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The Early Bird Catches the Worm (Maybe)



Story by S.V. Richard

Bud is a bird. He wakes up early to catch a worm. Bud is very hungry.

Will is a worm. He moves around in the dirt. Will sees Bud flying in the sky.

Bud is looking for food.

"I must hide," says Will. Will moves to the grass.

He still sees Bud flying in the sky. "I am not safe here. I must hide somewhere else."

Will moves near a tree. He hides in the shade. Bud flies around the tree. "The shade does not hide me!"

Will moves to the garden. He still sees Bud flying in the sky. "I must find some place safe to hide," Will says.

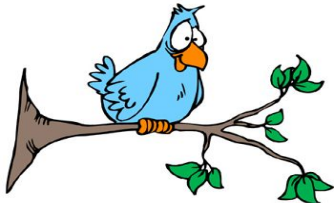
Will looks around and disappears as Bud swoops down. Bud eats some bird seeds that he finds on the ground.

Bud did not see Will.

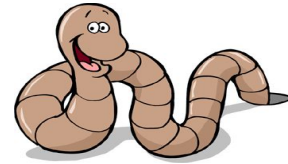
Bud flies away as Will pokes his head out of an apple that fell from the tree!

Will smiles and says, "That was close!"

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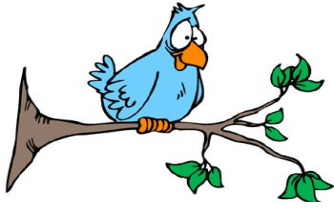
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ANSWER KEY



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