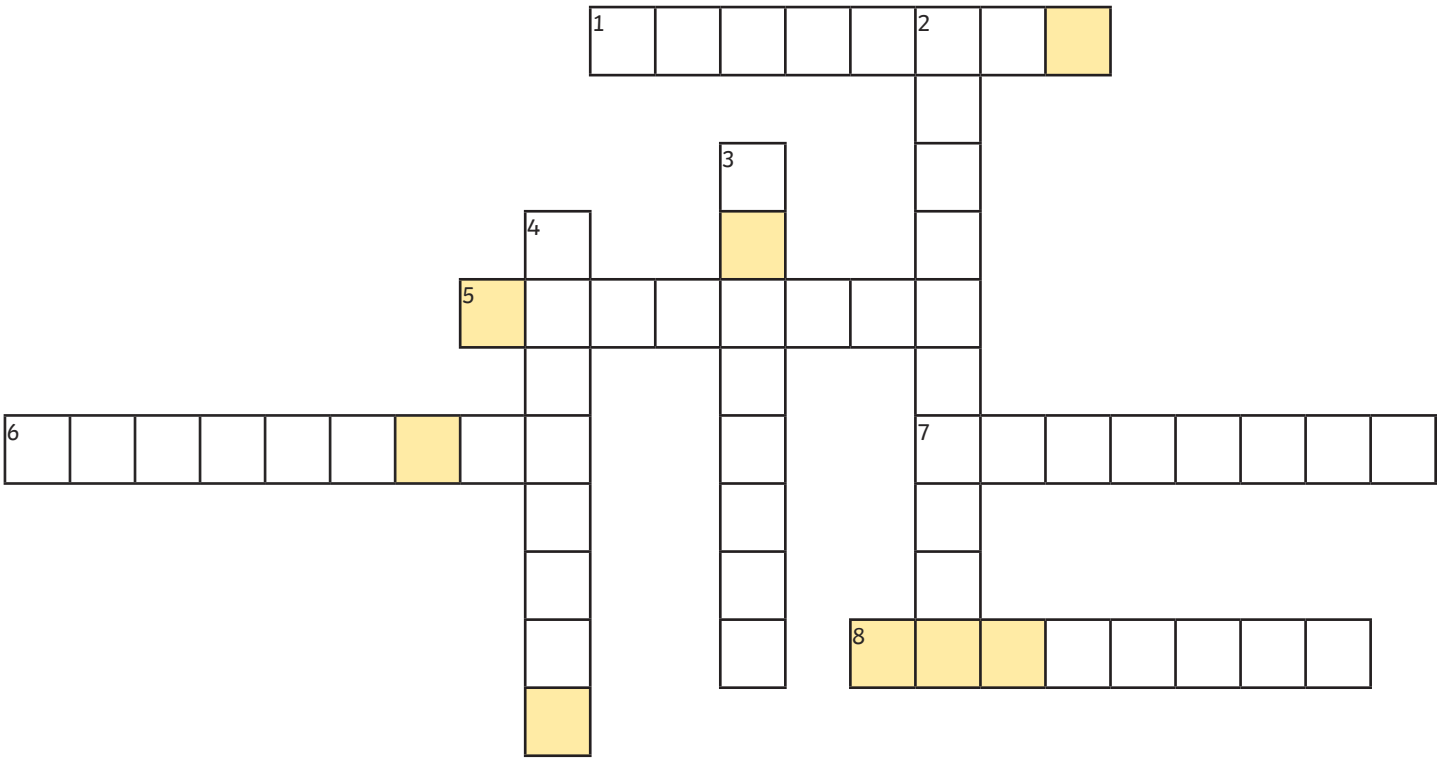
4. Find and copy the name of two flowers from the garden.

_____ _____

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Crazy Criss-Cross

Can you solve the tricky clues below to figure out the words in this crossword? Make sure that you spell your answers correctly to reveal the secret hidden word.



Across

1. Something that does not happen on purpose.

5. Something which is very unusual.

6. To suddenly go away.

7. The doctor may prescribe this when you are poorly.

8. Use a ruler to make sure your lines are...

Down

2. You do a lot of this in science lessons.

3. Put your important dates in one of these.

4. The second month of the year.

What does the secret hidden word mean? Ask an adult, use a dictionary or research in your own way.

Write the secret hidden word in a sentence.

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Tense Tales

Vera vlogged what she did in the summer holidays so that she could write a blog post about it later, but her vlog was all in the present tense. She's struggling to rewrite it in the past tense – can you help her?

We are walking down the beach and eating an ice cream. The weather is so hot and sunny that I'm getting a tan! We are heading towards the marina and we can see the yachts turning in.

We are finding a restaurant to have our evening meal in. We are looking at all of the menus and deciding what we'd like. Dad is laughing at the prices – it's so much cheaper than at home!

I'm going for a swim in the pool before I go to bed – it is so relaxing.

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Think and Write: Summer Showers.

Use this picture as inspiration to carefully think and write a short paragraph about the adventures of Gerome the Gnome.



Sentence 1: Include an expanded noun phrase.

Sentence 2: Include the co-ordinating conjunction 'for'.

Sentence 3: Write a sentence containing inverted commas.

Sentence 4: Write a sentence containing a fronted adverbial.

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Subordinating Summer Sentences

Use your super sentence-writing skills to create sentences using different subordinating conjunctions. Read the clauses in the puzzle pieces and add an appropriate subordinating conjunction to link the two clauses together.

We were late for the plane		Johan forgot the passports.
Laura hasn't been abroad		she was a little girl.
They still had a good time		it rained all week.
Kim would have been sunburned		Lee hadn't woken her up.
Mum got us some drinks		Dad guarded the sun beds.

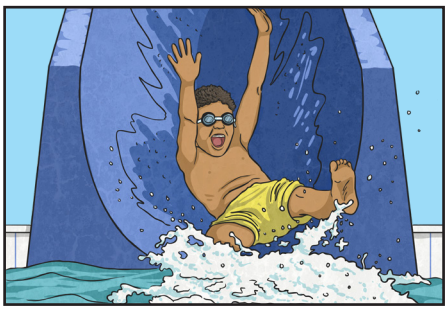
This time, read the subordinating conjunction and the subordinate clause and add a main clause at the beginning of each sentence. The first one is done for you as an example.

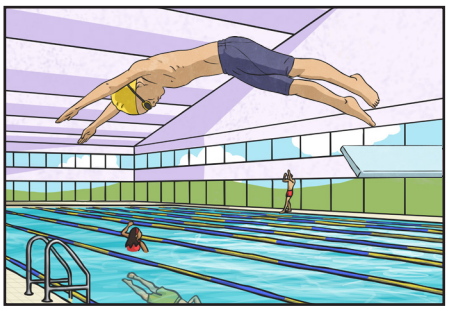
We were all so excited	when	the sun came out.
	because	the plane took off too late.
	since	the refreshments were free of charge.
	if	I was given a chance to.
	although	the lifeguard said we couldn't.

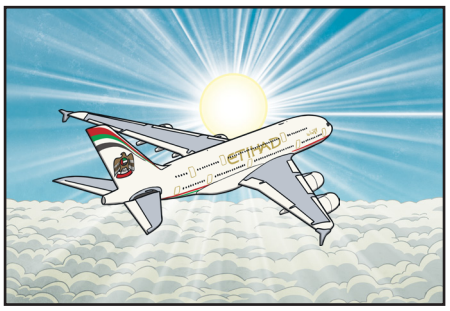
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Adverbial Adventures

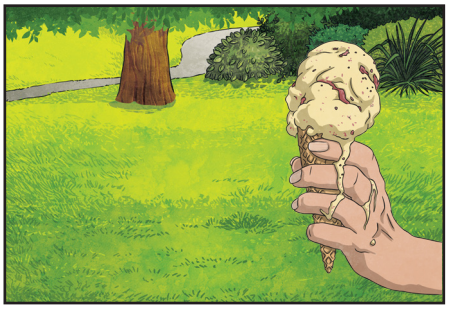
Look at the pictures on the front of these postcards and write a sentence about what is happening using a fronted adverbial. If you need to, use the bank of fronted adverbials below to help you.













above the clouds bravely happily almost unbelievably

beside the sea having a great time very sensibly

Write a postcard of your own to tell your teacher what you would do on your dream summer holiday. Use a fronted adverbial in every sentence.

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Message in a Bottle

You are on the beach and a message in a bottle has washed up on the shore... but it is nonsense! Your job this summer is to decipher the message. Break the code using the information below. Find the letter from the code word on the top row and swap it for the letter below it. What hidden words are being spelled?

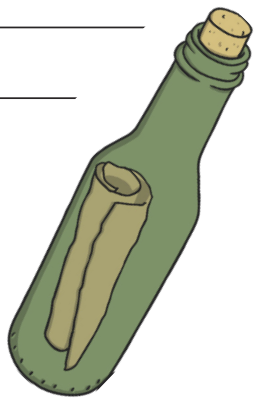
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bngaxwtdw woewkcwnjw tcvvcjpxz

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kwcdn wcdmzm

Write a paragraph below that contains all of the secret words.



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Solve the Clues to Guess Whose Is Whose

All of these people have arrived at the hotel lost property office to find something they have lost. Can you solve the clues to match the item to its owner? Write the owner's name with a possessive apostrophe on each tag.



Jess

I've lost something that helps me to see.



Princess

I've lost something which carries my drink to work.



Sue

I've lost the thing that keeps me on time.



Max

I've lost a piece of jewellery that I always wear around my neck.



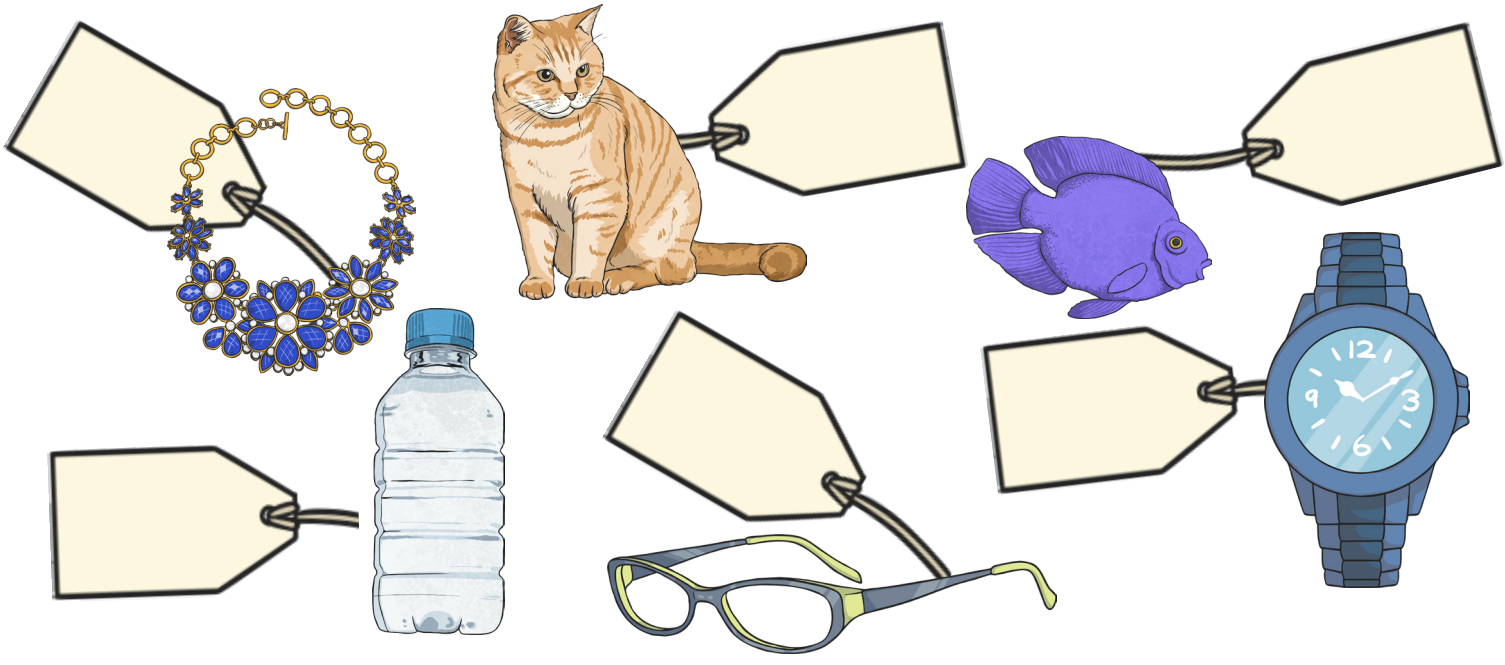
Mrs Lee

We've lost something that needs to live in water.



The Girls

I've lost my fluffy best friend. Can you help?



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A Child's Book of the Seasons by Arthur Ransome

In summer we go quietly and softly through the little wood at the back of the house, wait at the other side of it and peep over the hedge. There is a steep bank on the other side and then a row of little trees, the remains of an old hedge and then another bank. The other bank is full of holes and the holes are full of rabbits. On summer evenings we go there and watch the little rabbits skipping about and nibbling the grass.

Of course, as the summer goes on, the grass grows very high and, when we walk through it, we can sometimes see nothing but the ears of the little rabbits peeping up above it. You can't imagine how funny they look. Once, Sally fell right over the top of one of them that was hidden in the grass. It jumped out under her feet and she was so startled that she fell forward. She felt something warm and furry wriggling in her hands and found that she had caught a baby rabbit. Sally stroked it until it was not frightened anymore and then she put it on the ground and let it go. It hopped joyfully away through the grass and disappeared into its burrow in the bank.

Besides the rabbits we find all sorts of other charming things in the long grass that swishes so happily around our ankles. Buttercups are there which send a golden light over your chin if you hold them near enough. The fields are full of buttercups, dandelions, purple thistles and wild orchids.



In another bank, not so very far from the home of the rabbits, another little furry creature lives; a pretty, little brown-coated, long-tailed person, who is a great hunter and much feared by the rabbits. He has a long, thin body, a pointy, little head, and a wavy tail. He is a weasel. His bank is just by the side of a pleasant trickling stream and not very far from the wood where the pheasants live. There are plenty of stories about him among the country people. They say that if you whistle near his hole he will come running out to see what is the matter and, if you go on whistling, he will come nearer and nearer until you can catch him with your hands.

1. Find and copy two adverbs from the first paragraph.

   _____ _____

2. Why do you think that the rabbit felt frightened when Sally tripped over it?

   _____

   _____

3. Find and copy the phrase which shows what Sally did to make the rabbit feel better.

   _____

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4. In the fourth paragraph, the author gives clues about the animal before revealing its name. Why do you think he does that?

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