



# The Magic of Friendship

That's what friends are for

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Four good friends lived in the forest near a lake. Every day Mouse, Crow, Turtle and Deer met to drink at the lake. Every day they talked and told each other interesting stories.

One day Deer did not come to the lake to drink water or to visit. Mouse, Crow and Turtle were **concerned**.

"I saw a hunter in the forest this morning," said Crow. "I am afraid that Deer might be hurt."

"Fly over the forest, Crow," said Mouse. "Please see if you can find our friend Deer."

## Talk About It

- When do you become concerned about a friend?  
- *I become concerned about someone when ...*
- Describe a time when you've helped a friend who was in trouble.  
- *Once I helped ...*
- Have you ever experienced a narrow escape? What happened?  
- *Yes, once I ...*

Crow flew over the forest. It took only moments before Crow saw Deer caught in a trap made of ropes. He flew back right away to get his friends to help Deer **escape** the trap. When the other animals arrived, Mouse began to **chew** the ropes with her teeth. Crow **pecked** at the ropes with his **beak**. Turtle kept talking to Deer to help her stay calm.

## Usage Tip

*It took **only moments** before Crow saw Deer caught in a trap made of ropes. (p. 28, line 1)*

名詞 moment 表「瞬間、片刻」，所以句型 It took only moments before ... 用來描述在很短的時間內、很快地就發生了某件事。

- It took only a moment for Jack to appear in the doorway after Marie called his name.

Your turn

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"Why did you come here?" asked Deer.

"Friends are **supposed** to help each other," said Turtle. "We are your friends, and we came to help you escape from the hunter's trap."

Just then, the hunter came to check his trap. 05  
"Everyone, leave quickly," said Turtle.

Crow flew away fast. Deer swiftly ran down the path. Mouse ran into the **bushes** to hide. Turtle **lifted** a foot and had almost set it down to take a step as the hunter walked up.

"My trap is **empty**," said the hunter. "But, a turtle is better than nothing. I will eat turtle soup tonight." The hunter tied Turtle's feet together so he could not walk away. Then he picked him up and started for home.

"What will we do?" asked Deer. "You all helped me. Now we must all help our friend Turtle."

Deer ran to get ahead of the hunter. She lay down on the path and **pretended** to be dead. ▶

### Usage Tip

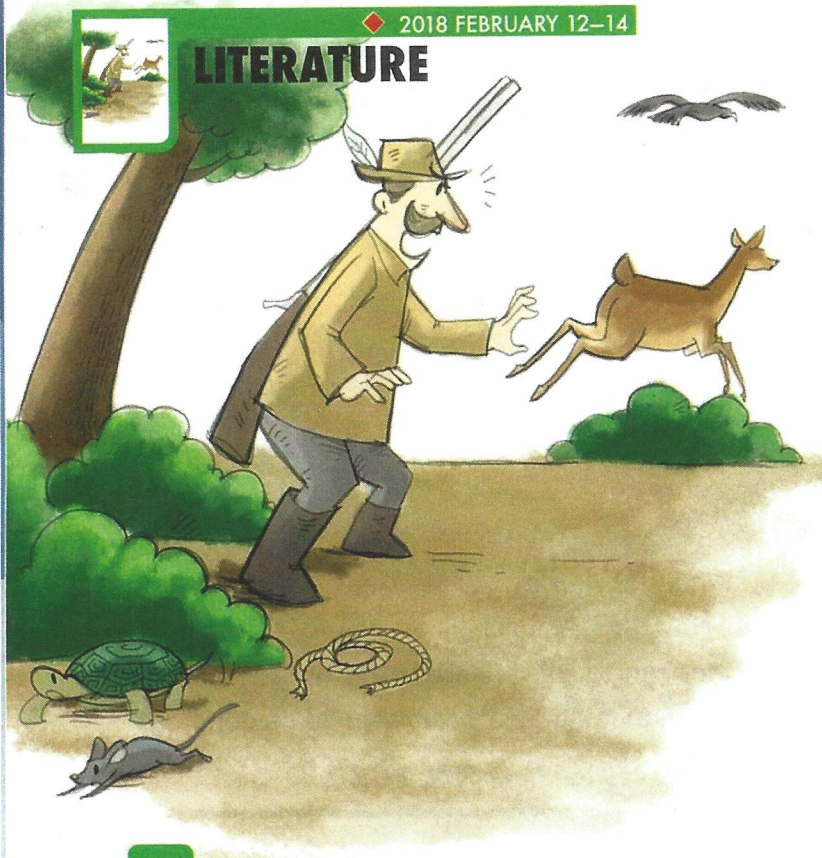
*Turtle lifted a foot and had almost set it down to take a step as the hunter walked up.* (p. 29, line 8)

句尾的 walk up 相當於動詞 approach 「走近」的意思。

- I walked up to the house and knocked on the door.

Your turn





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Crow knew what he had to do. He flew ahead of the hunter and landed on Deer's head.

The hunter **observed** Deer. He put Turtle down to go and get the deer. As quickly as the hunter left Turtle, Mouse ran up and cut the ropes off Turtle's feet.

Turtle and Mouse **ducked** off the path to hide in the forest. Crow flew away. Deer got up and ran as fast as she could to escape the hunter. The four friends met later at the lake to drink water together and to tell their other friends about the **narrow escape**.

The hunter went back to get Turtle, but he found him gone. "There is magic at work here," he said to himself. Then he **dashed** out of the forest to never come back again.

There was magic in the forest that day. That magic is called friendship. May you always be blessed with the magic that comes from having good friends. 🐿

Word Bank

- concerned** (adj) [kən'sɜːnd] 擔心，掛念  
When John didn't come home from school on time, his parents became very **concerned**.
- escape** (v) [ɪ'skeɪp] 逃脫，避開  
It is hard to **escape** from prison.
- chew** (v) [tʃu] 咬，嚼  
The dog **chewed** on his bone all day long.
- beak** (n) [bi:k] (鳥類的) 嘴，喙  
Many birds in this zoo have beautifully colored **beaks**.
- supposed** (adj) [sə'pəʊzd] 應該，應當  
I am **supposed** to attend a meeting at 8:00 a.m. tomorrow morning.
- bush** (n) [bʊʃ] 灌木  
Marion planted several kinds of **bushes** around her house.
- empty** (adj) ['empti] 空的  
My cup is **empty**. I can't believe I drank my coffee so fast.
- pretend** (v) [prɪ'tend] 假裝  
**Pretend** you didn't hear your mother calling you so we can play a little longer.
- observe** (v) [əb'zɜːv] 注意到；觀察，看  
The teacher **observed** the little boy as he tried to answer the math question.
- duck** (v) [dʌk] 趕忙躲藏起來；迅速低頭  
The girls **ducked** into an alley to hide from their mothers.
- narrow escape** (idiom) ['næro][ɪ'skeɪp] 千鈞一髮，死裡逃生  
John's **narrow escape** from his burning car left him shaking.
- dash** (v) [dæʃ] 急奔，猛衝  
The dogs **dashed** after the deer they saw running across the yard.

More Information

**peck** (v) [pek] 啄

Word Bank Focus

- suppose** (v) [sə'pəʊz] 猜想，料想  
Dianne didn't answer her phone, so I **suppose** she is busy.
- supposedly** (adv) [sə'pəʊzdlɪ] 大概；恐怕  
My money is **supposedly** in the mail. I wonder!

Usage Tip

*He put Turtle down to go and get the deer. (p. 30, line 3)*

- 句中片語 to go 有 in order to go 「為了能去」之意。
- He left quickly to go buy some milk at the store.

Your turn