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Mentor Text

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STELLALUNA

mentor text unit

- Mentor Sentence Lesson
- Interactive Activity
- Reading Activities
- Writing Prompt
- Vocabulary

"I don't know, but it's hanging by its feet," chirped Fliitter.

~Stellaluna

APOSTROPHES
Apophyses can be used to show ownership, but also to shorten words in the form of contractions. Cut out the activity and put glue only behind the flap strip. Cut up so there are two flaps. Under each flap, classify words as contractions or possessives.

is are forms is

possessives show ownership

Apostrophes

Monday - possibilities of things to notice
compound sentence in dialogue
simple sentence
quotation marks
possessive - its
contraction - it's
preposition - in
verb - chirped
adjective - heavy
adverb - softly
conjunction - and
interjection - oh

Tuesday - possibilities of things to notice
possessive - its
contraction - it's
preposition - in
verb - chirped
adjective - heavy
adverb - softly
conjunction - and
interjection - oh

Wednesday - possibilities of things to notice
possessive - its
contraction - it's
preposition - in
verb - chirped
adjective - heavy
adverb - softly
conjunction - and
interjection - oh

Thursday - possibilities of things to notice
possessive - its
contraction - it's
preposition - in
verb - chirped
adjective - heavy
adverb - softly
conjunction - and
interjection - oh

Friday - possibilities of things to notice
possessive - its
contraction - it's
preposition - in
verb - chirped
adjective - heavy
adverb - softly
conjunction - and
interjection - oh

Saturday - possibilities of things to notice
possessive - its
contraction - it's
preposition - in
verb - chirped
adjective - heavy
adverb - softly
conjunction - and
interjection - oh

Sunday - possibilities of things to notice
possessive - its
contraction - it's
preposition - in
verb - chirped
adjective - heavy
adverb - softly
conjunction - and
interjection - oh

Name: _____ Date: _____

Stellaluna

Summarize the story

Beginning
One night, Mother Bat dropped her baby, Stellaluna, into a forest after an owl attacked them.

Middle
Stellaluna lived with a family of birds eating bugs and sleeping in a nest.

End
Stellaluna is reunited with her bird family too.

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Stellaluna

Define unknown words in the story

word: crooned
what I think it means: _____
actual meaning: say or sing in a soft voice

word: sultry
what I think it means: _____
actual meaning: _____

word: clambered
what I think it means: _____
actual meaning: _____

Name: _____ Date: _____

Stellaluna

What do you think Stellaluna saw as she fell?

One night, as Mother Bat followed the heavy scent of ripe fruit, an owl sped her. On silent wings, the powerful bird swooped down upon the bats. Dodging and ducking, Mother Bat tried to escape, but the owl struck again and again, knocking Stellaluna into the air. Her baby wings were as limp and useless as wet paper.

Down, down she went, faster and faster, into the forest below. The dark leafy tangle of branches caught Stellaluna as she fell. One big was small enough for Stellaluna's tiny feet.

As Stellaluna looked down into the forest, she saw _____

ALL ANSWER KEYS NOT PICTURED, BUT ARE INCLUDED

ANSWER KEY

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Use the text and picture clues to help you infer the meaning of these words.

WORD	PART OF SPEECH	BOOK CLUES	YOUR DEFINITION
sultry	adjective	The forest was warm.	trapped or hot
clutched	verb	Stellaluna hung from a thin branch.	held on
clambered	verb	She climbed out of the nest instead of flying.	climb out or scramble
obey	verb	She was breaking rules and Mama said she couldn't.	follow rules
clumsy	adjective	She couldn't land on a branch very well like birds.	awkward, not graceful
perched	verb	The birds and Stellaluna sat on a branch.	rested on something high

ILLUSTRATE IT
Draw a picture that models the vocabulary word in the sentence.

1. Sweet fell from my forehead as I walked through the sultry desert.

2. Carter clutched his only dollar as he walked into the store.

3. Hunter quickly clambered out of bed when he saw he had overslept.

4. Skylar wasn't obeying her mother's rules.

5. Nathan was clumsy, and he dropped the eggs.

6. The owl perched in the tree to watch for his prey.

FINISH THE SENTENCE
Use some of these past vocabulary words to connect to Stellaluna.

squinted, consoled, plummeted, panicked, antics, grasped, frantically

1. One night, an owl struck Mother Bat and Stellaluna, plummeted into the forest below.

2. Her baby wings were stiff and useless.

3. Stellaluna grasped or clutched, the tiny twig with her feet.

4. She plummeted or descended into a bird nest.

5. After starting three baby birds, Stellaluna frantically clambered out of the nest.

6. Stellaluna showed the baby birds how to hang by their feet. Mama Bird panicked when she returned, thinking they might fall.

7. Mama Bird told Stellaluna she must obey and stop her antics.

8. The birds were able to land on branches gracefully, but Stellaluna fumbled clumsily.

9. Mother Bat wrapped her wings around Stellaluna and consoled her when she found her alone.

10. Stellaluna could see easily at night, but the birds squinted their eyes and couldn't focus.

KNOW

1. What is an ANTONYM of **clutched**?
a. grasped b. held c. released

2. Which picture demonstrates someone in **sultry** temperatures?
  

3. Daniel was such a **clumsy** eater. What is something **clumsy** he might do?
a. crawled b. rested c. held

sultry

clambered

clumsy

clutched

obey

perched