

Crow's Feathers



Characters

King Peacock, Crow and some birds

Settings

Near the river; in the palace

Fun Stories

The Borrowed Feathers

One day, King Peacock decided to hold a competition to choose the most beautiful bird in the Bird Kingdom. Many birds wanted to join. The winner could stay in King Peacock's amazing palace for one month.

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Crow thought, 'My black feathers are not attractive at all. I **stand no chance of winning!** What should I do?'

Crow walked along the river. Some birds were washing their feathers. They left some of their feathers **there**. Crow **came up with** a good idea! She picked up the feathers and stuck them on her body.

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The day of the competition has come. All of the competitors looked **gorgeous!** They went on the stage one by one.

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come up with:
to think of an
idea

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gorgeous:
very beautiful

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We say 'it's
someone's
turn' to tell
people it is
time to focus
on someone.

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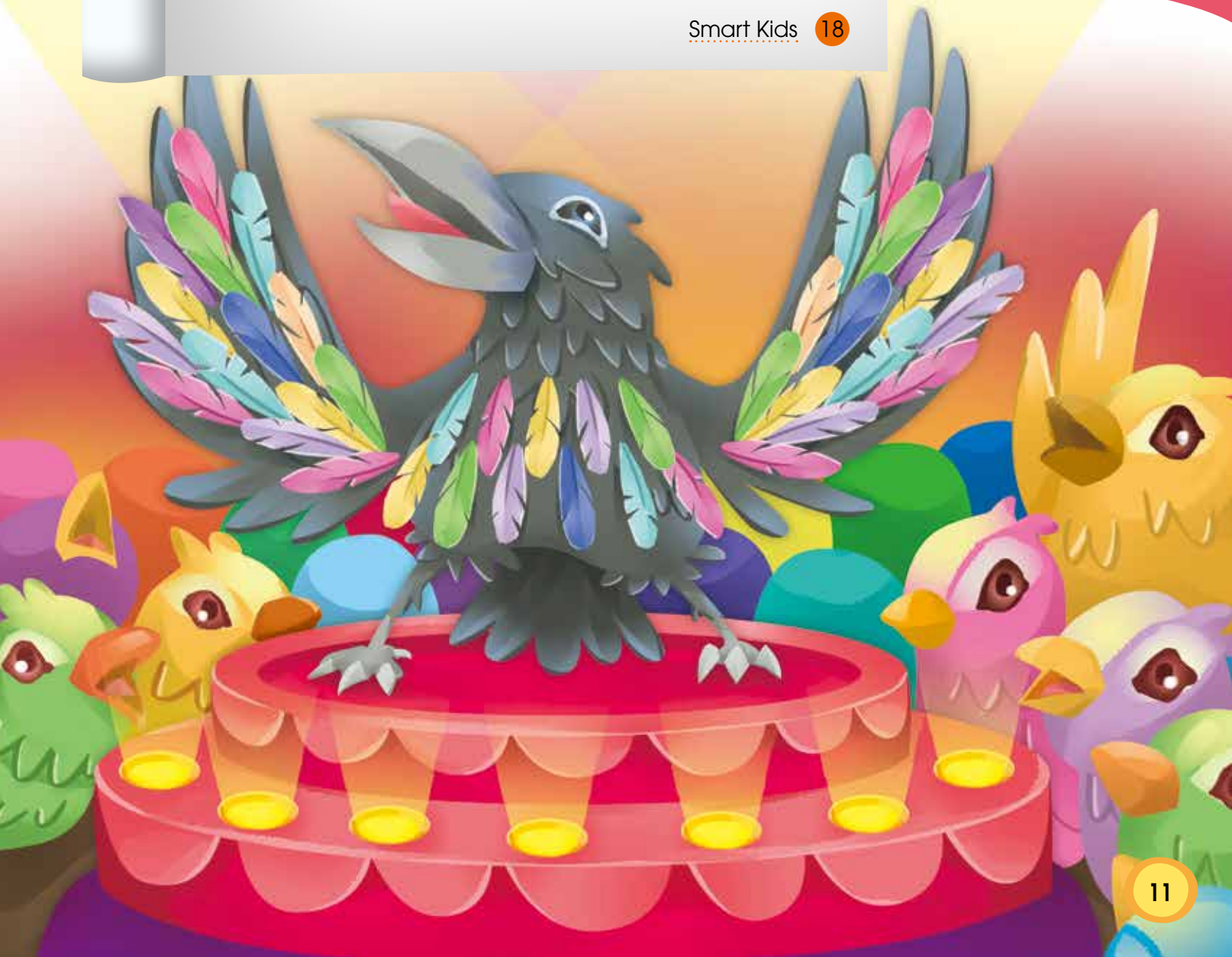
It's Crow's turn. When she appeared on the stage, King Peacock said, 'Wow! I have never seen a bird with feathers of so many colours!'

Crow tried to catch the birds' eyes by flying high. She flew faster and faster. The birds clapped loudly! Suddenly, one of her feathers fell off! And then more and more feathers fell off too!

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Finally, all the borrowed feathers fell off. King Peacock and all the other birds laughed at Crow! Crow was so upset that she flew away from the palace. Crow thought, 'I should not cheat.'

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Understanding the Fable

Answer the following questions.

1. Why did King Peacock hold the competition?
 A. He felt very bored.
 B. He wanted to choose the prettiest bird.
 C. The competition was exciting.
 D. There were many beautiful birds in his kingdom.
2. The winner of the competition could _____.
 A. live in King Peacock's palace for one month
 B. have dinner with King Peacock for one week
 C. play in King Peacock's palace for one day
 D. sleep in King Peacock's palace for one year
3. Read line 8: **I stand no chance of winning!** What does it mean?
 A. Crow will stand up.
 B. Crow will lose.
 C. Crow will win.
 D. Crow will wait for a good chance.
4. Read line 12. The word '**there**' refers to _____.
 A. the palace
 B. the stage
 C. the land
 D. the river

5. How did Crow try to get the birds' attention?

- A. by dancing
- B. by talking
- C. by singing
- D. by flying



6. We can find this story in a _____.

- A. letter
- B. leaflet
- C. magazine
- D. notice



There is a title and page number.
Where can we find it?

7. Crow is writing a text message to her friend Swallow. Finish the message with only **ONE** word for each blank. Make sure your answers are grammatically correct.

Swallow,

In the competition, my borrowed feathers fell off! All the birds (i) _____
at me. I felt very (ii) _____ !



Values and Attitudes

8. What can you learn from the story?

We should not _____.

9. Have you or your friends ever cheated others? What happened in the end?

Chapter 1 Bao Bought Shoes

boots	(n.)	長靴	mitten	(n.)	連指手套
bow tie	(n.)	蝶形領結	over the moon	(ph.)	非常開心
bracelet	(n.)	手鐲	sandal	(n.)	涼鞋
dressing table	(n.)	梳妝檯	stare at	(ph.)	凝視
his heart sinks	(ph.)	他感失望	string	(n.)	繩子
leather	(n.)	皮革	trust	(v.)	信任
measure	(v.)	量度	well-designed	(adj.)	設計精美的

The Moral Lesson

We come across different problems in our daily life. In order to solve the problems, we often need to make changes according to the situation.

Wendy and her friends are on a picnic. Suddenly, it starts to rain. Although they forgot to bring an umbrella, they use the plastic picnic blanket to cover themselves.

Chapter 2 The Lion in Love

although	(conj.)	雖然	daughter	(n.)	女兒
as pretty as a picture	(ph.)	十分漂亮	fall in love	(ph.)	墮入愛河
blueberry	(n.)	藍莓	fresh	(adj.)	新鮮的
chase	(v.)	追趕	opens his mouth wide	(ph.)	張大他的嘴巴
claw	(n.)	爪子	protect	(v.)	保護
clinic	(n.)	診所	take a walk	(ph.)	散步

The Moral Lesson

We should think twice before we do something.

While Jacob was doing his homework at home, his friend Mark called and invited him to play basketball. Jacob decided that he would do his homework later. However, Jacob got home late and was too tired to do his homework. He was unable to hand in his homework the next day.

