COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Benny Bird and the Softest Nest

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Benny tries a crunchy leaf, a bendy twig, and soft dry grass for his nest. He learns that the simplest safe material feels best.

Read, talk, and discover

The complete story is followed by questions and a separate answer guide. Read aloud together, pause to talk, and take your time.

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Part 1

Evening had come. The story began in a low apple-tree branch before sunset. Benny's old nest needs a soft new middle. The evening felt soft and quiet around them.

Part 2

A crunchy leaf crackles too loudly. That gentle moment helped everything feel ready for rest.

Part 3

A bendy twig pokes his wing. There was no need to rush, so the little friend moved slowly.

Part 4

Soft dry grass feels gentle. The calm sound made everything feel safe and cozy.

Part 5

Benny weaves the grass into the nest. Soon, the busy part of the day was almost done.

Part 6

He tucks his beak under his wing and sleeps. With one last peaceful step, bedtime was near.

Part 7

Benny felt peaceful and ready to rest. The little adventure helped Benny learn about choosing safe and simple comforts. Good night, Benny.

Draw, tell, or write

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.

My favorite part, and why I chose it

STORY QUIZ

Think about the story

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Read each question and all the choices. Circle one answer. A grown-up can read aloud; you can point or say your answer, too.

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1. What needed a soft new middle?

A. A toy box	B. A flowerpot	C. Benny's nest

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

2. Which item crackled?

A. A crunchy leaf	B. Soft grass	C. A feather

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

3. What poked Benny's wing?

A. A cloud	B. A bendy twig	C. A towel

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

Questions 4 to 5

4. Which material felt gentle?

A. A hard stone	B. Wet mud	C. Soft dry grass

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

5. Where did Benny tuck his beak?

A. Under his wing	B. Under a cup	C. Behind a door

Tell someone how you decided, or write a few words.

ANSWER GUIDE

For the grown-up

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Keep this page separate from the child's activity. Read directions aloud when helpful, and invite the child to explain their ideas.

1. C - Benny's nest

The answer is Benny's nest.

2. A - A crunchy leaf

The answer is A crunchy leaf.

3. B - A bendy twig

The answer is A bendy twig.

4. C - Soft dry grass

The answer is Soft dry grass.

5. A - Under his wing

The answer is Under his wing.

Keep exploring

Draw your favorite part of the story. Tell a grown-up what happened before it and what happened next.