

# The Helpful Sparrow

## Part A

Imagine that you are one of the sparrows who overhears Peter Rabbit's sobs. You fly down. You want to comfort him and encourage him. What might you say to Peter? Use the word bank to help you.

### Word Bank

strong

believe

tangled

escape

try

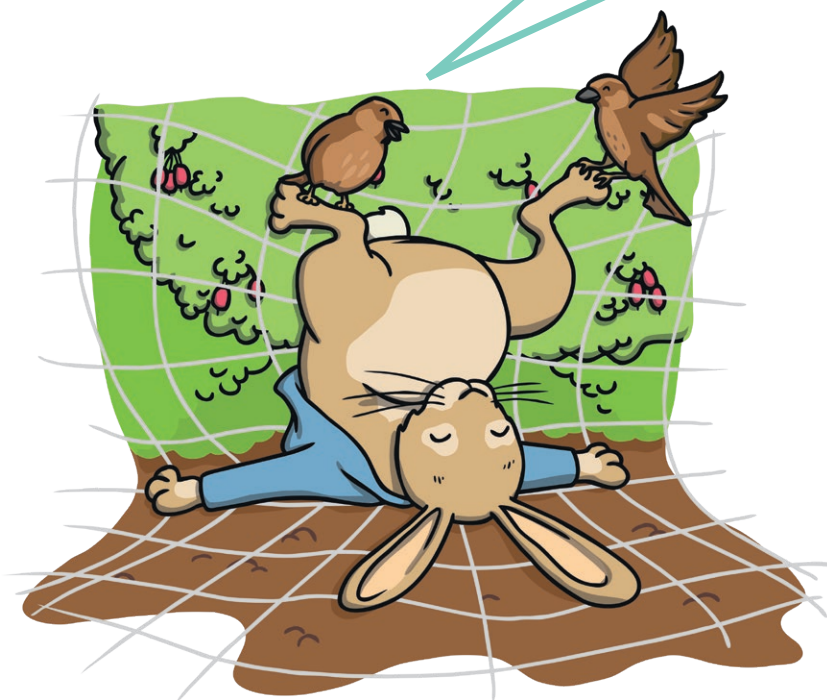
help

clever

skilled

energy

strength



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## Part B

Imagine that you are one of the sparrows who overheard Peter Rabbit's sobs. Earlier today, you helped to comfort him and you and your friends encouraged him.

A local newspaper interviews you about what happened. Answer the reporter's questions, as if you are Mr. Sparrow. The first one is done for you.

**Reporter:** I have here with me one of the sparrows who helped Peter Rabbit earlier today. Hello, Mr. Sparrow. Can you tell me what you were doing when you first became aware of Peter's situation?

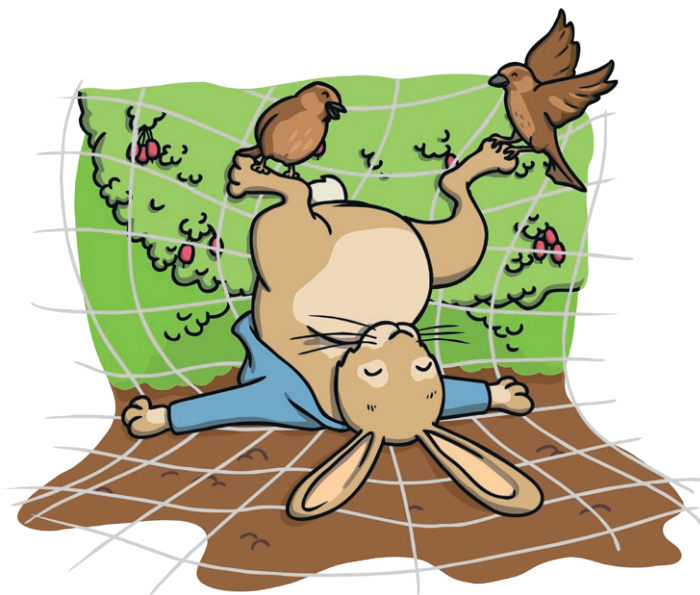
**Mr. Sparrow:** Yes. Well, I was just flying with my friends over the garden and suddenly we heard a loud sobbing noise.

**Reporter:** What did you do when you heard that sound?

**Mr. Sparrow:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporter:** How did it make you feel to see Peter lying there, all tangled up in the netting?

**Mr. Sparrow:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Reporter:** What did you say to him?

**Mr. Sparrow:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Reporter:** How do you think Peter was feeling at this point?

**Mr. Sparrow:** \_\_\_\_\_

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★ Challenge Task ★

Continue the interview by thinking of your own questions and answers.

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# The Helpful Sparrow Answers

## Part A

Example answer:

*Don't worry, little rabbit. You will be OK. You look like a strong little chap. You can do this. Gather all your strength and really push yourself. You can escape. We are cheering you on and we know you can do this. You mustn't give up.*

## Part B

Example answer:

**Reporter:** I have here with me one of the sparrows who helped Peter Rabbit earlier today. Hello, Mr. Sparrow. Can you tell me what you were doing when you first became aware of Peter's situation?

**Mr. Sparrow:** Yes. Well, I was just flying with my friends over the garden and suddenly we heard a loud sobbing noise.

**Reporter:** What did you do when you heard that sound?

**Mr. Sparrow:** *Well, we all flew down straight away. My friends and I were quite excited because we love helping others in difficulties.*

**Reporter:** How did it make you feel to see Peter lying there, all tangled up in the netting?

**Mr. Sparrow:** *It made me feel very distressed to see the poor little rabbit trapped.*

**Reporter:** What did you say to him?

**Mr. Sparrow:** *I told him that everything was going to be OK and I told him to try to be strong and to use all his energy to wriggle out of the netting.*

**Reporter:** How do you think Peter was feeling at this point?

**Mr. Sparrow:** *I think he didn't really believe he could do it at that moment. He seemed to have given up but we kept trying to help him believe in himself.*