

**Level 1-6**

**How Red Bird Got His Color**

**Workbook**

**Teacher's Guide and Answer Key**

# Teacher's Guide

## A. Summary

### 1. Book Summary

*How Red Bird Got His Color* is a Cherokee legend about how the cardinal got its color.

One day, Raccoon played a trick on Wolf. Wolf tried to catch him, but Raccoon was too fast.

Raccoon climbed a tree and rested on a branch over the river. Wolf saw Raccoon's reflection in the water.

He jumped in the water to catch Raccoon. The water was deep and fast. Wolf was very tired when he got out of the water. He fell asleep by the river.

While he was sleeping, Raccoon covered Wolf's eyes with mud. The mud dried. Wolf could not see when he woke up.

Wolf yelled for help. Brown Bird flew down and helped him. Wolf wanted to do something nice for Brown Bird.

Wolf took Brown Bird to a red rock and offered to paint Brown Bird's feathers red. Brown Bird agreed. He thought his red feathers looked very nice.

When Brown Bird showed his red feathers to family and friends, they told him he could no longer be called Brown Bird. They called him Red Bird instead.

### 2. Section Summary

► **Pages 6-11:** Raccoon played a trick on Wolf. Wolf was mad at Raccoon and wanted to catch him. He thought Raccoon was in the water. He jumped in the river. When he got out of the river, he was very tired, so he took a nap. While Wolf was sleeping, Raccoon put mud over Wolf's eyes.

► **Pages 12-15:** When Wolf woke up, he could not see. Brown Bird flew down and helped him. Wolf wanted to do something nice for Brown Bird. Wolf wanted to paint Brown Bird's feathers red.

► **Pages 16-20:** Wolf showed Brown Bird a red rock. Brown Bird said he liked the color of the rock, so Wolf used the rock to make paint. He painted Brown Bird red. When Brown Bird showed his red feathers to his family and friends, they called him Red Bird.

## **B. Background and Themes**

★ **Legend:** A legend is an old story that is used to explain something in an interesting or fun way. The legend of Brown Bird is used to explain why cardinals are red.

★ **Teasing others:** Tricks are fun to play on others. But the person being tricked may not think the trick is funny! Tricks can be annoying and hurtful. We have to be careful when teasing others or playing tricks on them. Raccoon thought his tricks were funny, but he made Wolf mad.

★ **Revenge:** When people get hurt by others, they may react by trying to get revenge. But trying to get revenge can get that person into more trouble. Wolf was mad at Raccoon for playing a trick on him. He tried to get revenge on Raccoon, but he ended up causing more problems for himself.

★ **Returning a Favor:** When people do something nice for us, we should return the favor and do something nice for them. Brown Bird helped Wolf to get the mud off his eyes, so Wolf wanted to give Brown Bird beautiful red feathers.

# Answer Key

## Part A. Story Focus

### Before You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

#### ► Introduction

1. It comes from the Cherokee people.
2. It explains how cardinals got their color.
3. They can talk, play tricks, and help each other.

#### ► Characters

1. Raccoon	2. Wolf	3. Brown Bird
<u>liked to play tricks</u>	<u>not very smart</u>	<u>helpful</u>
<u>fast</u>	<u>changed Brown Bird's color</u>	<u>liked the color red</u>

## While You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about a wolf and a raccoon.
2. I know the Iroquois legend How Bear Lost His Tail.
3. It is the fox.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He chased Raccoon because he played a trick on Wolf.
2. He didn't catch Raccoon because he was too fast.
3. He was tired because he had to swim hard to get out of the river.

### ► Middle: Pages 12-15

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about Brown Bird helping Wolf.
2. My favorite bird is the eagle.
3. I would feel scared if I suddenly could not see.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He could not see because there was dried mud over his eyes.
2. He wanted to give him something because Brown Bird helped him.
3. He was going to paint them red.

### ► End: Pages 16-20

#### A. Preview Questions

1. It is about Wolf painting Brown Bird's feathers red.
2. There are plants, flowers, fruit, and insects.
3. I would like to be blue.

#### B. Review Questions

1. He got it from a red rock.
2. He liked it.
3. He went to show his feathers to his family and friends.

### Mini Quiz

a. You scratch my back, and I will scratch yours.

→ If you help me, I will help you.

b. Walls have ears.

→ Be careful about what you say because someone might be listening.

c. Stolen fruit is the sweetest.

→ The things we are not supposed to do or have are the most tempting.

## After You Read

*(Answers may vary.)*

### ► Pattern Practice

4. A: Who are you?

B: I am your teacher.

5. A: Who is she?

B: She is my mother.

### ► Challenge

1. He chased him because Raccoon played a trick on him.

2. He rested up in a tree.

3. He put mud over Wolf's eyes.

4. He painted Brown Bird's feathers red.

## Part B. Skill Focus

### Vocabulary Preview

#### A.

1. rest
2. jump
3. trick
4. mud
5. fly
6. catch

t	r	i	c	f	r	a	s
f	j	u	p	a	l	e	m
d	e	a	t	c	h	y	p
e	o	s	r	v	d	m	o
k	c	l	i	s	u	t	g
m	w	y	c	j	i	h	u
i	u	p	k	e	n	m	c
b	m	d	a	r	e	s	t

#### B.

1. chase
2. asleep
3. by
4. deep
5. How
6. head
7. mad
8. river
9. sit
10. forest

## Reading Comprehension

### ► Beginning: Pages 6-11

#### A.

1. F    2. F    3. T    4. T    5. T

#### B.

1. b    2. d    3. a    4. c

#### C.

1. d    2. b    3. d    4. a    5. c

### ► Middle: Pages 12-15

#### A.

1. F    2. T    3. F    4. F    5. T

#### B.

1. Brown Bird

2. Wolf

3. Wolf

4. Brown Bird

#### C.

1. a    2. b    3. c    4. c    5. d

### ► End: Pages 16-20

#### A.

1. F    2. T    3. F    4. T    5. T

#### B.

1. c    2. d    3. a    4. b

#### C.

1. b    2. c    3. a    4. d    5. d

## Think and Write

1. jumped      2. catch      3. asleep      4. mud  
5. eyes      6. helped      7. rock      8. family

## Vocabulary Review

1. Raccoon liked to play tricks on Wolf.
2. Wolf could not catch Raccoon.
3. Raccoon's eyes were closed.
4. Wolf was asleep by the river.
5. The river was deep and fast.
6. Raccoon put mud over Wolf's eyes.
7. Brown Bird sat on Wolf's head.
8. Wolf painted Brown Bird's feathers.
9. Wolf ran to the red rock.
10. Brown Bird flew away.

## Summary

A.

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4	3

B.

1. Wolf was mad at Raccoon.
2. Wolf thought Raccoon was in the river.
3. Wolf could not open his eyes.
4. Wolf painted Brown Bird's feathers.

## Book Report

Story    c → a → e → b → d