



Vocabulary	
washed	hole
crust	stole
flew	whole

A Fable

The Blackbird and the Cherry Tree

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Once upon a time there was a blackbird that lived in a cherry tree outside my window. Every day, the blackbird would sing and sing.

When I ate my breakfast, the blackbird ate his breakfast. When I ate my lunch, the blackbird ate his lunch. When I ate my dinner, the blackbird ate his dinner. When I had a snack, the blackbird had a snack, too. The blackbird always ate the cherries off the cherry tree outside my window.

One day, mother was going to make a cherry pie. We picked all the cherries off the cherry tree outside my window. Mother made the pie.


Mother washed the cherries, and then she put them in the crust to bake. When it was baked, she put the pie by the window to cool off. She opened the window.

I was eating my breakfast. I saw the blackbird fly around the tree. There were no cherries on the tree. I saw the blackbird fly in through the window to sit by me. He flew over to the window by the the pie.

I smiled. The blackbird looked at me. He smiled. The blackbird said, "I'll have my pie without ice cream!"

And with that, the blackbird took the pie under his wing and flew out the window. He flew up to the cherry tree to hide. I saw him as he hid the cherry pie in a little hole in the tree.

"That blackbird stole the cherry pie!" I shouted. "That blackbird stole the pie!"



When I looked outside, I saw the blackbird eating the whole pie! He was eating the crust! He was eating the cherries! Soon, it was all gone.

Now, we both smiled.

What you can learn from this fable:

Think of others before you think of yourself.

Practice

1. Fill in the blank and spell.

washed w _ _ s h _ _ d _____

crust c r _ _ s t _____

flew f l _ _ _____

hole h _ _ l _ _ _____

stole s t _ _ l _ _ _____

whole w h _ _ l _ _ _____

2. Copy.

cherry _____

cherries _____

hid _____

hide _____

3. Answer. Use complete sentences.

Who lived in the cherry tree?

What did mother bake?

What happened to the pie?

What could mother have done so the blackbird had something to eat?

Matching present verbs to past verbs.

wash ——— washed

steal ——— stole

fly ——— flew

hide ——— hid

wash stole

steal flew

fly washed

hide hid