COMPLETE STORY + QUIZ

Ava and the Clockwork Sparrow's Secret

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Ava observes a clockwork sparrow's movements and discovers a hidden winding key released by a repeated sequence.

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

At the toy museum, Ava found a brass sparrow that chirped, bowed, and then stopped. Its display card said a hidden key made it move.

Part 2

Ava looked beneath the wings and tail, but found no key. Three tiny symbols decorated the base: a sun, a feather, and a circle.

Part 3

She pressed the sun first. The sparrow chirped once, but the panel stayed closed, so one symbol alone was not enough.

Part 4

A faded picture showed the sparrow bowing toward a feather and turning around. Ava guessed the movements pointed to an order.

Part 5

She pressed feather, circle, then sun. The sparrow bowed, turned once, chirped, and a small drawer clicked open.

Part 6

Inside rested a winding key shaped like a silver seed. The guide explained that the toy maker had designed a playful sequence puzzle.

Part 7

Ava wound the sparrow only twice as the guide instructed. It hopped along its track and returned safely to the starting perch.

Part 8

Ava learned that pictures and movement can be instructions. When the first attempt failed, changing the order revealed the clockwork secret.

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 three symbols were on the sparrow's base?

A. A sun, feather, and circle	B. A moon, boat, and tree	C. Three numbers

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

2. What happened when Ava pressed only the sun?

A. The key appeared	B. The museum lights went out	C. The sparrow chirped once

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

3. Which order opened the drawer?

A. Sun, sun, circle	B. Feather, circle, sun	C. Circle, feather, sun

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

Questions 4 to 5

4. What shape was the winding key?

A. A golden star	B. A tiny shoe	C. A silver seed

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

5. What did Ava change after her first attempt?

A. The order of the symbols	B. The museum guide	C. The color of the toy

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. A - A sun, feather, and circle

A sun, feather, and circle

2. C - The sparrow chirped once

The sparrow chirped once

3. B - Feather, circle, sun

Feather, circle, sun

4. C - A silver seed

A silver seed

5. A - The order of the symbols

The order of the symbols

Keep exploring

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