

Tale of Ostrich and a Very Long Neck

– Teachers Resources

Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling

Chapter 4

The following 3 activities are attached in PDF format for the children to complete.

Teachers Answers

Activity 1. My Story

Imagine you are Ostrich. Write the events in the chapter as though you were Ostrich. Why did you put your head into Crocodile's mouth? How did you feel when his jaws snapped shut? How did you feel when your friends came to help?

Activity 2. The present tense

Read the sentences below, they are all in the past tense.

Write the sentences to make them into the present tense.

1. Crocodile sobs louder and louder.
2. Crocodile gives a crafty smile and opens his mighty mouth.
3. Each time she taps, Crocodile shakes his head.
4. But the more Ostrich pulls, the harder Crocodile pulls in the opposite direction.

Activity 3. Full stop or question mark.

1. "Oh, Ostrich! Please will you help cure my terrible toothache?" he sobbed.
2. Ostrich looked at Crocodile's tears.
3. "Is this the one that hurts?" she asked.
4. Snap! Crocodile's mighty mouth closed shut on Ostrich's neck.
5. "Help! Help!" shrieked Eagle.
6. "We need more help to save Ostrich from Crocodile," she shrieked.

My Story



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Check your work:

Did you use capital letters and full stops?



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Put a full stop or a question mark in to the sentences below.

Don't forget to read them carefully.

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